

Feast of St Peter and St Paul

Peter and Paul are two unlikely heroes of our faith. One is so different from the other.

Peter doesn't always understand what Jesus is trying to say. When Jesus is arrested, Peter denies knowing him – not just once but three times. Peter is impetuous. He runs away when Jesus is crucified. He argues with Paul as to who should be allowed to be followers of Jesus. And yet, he is the one chosen by Jesus to lead his people. He is the one to make the ultimate declaration of faith: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Paul was, in his own words, “merciless in persecuting the Church of God”. He doesn't have any first-hand experience of Jesus and wanted to do away with all these followers of Jesus. Yet he was transformed by his Damascus experience to become one of the greatest witnesses to Jesus, spreading the Good News to many people.



These two helped shape the early Church, moving it from an exclusive Jewish group to a community where all are welcome. They were persecuted for their beliefs but never lost faith in the One who had called them to be disciples. They show us what real heroes are like.

You don't need a super power to be a hero, but you need courage to face your fears, strength to believe in the power of prayer and empathy to care for others.



Let us pray for the heroes in our lives that help us and keep us safe. Whether at home, school or in our wider community, keep them safe from harm.

We pray for the heroes, who are strong and courageous, that carry God's message and let it be told. We pray that we may all be a hero and answer the call, to carry God's message to all who wish to hear it.

We pray for the heroes in our lives that show us how to be courageous and support us in facing our fears. May we, in turn, be heroes for others.

Let us pray for the heroes in our lives that teach us about empathy and care for others. May we be inspired to follow their example.

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