



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## CORPUS DOMINI

### 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

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

CONFESSIONS: *(on request)*

This **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a special day of prayer for the sanctification of Priests. Holy Mass as usual is at 12:30pm followed by the Litanies to the Sacred Heart. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the afternoon for silent prayer.

On **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** we will keep the Solemnity of **Saint Peter & Saint Paul**, our Patronal Feast. It falls on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> but we can move it to the following Sunday so to mark it as a community feast. As we have done in the past years, we will have one sole Mass, at 9:45am, followed by social gathering in the Parish Hall. If you can offer help and/or contribute, speak with Nicola Panara or contact her on 07877 091122.

A guided tour of 'St Francis of Assisi' exhibition at the National Gallery has been offered with no charge, but donation would be greatly appreciated to support the Franciscan Friars Minor of the Custody of the Holy Land through <https://www.proterrasancta.org.uk/> <https://www.custodia.org/it/help-us-support-franciscans-affected-earthquake-syria>  
If you wish to join, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am (max 10 people) let Fr. Ivano know.



Congratulations to Sahle and Genet, married last Sunday at the 12noon Mass. A blessing for them and for us all.

If you are discerning about getting married, do approach father Ivano.



SCAN to GIVE  
You can scan this QR code for your weekly Sunday donation.  
Thank you.

Note: this week the only weekday Mass celebrated will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

#### Special Collection - Day for life.

This year the Day for Life seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion. The theme is "Listen to Her". The message is an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who was suffering after an abortion and found healing. With her consent, we are able to highlight the distress which she suffered and how she found healing.

# PIE PELLICANE



Today we keep the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, known as *Corpus Domini*. Upon recommendation of our Bishops, we can resume the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds, the consecrated Host and the Precious Blood from the chalice.

In our Church, one of the two doors of the Tabernacle is carved with the image of a pelican, symbol of Christ's Blood present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

The symbolism of the mother pelican feeding her little babies is rooted in ancient legends which preceded Christianity: in time of famine, the mother pelican would wound herself, striking her breast with the beak, to feed her young with her own blood to prevent their starvation and death.

In hymn *Adoro te devote* by Thomas Aquinas, the sixth verse reads:

*O loving Pelican! O Jesus Lord!  
Unclean I am, but cleanse me in Thy Blood!  
Of which a single drop, for sinners split,  
Can purge the entire world from all its guilt*

One single drop ("*una stilla*" in Latin). This is our faith. We believe that the Blood of Christ - even one single drop - has the power to purify us, protect us, and forgive us:

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, refreshment of souls, save us.  
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, save us.  
Blood of Christ, victor over demons, save us.

Let us go to our loving Pelican, "*Pie Pellicane, Iesu Domine*".  
Let us receive from the Chalice today at Mass.  
Let us be quenched by a taste of heavenly sweetness.

*fr. Ivano.*

Father Ivano