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**Join us this Thursday, 3rd July at 6.30pm for the
Priestly Ordination of Rev. Chris Furmage**

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

REFLECTION

Today the Church universally celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (d. 64-67).

Veneration of the two great Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built, the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the center of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel.

St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the Basilica of St. Peter's. St. Paul was beheaded in the Via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name. Down the centuries Christian people in their thousands have gone on pilgrimage to the tombs of these Apostles. In the second and third centuries the Roman Church already stood pre-eminent by reason of her apostolicity, the infallible truth of her teaching and her two great figures, Sts. Peter and Paul.

A partial indulgence may be gained today by anyone who makes devout use of a religious article blessed by any priest but "if the article of devotion has been blessed by the Sovereign Pontiff or by any Bishop, the faithful, using it, can also gain a plenary indulgence, provided they also make a profession of faith (e.g. the Apostles Creed), as long as the usual conditions are satisfied.

Peter's original name was Simon. Christ Himself gave him the name Cephas or Peter when they first met and later confirmed it. This name change was meant to show both Peter's rank as leader of the apostles and the outstanding trait of his character — Peter (in Hebrew Kephass) the Rock.



Peter was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. Like his younger brother Andrew, he was a fisherman and dwelt at Capernaum. Peter's house often became the scene of miracles, since the Master would stay there whenever He was teaching in that locality. Together with his brothers John and Andrew, Peter belonged to the first of Jesus' disciples (John 1:40-50).

After the miraculous draught of fish on the Sea of Galilee, Peter received his definitive call and left wife, family, and occupation to take his place as leader of the Twelve. Thereafter we find him continually at Jesus' side, whether it be as spokesman of the apostolic college (John 6:68; Matt. 16:16), or as one specially favored (e.g., at the restoration to life of Jairus' daughter, at the transfiguration, during the agony in the garden). His sanguine temperament often led him into hasty, unpremeditated words and actions; his denial of Jesus during the passion was a salutary lesson. It accentuated a weakness in his character and made him humble.

After the ascension, Peter always took the leading role, exercising the office of chief shepherd that Christ had entrusted to him. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church (Cornelius; Acts 10:1). Paul went to Jerusalem "to see Peter." After his miraculous deliverance from prison (Easter, 42 A.D.), Peter "went to a different place," most probably to Rome. Details now become scanty; we hear of his presence at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:1), and of his journey to Antioch (Gal. 2:11).

It is certain that Peter labored in Rome as an apostle, that he was the city's first bishop, and that he died there as a martyr, bound to a cross (67 A.D.). According to tradition he also was the first bishop of Antioch. He is the author of two letters, the first Christian encyclicals. His burial place is Christendom's most famous shrine, an edifice around whose dome are inscribed the words: *Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam.*

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

SCOTLAND

PAPAL NUNCIO'S VISIT TO THE DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY

The Diocese of Galloway was delighted to welcome the Papal Nuncio to Great Britain for a three-day pastoral visitation, marked by prayer, hospitality, and encounters with people across the diocese.

The visit began at Dumfries House near Cumnock, where the Nuncio met with representatives from the King's Foundation. Gordon Neil, Executive Director, introduced the Foundation's work, followed by a guided tour of the house and its collections led by Satinder Nisa Kaur.

In Kilmarnock, the Nuncio visited the food bank at St Joseph's Church, where he met volunteers offering vital support to the local community. He expressed his gratitude for their dedication to those in need.

He then travelled to St John Ogilvie's Primary School in Irvine, where pupils from several local



schools spoke about their involvement in the Pope Francis Faith Award. Students from St Matthew's Academy also shared their work on the Caritas Award and their experiences of volunteering.

That evening, the Nuncio joined the priests of the diocese for dinner before celebrating Mass in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr,

a moment of unity and joy for clergy and faithful alike.

The final day included Mass at St Joseph's College Chapel in Dumfries and Sung Evening Prayer at St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock, followed by a reception. The Nuncio's presence was a great encouragement to all and a reminder of the Church's closeness to the Holy Father.

VATICAN

by Vatican News

POPE LEO XIV ENCOURAGES ORDER OF MALTA TO DEEPEN FAITH AND SERVICE

In a message to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta for the Solemnity of Saint John the Baptist, their patron, Pope Leo XIV expressed gratitude for the Order's charitable work and commitment to renewal. He praised their service "wherever love is needed," especially in difficult circumstances, and thanked them for their efforts to live more faithfully according to the Gospel.

The Holy Father encouraged the Order to continue this path of renewal, emphasising that it must go beyond institutional reform to become a true interior and spiritual transformation. This ongoing conversion, he noted, is sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

At the heart of the Order's mission, Pope Leo recalled, are the twin aims of defending the faith (*tuitio fidei*) and serving the poor (*obsequium pauperum*). These, he said, are inseparable: "a faith that is safeguarded through loving dedication to the poor, the marginalised, and all in need."

He urged members not only to respond to physical needs, but also to share the love of God through word and witness. Without this spiritual foundation, he warned, the Order risks becoming "a philanthropic organisation" rather than a religious one.

Pope Leo also reminded the Order to use all resources—including financial means and partnerships—purely as tools in

service of their mission, cautioning against the temptation to justify questionable methods for the sake of good ends.

Formation, he said, is vital for the Order's future, especially given the complex backgrounds of many candidates today. True formation must foster both personal and liturgical prayer, supported by silence and solitude—essential practices for those serving others.

Finally, the Pope expressed hope in the desire of some members to embrace community life. He encouraged this development, calling it "a concrete way of being formed in mutual charity."

PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

If you or a loved one, neighbour or friend would like a home visit from Fr. Kane please complete and return the following form to the Parish House. The office will then be in touch to arrange a suitable time for Fr. Kane to visit, as well as a more long-term arrangement for the housebound person to receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick at home. Please use the form printed below. Simply cut out and return completed to the Parish House.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

You might consider leaving your parish a personal legacy gift in your will. Such gifts help the parish in its Gospel mission into the future. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

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By joining the Saint Augustine's 300 Club, you will be helping support renovations and on going upkeep of our Church buildings and ground.

Sign up can only be done online by visiting:
saintaugustines.org.uk/300-club

Cost is £20 per number per month. Numbers will be allocated at random.

BAPTISM

PREPARATION CLASSES

The meeting takes place on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Parents and Godparents of children due to be baptised are asked to attend this single meeting. Please call the Parish Office or speak to the clergy.

PARISH GIVING

St. Augustine's depends on the generosity of our parishioners and visitors to continue our mission and maintain our historic buildings. There are lots of ways to support your parish:

- You can donate via the regular collection baskets at the weekend Mass you attend.
- You can set-up a regular standing order which you can also Giftaid. The online form is available on the Donate page of our site.

SCAN TO DONATE



- You can donate using the secure online donation feature on our website.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The following are the dates for special collections in 2025

29/30 June - Peter's Pence

PARISH CENTRE

Saint Augustine's Parish Centre
Booking our function suites is great way to support your Parish! Our two Function Suites available for:

Wedding Receptions / Funeral
Breakfasts / Baptism / Receptions /
Birthday Parties / Anniversary Parties
/Charity Events etc.



For booking enquiries email Chris at
the Parish Hall on
staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

Weekend dates are still available for
2025.

Function Suite Hire from £80



KAIROS CAFE

Please support your parish café which
is open Monday – Friday
from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours a week
to help in our café? Kairos Café is
looking for some new volunteers. Please
email: staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

St. Augustine's Parish - Pastoral Visit Request Form

Name of Sick or
housebound person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address for visitation: _____

* Please return this completed form to the Parish House. The office will be in touch to make arrangements.

**For urgent sick calls please make direct contact with the Parish House and leave a message on the answer phone if necessary.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 30th June**

The parish hosts an evening of prayer, replicating the prayer schedule of the Marian Shrine in Medjugorje. Please join us if you are able at the next evening.

The evening format is as follows:

7.00pm Holy Rosary

7.30pm Holy Mass

Followed by Adoration

Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

The Parish collection for the last weekend is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1,490
- Gift Aid: £1,475
- Tax Reclaimed: £363
- Total: £3,328

*Through Gift Aid we can claim back 25p from every £1 paid of taxpayer donations.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



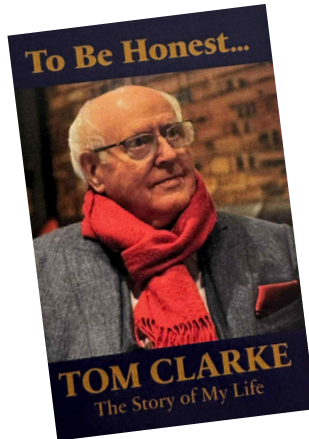
PEACE HOUR OF PRAYER

Every day throughout the week we will dedicate the hours of 2pm-3pm to pray for peace in our world. Come along at this time and pray before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for peace in our world, seeking God's guidance and healing for those affected by conflict and division. All are welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

You are invited to...

TO BE HONEST... BY TOM CLARKE



With the overwhelming response to Sir Tom's Book launch at the Conforti Centre, the event is now at fully booked.

For those in the Parish who were unable to secure their place, there will be a book signing here in St. Augustine's next weekend after all Masses 5th and 6th July 2025.

St. Augustine's Parish Centre
**After ALL weekend Masses next weekend:
5th and 6th July 2025**



CHURCH CLEANING FOR ORDINATION

As we prepare the Church over the next few days for the ordination of Rev. Chris Furmage this Thursday, we are looking for help in cleaning the Church on Thursday at 10.00am.

Anyone who is able to, please come along and help. This is a beautiful occasion for our Parish as one of our own Parishioners is ordained to the Priesthood.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS

For any children, especially those who have just received their First Holy Communion, who wish to join our team of Altar Servers, please come along to a meeting this Sunday after 10.00am Mass in the Church. All are welcome.

COLOURING PAGE



FEAST OF ST PETER
AND ST PAUL

PARISH NOTICES

SICK

Hugh Kelly; James Trower; Francis Wardhugh; Billy & Molly Bothwell; Patricia Bannan; Veronica Bannan; Pat Sludden; John McShane; Ann McShane; Anne Clarke; Madge Mallon; Andre McGuinness; Brian Sneddon; Raymond Sneddon; Caroline Mitchell; Marion Moran; Josephine Martin; Irene Crawley; Simon Howard; Craig Cameron; Barbara Martin; Catherine Brown; Paul Morton; Luke Morton; Bernd Reimann; Marianne McMillan; Teresa Coyle; Susan Robb; Margaret McLelland; Eileen O'Kane; Sharon Dolan; Paul McCormack; Andy Kelly; Caroline Dawson; Alison Wilson; John O'Brien; Maureen O'Brien; Jim Allan; Betty Stillie; Stephen Jamison; Frank Martin; John Currie; Thomas Robertson; Catherine Graham; Ann McDonald; Mary Coyle; Marie Boswell; Mary Paton; Jim McDonald; Eddie Heron; Sophia Loughran; Susie Bannan; Ellen Brown; Aileen Scott; Linda Tayler; Kathleen Wynn; Sadie Parr; Teresa Donnelly; Alan Marshall; Desmond Coyle; Billy Bannan; John King; Julie Ratcliffe; Teresa Lennon; Brian Meina; Sam Clarke; Morag & Rowan Lennen; Anna McPherson; Bill Bothwell

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rev. Fr. Thomas Toal; Anthony Neil; Martha Mosson;

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Derek Ross; Maureen Meina; Anne Bryce Sheridan; Anna McName; Jessie Cleary

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Rev. Chris Furmage as he prepares to be ordained this week to the Priesthood;
Christopher and Marie – Engagement; Tommy Mosson



ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS

We look forward to welcoming you this week for the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Chris Furmage. Please note some practical information below.

- **Parking:** Please park in the designated parking area. Spaces will be available at the Time Capsule and St. Augustine's Primary School. Stewards will be on hand to direct you.
- **Please arrive early** and take your seat. Our welcome ministry will be there to welcome you on the night
- **First Blessings** for family only after the Ordination. General first blessings after the Mass of Thanksgiving
- **Catering:** There will be a reception in the Parish Centre afterwards

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 29 June <i>Saints Peter and Paul</i>	10.00am: Family Mass 12.00noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass 7.00pm - 9.00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous <i>Upstairs Hall of Parish Centre</i>
Monday, 30 June <i>Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (Parish Centre) 6.00pm - 7.30pm: People's Pantry 7.30pm: Cocaine Anonymous (<i>Upstairs Hall, Parish Centre</i>) 7.30pm: Medjugorje Mass (<i>Holy Rosary begins at 7.00pm</i>)
Tuesday, 1 July <i>Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass After Mass: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (Parish Centre)
Wednesday, 2 July <i>Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (Parish Centre) 12.30pm: Marriage 7.00pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (<i>Church</i>)
Thursday, 3 July <i>Saint Thomas</i>	No Rosary or Holy Mass this morning Kairos Cafe Closed 10.00am: Church Cleaning 12 noon - 3.00pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 6.30pm: Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Chris Furmage
Friday, 4 July <i>Votive Mass to Our Lady, Mother of the Church</i>	No Rosary or Holy Mass this morning Kairos Cafe Closed 1.00pm: Marriage 3.00pm: Mass of Thanksgiving of Fr. Chris Furmage
Saturday, 5 July <i>Votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 6 July <i>Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Baptisms</i> 12.00noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass 7.00pm - 9.00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous <i>Upstairs Hall of Parish Centre</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please note that there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament weekdays from now until Monday, 7th July. This is due to maintenance in the Church over the next two weeks. Holy Mass will be on as normal at 10.00am each day. All updates can be found in the Parish Magazine each week. Thank you.

Parish Social Events

UPCOMING DATES

TICKETS



Robbie Williams Tribute

There's no better way to spend your Friday night than singing along to the greatest hits at our Robbie Williams Tribute Night! 🎤
7 PM – Late. Tickets: £12.50

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Evening with Charlie Mulgrew

Talk with Charlie Mulgrew, Q&A session and live music. 7pm - late.
Tickets £20 each.

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Evening with Peter Grant

Talk with Peter Grant, Q&A session and live music. 7pm - late.
Tickets £20 each
More details to follow soon

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Neil Diamond Tribute

Join us for an unforgettable evening at our Neil Diamond Tribute Night! Sing along to all the classics — from Sweet Caroline to Cracklin' Rosie — and celebrate one of music's greatest legends.
14th November | 7 PM – Late.
Tickets: £12.50

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When booking tickets, please advise if disabled access is required.

When booking tickets for yourself and family or friends, please pay as a singular booking, to ensure all parties are seated together.

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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Chapel House to arrange for a visit from Fr. Kane. This should ordinarily be arranged prior to any prolonged hospital visit. In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Chaplain, please request this from the hospital nursing staff. The family should make this request clearly to nursing staff.

CATHOLIC TEACHER APPROVAL

Those wishing to teach in the Catholic sector are reminded that it is first necessary to obtain approval from your parish priest to show that you accept and live the Catholic faith. For those living within the parish of St. Augustine's this means approval from Fr. Kane. This applies to those about to enrol for the teaching course, those starting out as probationary teachers, and all those applying for new posts (promoted or otherwise) within a Catholic school. Please contact Fr. Kane if you have any questions about this process.

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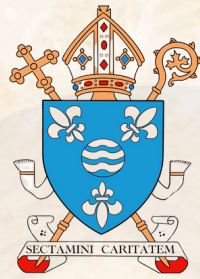
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Ordination to the Priesthood

Rev. Christopher Mark Furmage

in

St. Augustine's Church, Coatbridge

Solemn Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood

on

Thursday, 3rd July 2025 at 6.30pm

with buffet reception in the Parish Centre afterwards

Mass of Thanksgiving

on

Friday, 4th July 2025 at 3.00pm

As a Parish, it is a great witness to see one of our own parishioners come forward for Priesthood. We now prepare for the day he is to be ordained to the Priesthood.

It is a great joy to see one of our parishioners become a Priest and we hope as many of you will be able to attend on the day.

All are welcome to join

