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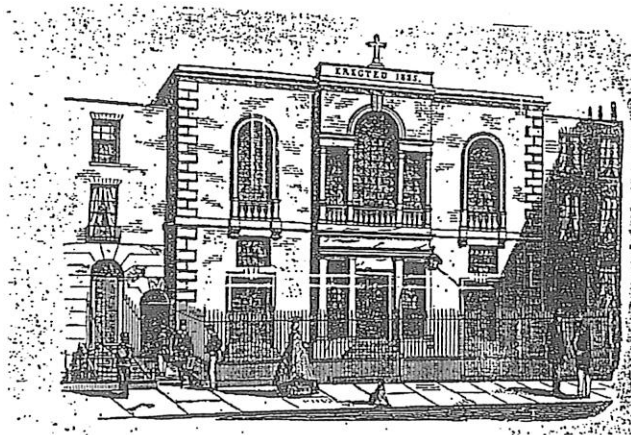
14th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 9th July 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

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

CONFESSIONS: (*on request*)

THANK YOU
to each and all
for making our Feast of Ss Peter & Paul
a day of communion in prayer and sharing



NOTE: No week-day Mass this week after (10th-14th July included).
The Church will remain open, as usual, for prayer, the whole day



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before & after (cont.)



Do you remember last week Newsletter? This is a continuation!

Last Sunday we kept the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, our Parish Patron Saints. On the same day, July 2nd, the Church remembers two other Saints, Processus and Martinian, unknown to many, yet well-known to Peter and Paul, as their jailers in the Mamertine prison in Rome. Converted by the Apostles, they allowed them to escape. For this, they were put to death after a long series of torments, through which they simply said over and over again, "Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus, whom his blessed Apostles have preached!"

Originally buried in a cemetery off the via Aurelia, their remains were transferred to the ancient Basilica of St Peter. The north transept of the new basilica is named after them and their relics are kept under the middle of the three altars.

Above is a stone with the names of all the Christian martyrs who have been kept prisoners in the Mamertine prison. You can see at the top the names of Peter and Paul, immediately followed by the names of Processus and Martinian. How extraordinary is this!

The very people who oppressed us, keeping us "in prison and chains", our "close enemies" (*before*) can become our "close friends" (*after*). Can you imagine to read your names in the Book of Life followed in the next line by the names of those who have been your enemies? Let us never get used to the power of the Gospel, never!

In manus.

Father Ivano