

# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

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

CONFESSIONS: (on request)

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This Solemnity is kept on the **Friday** after the second Sunday after Pentecost, **16<sup>th</sup> June**. 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 11<sup>th</sup> June** is the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ, **Corpus Christi**. In a recent letter, the Bishops of England have expressed their agreement to resume the reception of Holy Communion under both species, body and blood, consecrated host and precious chalice. We will have Communion under both forms on this day.

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.

**ASSISI**, in Umbria, Italy, is the home of many Saints, past and present. Two of them are 'coming' to London... **Saint Francis** and **Blessed Carlo Acutis**.

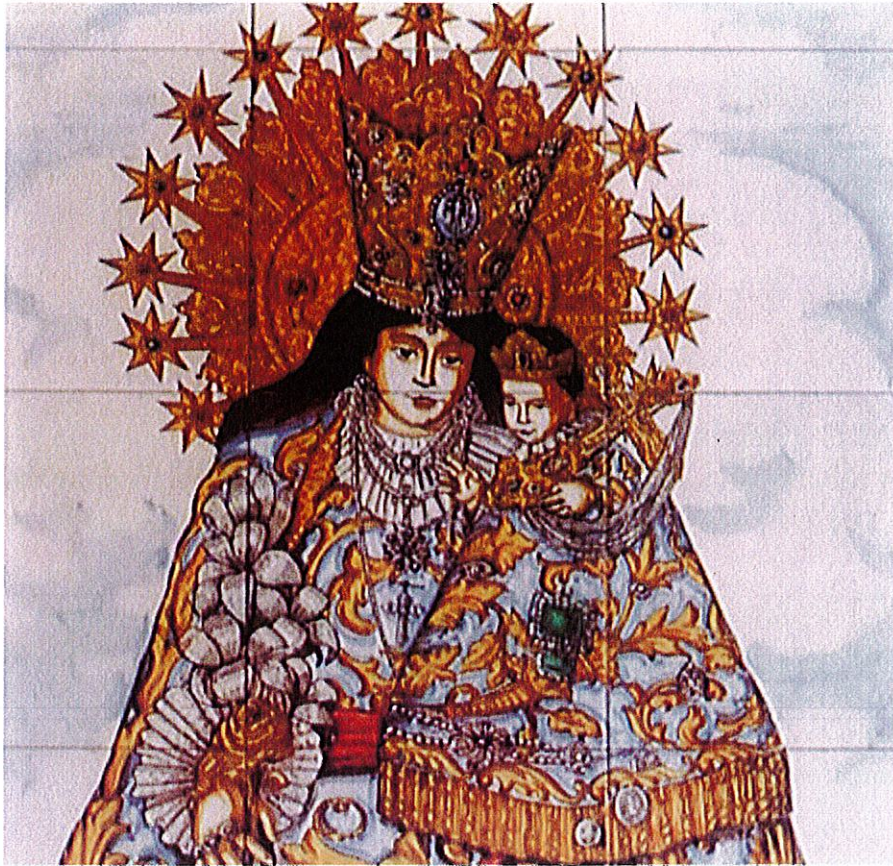
A guided tour of 'St Francis of Assisi' exhibition at the National Gallery has been offered with no charge, but donation would be greatly appreciated to support the Franciscan Friars Minor of the Custody of the Holy Land through <https://www.proterrasancta.org.uk/> <https://www.custodia.org/it/help-us-support-franciscans-affected-earthquake-syria>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

Antonia Salzano, the mother of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, is making a short visit to London. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 6.30pm at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, there will be a Sung Mass after which Antonia will also talk about her son, his life and his relationship with the Lord. There will be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo.



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## *"La Geperudeta"* (the hunchback)



Perhaps one of the most surprising titles of the Virgin Mary. The "*Geperudeta*" (hunchback, in Spanish). She appears with a posture slightly tilt forward, as if permanently bent over. She is also known as the "*Virgen de los Desamparados*", the Virgin of the forsaken and abandoned, of the bullied and helpless, the mentally ill and deranged, the ridiculed and the possessed... the Virgin Mother of the "poor of the poor".

It does not come as a surprise that according to an ancient hymn, the Holy Spirit is invoked as "Father of the poor". The Holy Spirit is always "coming down", bending down, stooping down towards us in our poverty, our needs, our living as orphans.

Today, on Pentecost Sunday, there a beautiful Good News: we have a Father, the Holy Spirit, we have a Mother, the "*Geperudeta*". We do not need to be strong, fit and healthy; we do not need to be self-reliant, pulling up our sleeves and performing at best; we do not need to hold first class degrees and be all-together. Christianity is about a God and a Church who are hunchback, bending down towards us, and not the other way round!

Blessed are the poor of the poor, Blessed are the "*Desamparados*". It is Pentecost, it is *our* Feast.

*In honor.*

Father Ivano