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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 18th July 2021

SUNDAY MASS: Sunday 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am
(no Mass on Thursdays, and no Vigil 6:30pm Saturday Mass, for the time being)

CONFESSIONS on Mondays from 11.30-12.15pm (and on request)

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NEW GUIDELINES from the Episcopal Conference on COVID

My impression is that those coming to Church have been following good practices, showing common sense and respect for each other. The use of the balcony has been a blessing, allowing for greater capacity while keeping social distancing. As restrictions are lifted, I propose that those who feel very sensitive about social distancing should make use of the balcony upstairs. For everyone the following guidelines apply:

1. Our Church can be left open and unsupervised for individual prayer.
2. QR codes as well as an attendee list are available at the entrance for Track & Trace purposes.
3. Keep using the available hand sanitisers, on entering and leaving the Church.
4. Face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn inside the Church.
5. We shall continue the general cleaning of the Church.
6. There is no longer a 'one-way system' in place but please exercise good responsible behavior especially when moving inside the Church.
7. For the time being we are not reintroducing singing, while still having our cantor.
8. We are now allowed to make use of the collection baskets, but we are more and more relying on you giving by standing orders, online donations and through the contactless machine at the back of the Church.
9. Please, keep trying your best to come to Church before Mass begins. This is very important.

If you feel at all uncomfortable about any of this, please do come and speak with me.

Father Ivano



170 years Anniversary of our Parish
check the webpage for our Parish project:
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/clerkenwell/170th/>

Are you good at research? We would like to publish a small publication about the history of the Parish.
If you have old photos or articles, do give them to Fr. Ivano

Your weekly offering



UNA STILLA



The month of July is approaching its end. Traditionally, in the Catholic Church, this month is dedicated to the **Precious Blood of Christ**. Our own Metropolitan Cathedral in Westminster is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood (on entering immediately in front of you are two red columns as a reminder of this dedication).

In our little Parish Church too we have a visual reminder of this devotion. On one of the doors of our Tabernacle is carved the image of a Pelican as a symbol of Christ's Blood present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Have a close look at it next time.

The symbolism of the mother pelican feeding her little baby pelicans is rooted in ancient legends which preceded Christianity. The legend was that in time of famine, the mother pelican wounded herself, striking her breast with the beak to feed her young with her blood to prevent starvation.

In the well-known Eucharistic hymn "*Adoro te devote*," written by Saint Thomas Aquinas, the sixth verse reads:

*Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what Thy Bosom ran
Blood that **but one drop** of has the power to win
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.*

"One single drop", in the original in Latin, "*una stilla*". This is our faith. We believe that the Blood of Christ - even one single drop - has truly the power to purify us, to protect us, and to forgive us. Even if many of us have been fasting from receiving from the chalice at Mass, because of Covid and local customs, we can still pray with faith:

Blood of Christ, price of our salvation,	save us.
Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness,	save us.
Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls,	save us.
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy,	save us.
Blood of Christ, victor over demons,	save us.

In manus.

Father Ivano