



## **Vox Populi**

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On Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two foundational pillars of the Church.

In the past few Sundays, the Church's liturgical celebrations have been centred on the founding of the Church.

On the Solemnity of Pentecost, we celebrated the foundation of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and they began their ministry.

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we celebrated God, the centre of the Church's life and existence.

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) the Church celebrates the source and summit of the Christian life.

Now, this Sunday, 29 June, the Church venerates the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul, who died in Rome. The two are the patron saints of Rome, the preeminent Church.

Saints Peter and Paul are considered the foundational pillars of the Church.

Peter represents the unity and stability of the Church as the Vicar of Christ and Bishop of Rome. Paul represents the Church's mission of evangelisation and conversion.

Both men were called by Christ to a new life in Him, and to help found His Church. They were steadfast and faithful in this mission, travelling to the heart of the Roman Empire to preach the Good News and to found the Church.

Despite being such great Saints, they share a feast day, a sign their work is not for themselves, but for the glory of God and his Church.

