



Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 26th September 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 (by request)

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VOLUNTEER (blue) FORM

Thank you for taking into consideration my invitation to help in:

* OPENING & CLOSING the Church (from Monday to Saturday)

** CLEANING the Church

*** WELCOMING & STEWARDING on Sundays

Even if you have already spoken to me or sent an email, please fill in this form as it will help me to collect all the relevant information to work out a weekly plan.

Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- **First Holy Communion** classes will be announced soon. Parents & children are expected to come to Sunday Mass at 9:45am regularly.
- A 6-weeks course **Marriage Course** will commence in Lent 2022. Do speak with Fr. Ivano if you are planning to get married in 2022.
- **Baptism Course**. It is essential for parents to come to Sunday Mass regularly. Classes will be announced in due time. For children of 5 years old and over, special classes are required. Do approach directly Fr. Ivano.
- **Confirmation classes** will run over a period of two years. If you are due to be confirmed in 2022 or 2023, do approach Fr. Ivano to enrol.



next year: **170 years Anniversary of our Parish**
check the webpage for our Parish project:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/clerkenwell/170th/>

our project is to build a **new cross on top of our Church**, according to its original plan. This involves a design, forms and procedures, fabrication and actual installation. All of this costs.

Contribute if you can with a donation.

Your weekly offering



Movements & Desires

From May 2021 until July 2022, the Society of Jesus (and the whole Church) celebrates an **'Ignatian Year'**. May 20th 2021 marked the 500th anniversary of that day when the life of Ignatius, struck by a cannonball, began to move.

From that day onwards, the **"movement" factor** played a fundamental role in his life and spirituality. This movement was both internal and external. At Loyola, while convalescing on his bed for many months, he realised that different spirits were moving him, and he took his first steps on the path of discernment. But there were also external movements: Pamplona, Loyola, Montserrat, Manresa, Paris, Venice, Rome... Ignatius travelled as a pilgrim to further his own formation and to be an apostle.

Within his writings the theme of **movement** is clearly associated with the theme of **desires**. Our desires, however, are ambivalent. Both our deeply human and spiritual desires are frequently replaced by superficial desires for goods that are transitory and of no lasting value. It is these superficial desires that then dominate our consciousness. No matter how intelligent and articulate we may be, we are finding it increasingly difficult to get in touch with our deepest and most authentic desires, those desires which come not from our own will, not from the 'enemy', but from God alone.

A primary aim of Ignatian spirituality is to draw people into their own 'centre', their own heart, where these authentic desires lie. Desires fuel movement. We need to tune in to the movement of the Spirit in us, realising that desires can indicate the Spirit's presence and the direction in which the Spirit is urging us to move. Without this 'going forward' our inner life will be stalled and in fact, we will move backwards.

We need the example of someone who invites us to a **'beyond'**, a **'plus'**, to grow. Saint Ignatius called it the **'magis'**, **'the fire'**, the fervour of action that rouses us from slumber. In Christian life either we 'go forward' moved by good Spirit-fuelled desires or we 'go backwards' moved by false superficial desires.

Not surprisingly that day in 1521 when the life of Ignatius began 'moving forward' was Pentecost Day, the day of 'the fire'...
Happy Ignatian Year!

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In manus.

Father Ivano