



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

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

CONFESSIONS: *(on request)*

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

#### First Holy Communion

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

Do approach directly Fr. Ivano after Sunday Mass.

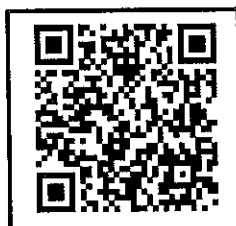
#### Confirmation

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: 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March & Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March afternoon.  
Speak directly with Fr. Ivano for the enrolment form.

Tea & Coffee today after the 9:45am & 12 noon Mass,  
in the Parish Hall.



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# "Follow me"

Last Thursday, 21 September, we heard of Jesus who, seeing a man named Matthew, said to him, "Follow me". Matthew got up, yes, but what did he make of these words of Jesus? How did those words turn out to mean in his life?

And you? Do you know what the words "Follow me" mean for you? Where will these words take you, once you had got up?

It is a very important question. Because it is possible that in responding to these words, answering the call of God with a genuine heart, we may very well find ourselves quite far away from the very One we stood up to follow on day-one.

Below is a meditation of Saint Charles de Foucauld. He too got up, left the world and followed Jesus. Desiring to imitate him completely, Charles took the 'way of the desert', solitude, poverty, prayer... but, there was more in these words of Jesus, and he had to learn the deep true meaning of these words.

"When we desire to follow Jesus, let us not be surprised if He does not immediately allow us to do so, or even if He never allows us to do so; even when this desire is a legitimate one, conforming to His own counsels, pleasing His heart and inspired by Him. Jesus sees further afar than we do, and He wants not only our own personal good, but the good of everyone.

If we follow Him step by step, we would perhaps procure nothing but our own good or the good of a small number of people; but if we go where He sends us, and do His will, and be united with Him with our soul alone, without any consolation from following Him as closely in our external life, we may procure the good of a great number of people.

He prefers the general good to the particular good, all the more so because the particular good will be realised in this way not only just as well but even more than by following Him; because this particular good comes from His grace alone.

True perfection, after all, consists in doing the will of God. Who will dare to say that contemplative life is more perfect than active life, or vice versa. Only one thing is truly perfect: to do the will of God.... True and only perfection is not in leading this or that kind of life, but in doing the will of God; it lies in leading the kind of life God wants, where He wants it, and leading it as He would lead it..."

Understood?

(I hope so, because it is pretty important!)

*fr Ivano*

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