



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon**

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

**CONFESSIONS: (on request)**

Today is **Racial Justice Sunday**.

Racial Justice Sunday is an ecumenical observance which began in Britain and Ireland in 1995 following the murder of Stephen Lawrence, a black teenager in South London.

At Ss Peter & Paul we are very much a 'catholic' community, coming from different countries and cultures. Yet, what can really unite us is to be rooted in our common country – Heaven- and grow in our common culture - the Gospel.

On **Saturday 11th February**, World Day of the Sick, Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes, there will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30pm, celebrated by the Cardinal, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. You can you book tickets using the link below. Tickets are in three categories:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

**TO BOOK TICKETS CLICK THIS LINK:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-of-the-sick-with-anointing-tickets-513878322897>

*Your tickets will be posted to you directly from the Precentors Office.*

*Note that when you have booked your tickets you will see a message saying 'your tickets will be waiting for you at the venue's pick-up location on the day of the event.' Unfortunately, this a message we cannot remove from the Eventbrite website platform.*

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- **First Holy Communion:** The preparation is over two years. Parents & children are expected to come to Sunday Mass at 9:45am, followed by class.
- **Marriage Course** starts next month. Fridays (February 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24) and Saturday 25 March afternoon.
- **Baptism Course.** It is essential for parents to come to Sunday Mass regularly. All those who wish to have their child baptise should approach Fr. Ivano in person.

*No Mass  
on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February*



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Thank you.

# How poor are you?



Last Thursday, 2nd February, we celebrated the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple. Christmas is far back behind us, gone. But what was it all about? It was about POVERTY. Yes, poverty.

Around the manger there is very little, hay and straw, a few animals, little else; Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, all poor people. It is not possible to be close to this Child without being poor. Even the Magi, who were certainly of a higher social position than Mary and Joseph or the shepherds of Bethlehem, fall to their knees in the presence of the Child, not only in adoration but also as a gesture of humility. Falling to the bare earth, the Magi put themselves at the same level as God, they made themselves poor.

But we are not anymore around the manger. Bethlehem is far away. The Shepherds, the Magi, they are all gone. Now? What can we do?

Make ourselves "poor within". You have to be "poor within", with that poverty that makes you crying out: "Lord, I am in need; I am in need of forgiveness, I am in need of help, in need of strength. We need to overcome any pretence of self-sufficiency in order to understand ourselves to be in need of grace, always in need of Him.

Even far from Bethlehem there is one way to be close to the Child: poverty, interior poverty, being in need, in need of grace, in need for forgiveness, in need for joy.

If I may, from time to time, ask yourself how poor you are, how much in need of help you are, how empty, how interiorly poor. How beautiful it is to be poor... there is no closest place to Him.

*In manus.*

Father Ivano