



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

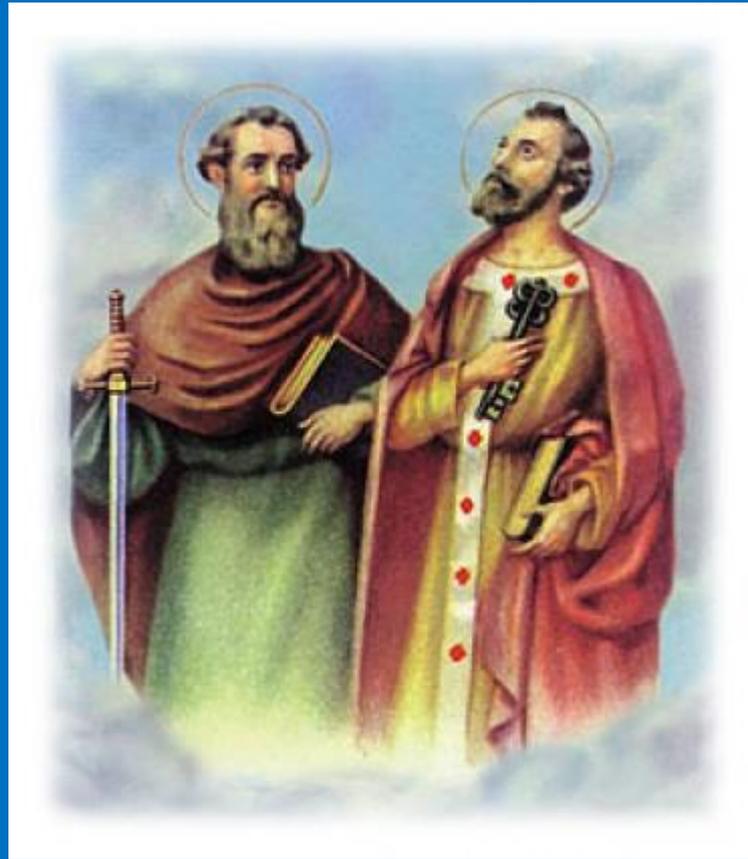
Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul
I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
16:13-19

Response- Glory to you , O Lord

- One day Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do people think I am?'
- 'Some people say you are John the Baptist, others say the Prophet Elijah,' they answered. Jesus turned to his friends and said, 'Who do you think I am?'
- Peter answered, 'You are the son of God!' Jesus smiled and said, 'Peter, you are a happy man, because my heavenly Father revealed this to you. You are the rock on which I will build my church.'

Peter the Fisherman and Paul the Missionary



The Gospel of the Lord



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Before Peter became a disciple of Jesus he was a fisherman. Peter had been with Jesus since the very beginning of his ministry and he had witnessed all the marvellous things that Jesus had said and done. He knew that Jesus was the son of God and in this way God chose him to be the shepherd of his flock on earth.

Paul was a Jew, he was well educated and very religious. He never actually met Jesus. He wanted to uphold the Jewish law and traditions and so he had many of the followers of Jesus thrown into prison. One day when Paul was on his way to a place called Damascus to arrest some Christians, God appeared to Paul as a brilliant light and asked him to stop hurting the followers of Jesus. Paul changed his ways and instead of being one of the greatest enemies of Jesus, he became one of his greatest friends. Peter and Paul eventually met and became good friends when they both realised they were both working for Jesus. They travelled far and wide preaching the Good News about Jesus and sharing the Christian faith with others. Peter and Paul are the greatest leaders of the early Church and they spent their lives working endlessly for Jesus. Both of them suffered for their faith and spent time in prison, but they continued their work by writing many letters that we still read today. We remember their courage and faith and thank them for sharing Christ's message with the world.

Our School is in a partnership with other Catholic schools in the local area and this partnership is called St Peters Partnership. You may have noticed this plate at the entrance of the school. It has the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven –just as St Peter did.

God appeared to Paul as a brilliant light



Prayer



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Today we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. St Peter was the 'rock' on which Jesus built his Church: his faith was a great source of strength for the early Christians. St Paul was a missionary, whose aim in life was to share the Good News that had transformed his life. Together they were the greatest leaders of the early Church.

Lord give us the faith and courage of Peter and Paul and help us in our own way to carry the word of God to others.

Amen