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12th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 25th June 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

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

CONFESSIONS: *(on request)*

Next Sunday, 2nd July at 9:45am
we will celebrate our Patronal Feast
the **Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul**



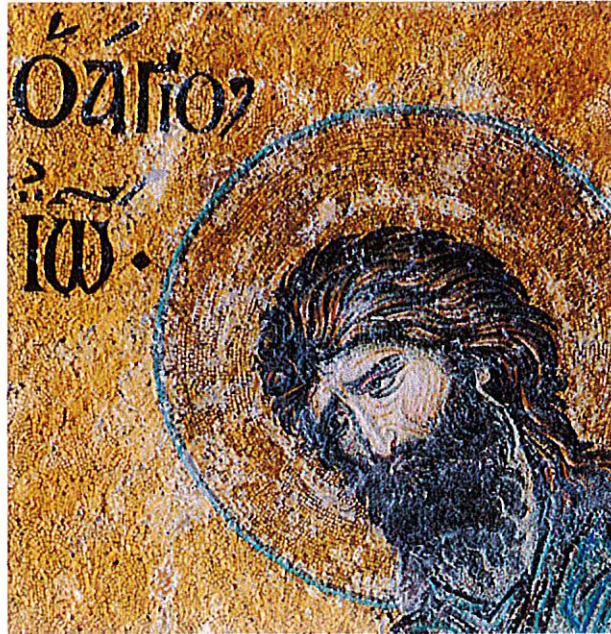
Ss Peter & Paul falls on Thursday 29th. In order to celebrate it as a community, we will keep the Feast on the following Sunday, July 2nd. As in past years, **we will only have one Mass**, at 9:45am, followed by a social gathering in the Parish Hall. Come, it is *your* feast.

If you can offer help and/or contribute, speak with Nicola or contact her on 07877 091122.



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with or without you



From time to time, we all need a spiritual check-up or scan. Let us assume, for a moment, you are doing a good service to others. You are a very dedicated mother; a priest or a catechist accompanying many in their way to Christ; a father making sacrifices in educating and raising up your children; a faithful friend to someone, always present in times of need.

"Why" are you doing all the good that you are doing? *"Whom for?"* Do you ever do anything with gratuitousness? Taking care of others without benefit for yourself, without motives and expectations? Are you attached to your role, your position, your ministry? Are you able to carry out your mission and then, at the right moment, step aside leaving room for someone else? Do you believe that your mission as catechist, priest, parent, can be 'completed' for others to take their own path and grow? Are you free to love others, making sacrifices for them, wishing them a life full of happiness and blessing **"without you"**? Or, are you attaching people to yourself, convincing yourself (and them) that you are indispensable for their salvation, for their conversion, for their happiness, binding them to yourself, so that all, in the end, all has to do **"with you"**?

Are you free from attachments?
Is your love chaste?
Is your friendship pure?
Is your service gratis?

If you are struggling with this spiritual check-up, yesterday's feast is for you (and me)! The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. He knew how to serve without hidden attachments and subtle manipulations. He knew when it was time to take leave, to decrease, to be quiet, to hide, to disappear. He knew how to be human and how to be spiritual. John the Baptist, come to our aid!

In manus.

Father Ivano