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28th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 15th 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.

Note: No Mass 12:30pm on Friday 20th October



HAKUNA is 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 and missionary activities.

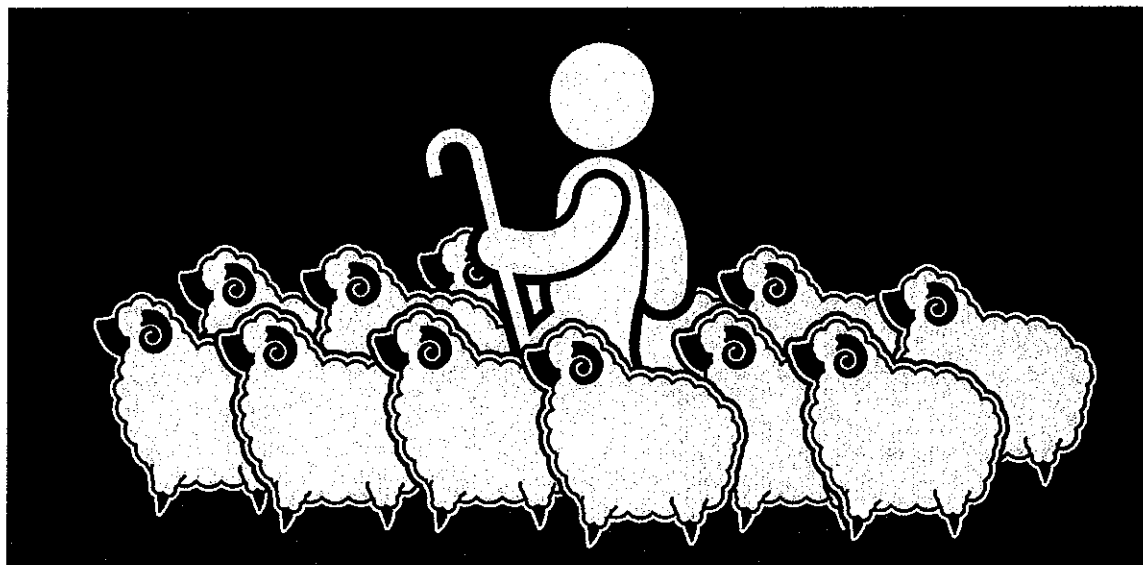
A Eucharistic joyful movement, with Spanish roots, now in English soil.

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



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"put on ears"



Last summer Dom Godefroy, Abbot of the Cistercian Abbey of Acey, died accidentally after a fall in the Swiss mountains. He was spending a period of rest at the monastery of Hauterive. In the morning of his death, as he was leaving the house for his day out, he exchanged a few words with another Benedictine monk who was painting a watercolour of a shepherd surrounded by sheep. Unhappy with the painting, the monk turned to Dom Godefroy who bent down to look at the watercolour and said (his very last words): "No, that's fine; but you should put ears on the sheep!"

The Benedictine Rule begins with these words, "Listen, my son... incline the ears of your heart". Saint Benedict was conscious that his duty was to educate the ears of his disciples, to help them to hear the voice of God, to listen to his Word, to obey his will. This is the vocation of an Abbot, a Father, a Shepherd: to "put ears on the sheep".

As the monk in question was telling a friend about Dom Godefroy's comment on the watercolour and the sheep's ears, he was told: "Very true, but it is not only the sheep that need ears, the shepherd needs them too!" Indeed; shepherds need ears, ears turned to God, but also to their brothers & sisters. How many 'shepherds' do not listen to anyone; they only listen to themselves. They do not listen to God in prayer, they do not listen with humility to their own shepherds, they do not listen to their community and to their friends.

Over the whole month of October, the Church is gathered together in Synod, in Rome, to do exactly this: to "put on ears". Sheep as well as Shepherds. To listen to God, to listen to each other, to listen to the cry of the world, to listen to the poor.

Saint Benedict pray for us, sheep and shepherds with no ears!

In manus.

Father Ivano