



Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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27th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 8th October 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

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

CONFESSIONS: (on request)

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

Speak directly with Fr. Ivano for the enrolment form.

Yesterday, the 7th October was the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
October is the month of the Rosary, to pray not to be kept in your pocket!



Last Thursday our Church opened the doors to HAKUNA. A movement of Catholics in their 20s and 30s, who use music to pray, to sing, to show the beauty of life. They gather weekly for a holy hour of adoration, formation talks, charity activities and missionary activities.

A Eucharistic joyful movement, with Spanish roots, now in English soil.

Every Thursday at our Church,
Ss Peter and Paul, 7-8pm



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150 years of silence & solitude



The Carthusian monastery of Saint Hugh, PARKMINSTER (near Horsham), was established in 1873, after a lapse of more than three centuries after the persecution of Henry viii. Architect Monsieur Norman of Calais was chosen to build the only Carthusian monastery in England.

How does anyone get about building from scratch a Carthusian monastery? Very simply, the typical architecture of a Carthusian monastery is based on three concentric circles of solitude and silence. This topography reflects a centripetal dynamic, a movement from outside to inside, from external to the centre. Three places of solitude succeed one another as concentric circles. These circles direct the monk more and more intensely to the essence of monastic life: the search for God. Search for solitude and silence is in fact the longing for God.

The outmost circle, which guarantees solitude & silence, is formed by the geographical position of the monastery, the proverbial 'desert' or 'hermitage'. A hidden, solitary, quite place, separated from the 'world' to help the monk descending in the depths of his inner self to meet God.

The second concentric circle that protects the solitude & silence is the walled external complex which surrounds the monastery. An expression of a free renunciation not only to things but also of 'space', of contacts, a self-emptying, a poverty which draws the monk to an interior space.

The last concentric circle is the cell of each single monk, surrounded by the walls of enclosure and the desert of the territory. The cell 'moves' the monk towards the centre of his life, his inner self, his soul, where God is present. The word 'cell' means 'cave' or 'cabin' where to withdraw, but also 'heaven', a holy place where to meet God.

Why am I telling you all this since you may never set foot inside Parkminster Carthusian monastery? I did though, and took the photo above! Because you and me are 'built' in the same way, created to search for God and live in His presence.

In hum.

Father Ivano