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23rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 10th September 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

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

CONFESSIONS: (on request)

First Holy Communion classes

Parents and children are expected to attend 9:45am Sunday Mass.

The enrolment will close at end of October.

Speak with Fr. Ivano directly to take part.

Baptism Course

The next Baptism preparation will be on **Sat 23rd September 11am** in the Parish Hall.

Individual meetings will follow.

Do approach directly Fr. Ivano after Sunday Mass.

Confirmation

We have a two-years Programme. Any young person who is willing to join should speak with Fr. Ivano directly before the end of October.

Marriage Course

A 5-weeks course will commence early next year.

8:15-9:15pm Fridays: 23rd Feb, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March & Sat 23rd March afternoon.

Speak directly with Fr. Ivano for the enrolment form.

We will have **Tea & Coffee** after the 9:45am Mass on **Sunday 24th September**.

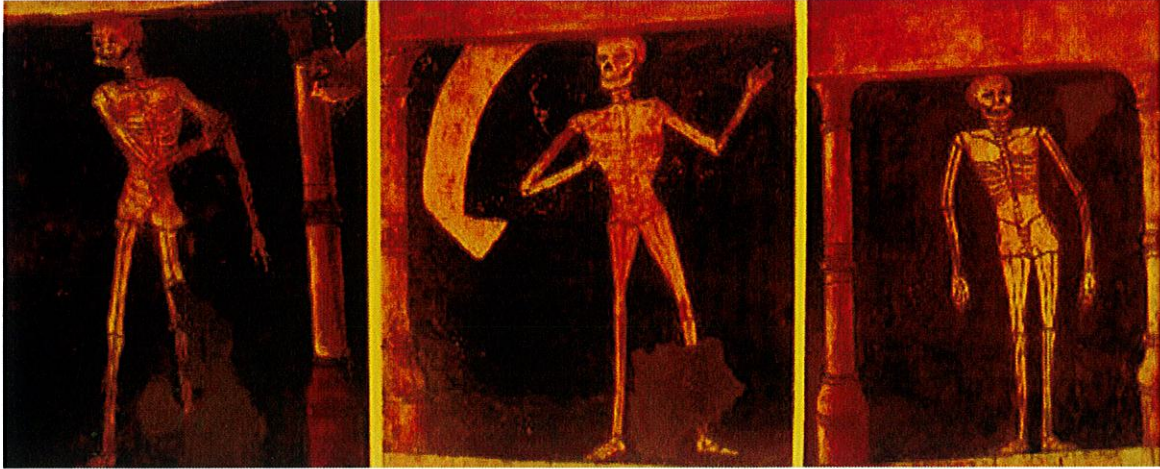
If you can help setting up, baking some cakes and serving let Fr. Ivano know. thanks.



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"Wanna dance?"

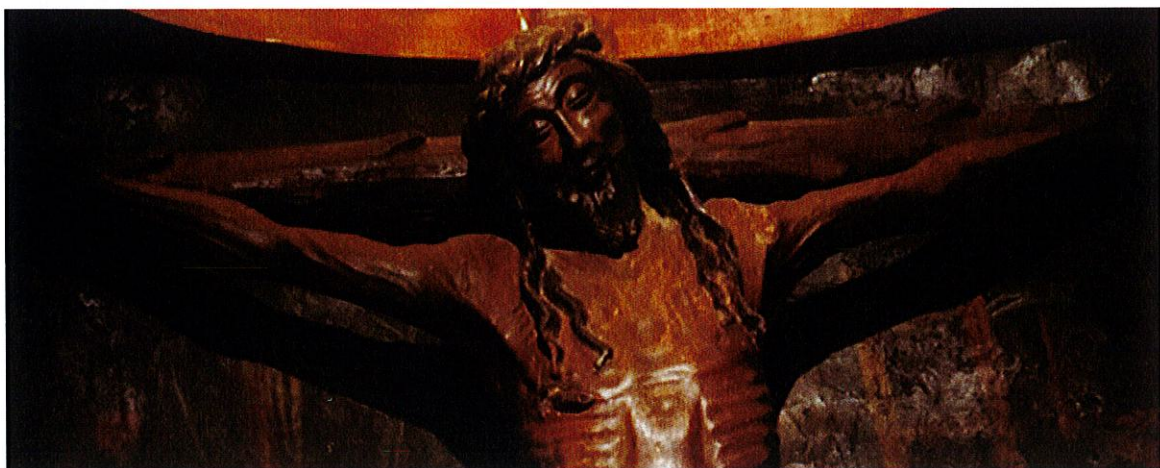
Salsa, Ballet, Waltz, breakdancing,
Cha-Cha-Cha, Tango



The visitor who would enter the small chapel of the Castle of Javier in Navarra, Spain, will find himself/herself in a very awkward dancing floor. A 'dance of the dead', featuring eight gesticulating skeletons, three on the left and three on the right, all separated by painted columns; two other skeletons, each holding a banner, overhang the entrance door.

Yes, death is looking for a dance partner. Death, and his companion spirits, is constantly trying to scare us, sting us, mock us: making us afraid and worried in the face of the limitations of our mind and body; making sad in front of the shortness of our life and the emptiness we often experience. "Wanna dance?" These eight deadly scary silhouettes are inviting us to dance with them, to become their companions.

But in the apse of the chapel, in the midst of this macabre dancing floor, is the wooden statue of a Christ smiling. Yes. The Cross "smiles" at the dance of death because by dying on the cross Christ has broken the teeth of death, has emptied death of its power, has made null and void all its threats.



This coming Thursday, **14th September**, is the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross. Let the smile of Christ reach you. Let us enter a new 'dancing floor', the dance of life, hope and faith.

fr. Ivano

Father Ivano