

**Welcome to the Parishes of
St. Mungo's, Alloa and St. Serf's, High Valleyfield
Sunday 28th June 2026 - Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul (Year A)**

SERVICES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday 27th June

5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
6 p.m.

Confessions
Vigil Mass in St. Mungo's (*Ian Farrell, Anniversary*)

Sunday 28th June

9.30 a.m.
11.30 a.m.

Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles (Year A)
Mass in St. Mungo's (*Donor's Intention HD*)
Mass in St. Serf's (*People of the Parish*)

Monday 29th June

No Mass

Tuesday 30th June

10 a.m.
2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Mass in St. Mungo's (*Helen Strain, RIP*)
Prayer Group

Wednesday 1st July

10 a.m.

Solemnity of St. Serf, Abbot
Mass in St. Serf's (*Donor's Intention MD*) followed by confessions

Thursday 2nd July

1.15 p.m.

End of term/Leaver's Mass in St. Serf's Primary

Friday 3rd July

10 a.m.

Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
Mass in St. Mungo's (*Alan Rennie, Anniversary*)
Confessions after Mass

Saturday 4th July

5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
6 p.m.

Confessions
Vigil Mass in St. Mungo's (*People of the Parish*)

Sunday 5th July

9.30 a.m.
11.30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Mass in St. Mungo's (*Donor's Intention MF*)
Mass in St. Serf's (*Donor's Intention, TH*)

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In many respects Peter and Paul were very different people. Peter was a fisherman from Galilee. His world was the Sea of Galilee and the hilly countryside that surrounded it. According to John's gospel, he was from Bethsaida, a small town on the Northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. He would have had a basic education and his first language was Aramaic. Paul was from the university city of Tarsus, the capital city of the Roman province of Cilicia, on the south-east coast of what is today Turkey. He seems to have been educated to a high level. He wrote fluently in Greek. His family appear to have been well-to-do as his father was a Roman citizen. He was a zealous Pharisee, who declared himself blameless with regard to the keeping of the Jewish Law. If the two of them had met before they came to faith in Jesus, one senses that they would have had little in common. Yet, today, the church throughout the world celebrates their joint feast day.

It is Jesus who brought them together. Yet, he touched their lives in very different ways. Peter heard the call of Jesus by the shore of the Sea of Galilee as he engaged in his daily work of fishing; Paul heard the call of the risen Lord somewhere in the vicinity of Damascus where he was heading on his mission of persecuting people like Peter who were proclaiming Jesus to be the Jewish Messiah. Jesus called Peter to be the rock on which his church would be built; he called Paul to be the apostle to the non-Jewish world, the pagans. Each of them gave their lives in responding to the Lord's call; Peter was crucified; Paul was beheaded. They were both executed in Rome, a long way from Galilee and from Tarsus. Their tombs have been places of pilgrimage to this day and two of Rome's four great Basilicas are built over their tombs, Saint Peter's in the Vatican and Saint Paul's outside the walls.

We celebrate their joint feast today, giving thanks to God for their generous and courageous witness to their faith in the Lord. From its beginnings, the church has worked to be true to the faith of the first apostles, especially the two great apostles Peter and Paul. That is why we speak of the faith as apostolic. Today, we too try to be true to the faith as lived and articulated by those two great pillars of the church. This apostolic faith finds expression in a special way in the New Testament. We keep returning to the gospels and letters and other books that are to be found there so as to remain connected to the faith of those early preachers of the gospel. The Lord continues to speak to us through their lives and through the sacred literature that they inspired. The Lord calls out to each of us today, as he called Peter and Paul. He wants to work through us in our distinctiveness, as he worked through the very different people that were Peter and Paul. We each have a unique contribution to make to the coming of the Lord's kingdom. In our efforts to respond to this call, Peter and Paul can continue to be our inspiration.

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Peter's Pence—Special Collection

This Sunday there will be a special collection for 'Peter's Pence' to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



IN YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for all who are ill/housebound: in particular we remember:
Sophie Honeyman, Ian Meadows, Susan Malcolm, Maureen Gianandrea,
Anne McEvoy, Andrea McGregor, Anthony McCluskey
Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them!

We pray for those who have died recently:
Charles (Chic) Irvine (*Funeral Mass in St. Serf's on Wednesday 8th July at 10am*)

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time:
Trudy Fisher, Margaret McAvoy, Tom Anderson, Nessie McMullan, Charlie Gallagher,
John Steele, Patricia Dunne, Michael Dunion. Alan Rennie
Fidelium animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace. Amen

Altar Servers

It has been encouraging to see the children coming to Mass regularly prior to receiving their First Holy Communion. Please continue to attend Mass with your families. One way in which the children can now become more involved in the parish is by volunteering to be an altar server. Serving at Mass is both a honour and a privilege, as you assist the priest and also learn more about the Mass. If any of the boys and girls would like to be an altar server, please let either Anthony Cassidy or Fr Michael know. Full training will be given and other experienced servers will be there to help.

Finance Update

St. Mungo's		St. Serf's	
Offertory	£448.85	Offertory	£183
Standing Orders	£315.50	Day for Life	89.61
Day for Life	£154.54	Hall Income	£40
Hall Income	£40		
TOTAL	£958.89	TOTAL	£312.90

Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parishes!

A reminder that if you pay income and do not already Gift-Aid your offering, please consider doing so, as the parish can claim 25p for every £1 given. Forms are available on request. If you would like to set up a standing order for your weekly offering the details for the parishes are below. If you Gift Aid please put your name and envelope number as a reference, thanks!

St. Mungo's
Account name: Trustees of RC Diocese of Dunkeld for St. Mungo's Alloa

Sort Code: 80-05-28
Account Number: 00867783

St. Serf's
Account name: Trustees of RC Diocese of Dunkeld for St. Serf's High Valleyfield

Sort Code: 80-06-55
Account Number: 00720549

Baptisms

This Sunday in St. Mungo's during Mass we will welcome into the church through the sacrament of baptism Rosie and Lillie McKenzie. We keep them and their family in our prayers.

St. Serf's End of term Mass

On Thursday afternoon at 1.15 p.m., there will be Mass in St. Serf's Primary to mark the end of term. All are welcome to attend.

Month the Precious Blood of Jesus

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, and the Church makes this dedication because it is important for us to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist, which contains the life blood of our faith and the Church. This devotion dates back to the early Fathers, who say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and the sacraments were brought forth through His blood. By meditating on the Precious Blood, we are led to a deeper consideration of the sacrificial death of Christ, when He poured out His blood for us on the cross.

Tea and Toast

This Sunday after Mass in St. Mungo's, there will be tea and toast in the church hall. Come along and meet your fellow parishioners.

Diocesan General Purpose Levy

As mentioned previously, the diocese recently updated the monthly levy each parish pays to the diocese. This levy is used to help fund the work of the diocese in supporting the parishes via the various lay employees who work in the diocesan offices - finance, safeguarding, property etc. Below are the current levies based on last years income for our two parishes:

LEVY BASED ON 2025 INCOME—St. Serf's High Valleyfield

Total Offertories - Gross	£15,150.35
Gift Aid received	£3,338.39
Fundraising (less costs)	£549.00
Hall income	£380.00
Maintenance Fund (unapproved)	£100.00
TOTAL ASSESSABLE INCOME	£19,517.74

Levy Charge for 2026/27 **£2,439.72**

NEW MONTHLY STANDING ORDER £167.33

LEVY BASED ON 2025 INCOME - St. Mungo's, Alloa

Total Offertories - Gross	£51,049.69
Gift Aid received	£5,847.45
Fundraising (less costs)	£572.00
Hall income	£1,806.18
Maintenance Fund (unapproved)	£4,605.00
TOTAL ASSESSABLE INCOME	£63,880.32
Levy Charge for Year	£14,858.11

Dividend Income £4,253.00
20% **£850.60**

Total Levy Charge for 2026/27 £15,708.71 (£14,858.11+£850.60)

NEW MONTHLY STANDING ORDER £1,351.73