



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

ARCHDIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

THE PRESBYTERY  
Fr. IVANO MILLICO, PARISH PRIEST  
5 AMWELL STREET  
LONDON EC1R 1UL

PARISH OFFICE  
Tue: 10AM – 3PM, Mon & Fri: 10AM – 3PM  
Tel. 020 7837 2094  
email: [clerkenwell@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:clerkenwell@rcdow.org.uk)  
webpage: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/clerkenwell/>

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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)

+++

Thank you to all who have returned the **VOLUNTEER (blue) FORM**.  
If you think you will be able to help out in the future, let me know in due time.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- **First Holy Communion** classes will soon be announced.  
Parents & children are expected to come to Sunday Mass at 9:45am regularly.
- A 6-weeks **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.  
For children of 5 years old and over, special classes are required.
- **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.

Please collect a copy of the **Cardinal's Pastoral Letter** at the back



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



# when the enemy attacks the Truth



"He allowed my soul to be enveloped in utter darkness. Ever since I was very little, the thought of Heaven had always been a joy to me; now it brought torment and conflict. This trial did not last merely a few days or weeks; it went on for months; and I am still waiting to be delivered from it. [At the time she wrote this it had been going on for fifteen months] It is impossible to explain what I feel - I only wish I could. I am in a dark tunnel, and you would have to go through it yourself to understand how dark it is... weary of being enveloped by nothing but darkness, I try to comfort and encourage myself with the thought of the eternal life to come, it only makes matters worse. The very darkness seems to echo the voices of those who do not believe, and mocks at me: "You dream of light and of a fragrant land; you dream that the Creator of this loveliness will be your own for all eternity; you dream of escaping one day from these mists in which you languish! Dream on, welcome death; it will not bring you what you hope; it will bring an even darker night, the night of nothingness!"

This picture of my trial is no more than a rough sketch compared with the reality, but I dare not say more for fear it might be blasphemy! Perhaps I have said too much already? God forgive me..."

This confession is immensely important. This distress is not simply emotional. These feelings are not only coming from being unable to feel Heaven and anticipate the Light of eternal life. Yes, all of this is true but there is more. She is the prey of mental reasonings, ideas, and genuine intellectual temptations. Her possession of the truth is being threatened by active hostility, not only by passive distress. Her condition, according to a priest, was extremely dangerous, even diabolic.

This can be our situation. The truth about our history, our married life, our ministry, can fall under attack. She followed the advice of a priest to whom she had turned to: "write down the *Credo* [our Creed] and always carry it with you". She did. Her name?

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. Her Feast-Day was last Friday, 1st October.

*In manus.*

Father Ivano