

Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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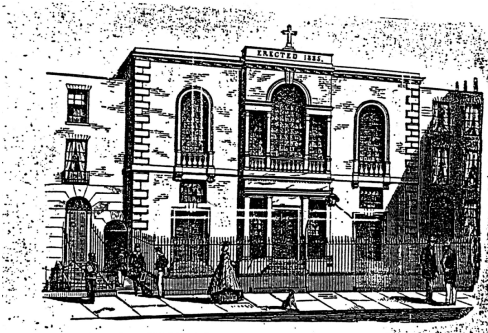
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 3rd July 2022

SUNDAY MASS: Sunday 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS (*on request*)

THANK YOU to all those who have contributed to our Patronal Feast celebration. For the flowers, the Music, the immaculate clean Church, the prayers, the food and the drinks, the joyful atmosphere and the good spirit. Do not forget to raise your eyes to heaven, and thank God for his goodness.



THANKS to Fr. Francesco and Fr. Marco, from the Diocese of Milan, who are kindly supplying for Father Ivano these Sundays.

Note: Mass No weekday Mass until Monday 18th July.

The Church will remain open, as usual, for prayer, the whole day.

Mass on Sundays will be celebrated as usual at 9:45am and 12noon.



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Before & After



In the life of a Christian there is always a 'before' and an 'after'. But what is in between?

This week we have celebrated the Feast of **Saint Peter and Saint Paul**. If we ask them about their 'Before & After', what would they say?

At the beginning of his Letter to the Galatians, **Paul** describes his career as a practising Jew, how zealous, merciless and cold he was, and how much collateral damage... but then, continues Paul, God chose to intervene, out of grace, and "revealed his Son in me". God changed this man from the inside, worked within him, inside of him. How?

What is inside of you (and me)? Your freedom and your will.

Yes. God will change you (and me) but only with our free will.

Do you want to be changed?

Be honest. Be really honest. Is your will in the right place? Or deep down, you are Ok with your life as it is and you are fine to carry on, even if you know you cannot really carry on.

Are you free? Free in front of your parents, boyfriend, your self-image, and ready to ask for help, for healing, for conversion?

What about **Peter**? How did Simon son of John changed into Saint Peter? With three questions, "Do YOU love ME?"

Yes. Jesus changed Peter by loving him in his sins, loving him when he was unlovable, forgiving him, finding him when he was lost. And, by inviting him to love him back, accepting that in our poverty we can love, because love comes from being loved, not from feelings. And you?

Are you ready to be loved as you are? To have in front of you someone who knows all about you and loves the whole of you? Be honest, really honest. Are you ready to be known and to be loved as you are?

Do you see now where the middle-point is between 'Before & After'?

If you do, very good, go there, go inside of you, enter the inner space where your freedom and will are, your wounds and your history, and let God change you (with your permission!)

Let me know... how it goes!

In honor.

Father Ivano