

# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

**SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon**

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

**CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)**

**HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7 - 8pm (animated by HAKUNA)**



### PARISH SYNOD MEETING

On Sunday 18th February at 11am, we shall gather together to listen to each other and to the Holy Spirit:

- 1) is our Parish life/structure 'geared' towards faith formation and evangelisation?
- 2) to this purpose, what is working and what needs to change?
- 3) concrete proposals

#### **First Holy Communion**

Parents and children are expected to attend 9:45am Sunday Mass. There is a **Form** to fill-in.

#### **Baptism Preparation**

Next Sunday 11th February at 11am in the Parish Hall. Parents and children are to attend.

**Confirmation for young people:** Every Sunday at 11am (after 9:45am Mass).

**Confirmation for adults:** speak with Fr Ivano directly.

**Marriage Course:** 5-weeks course will commence next month.

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.

#### **VOLUNTEERING?**

Even if you are shy,  
maybe you can help...

flowers arrangements,  
cleaning of the church,  
Tea & Coffee,  
parish website  
reading or singing...

don't be too shy!

#### **SCAN to GIVE**

You can scan this QR  
code for your weekly  
**Sunday donation.**  
Thank you.



#### **YEAR of PRAYER**

**RESONATE**, the official Catholic intellectual formation for young adults aged 18-35 within the Diocese of Westminster, has organised a series of Talks on the 'Our Father'.

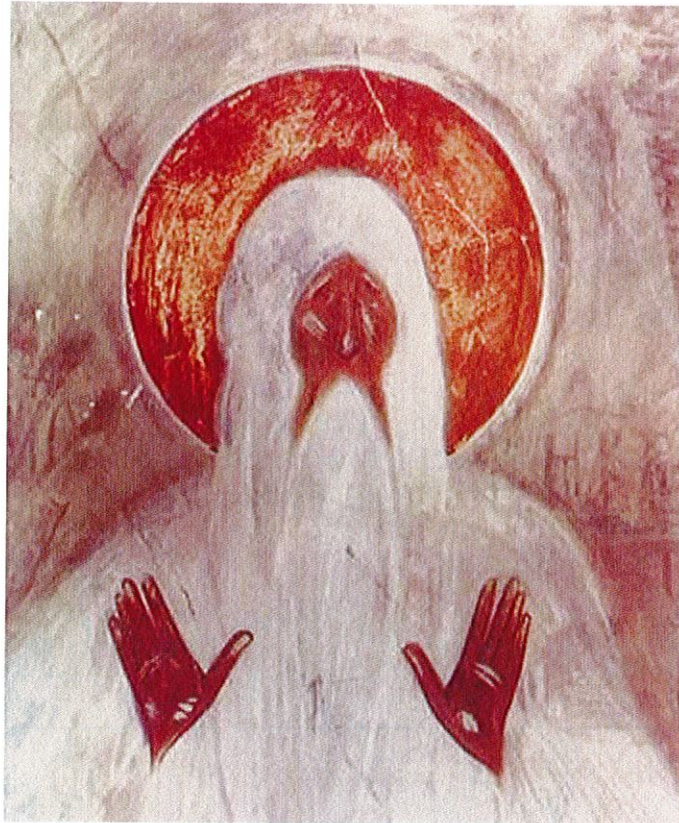


On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 2.30pm, the Cardinal will celebrate the Annual Mass of **Our Lady of Lourdes** at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

To book tickets, use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-of-the-sick-with-anointing-celebrated-by-cardinal-vincent-nichols-tickets-702054586617?aff=adddttraces>



# school of prayer



Early in January Pope Francis inaugurated a 'Year of Prayer' ahead of the 2025 Jubilee Year. Last week, the Pope announced the setting up of a 'School of Prayer'. What will it involve?

I don't really know(!), but I think the Pope will speak about our hands. When we pray, we use words, loud voice or silent tears, supplications, but before everything else we open our hands. Why?

There is a story from the 'Lives of the Desert Fathers' about a farmer whose crops were more plentiful than those of his neighbours. On being asked how this happened with such unvarying regularity, he said he was not surprised because he always had the kind of weather he wanted. Asked to explain, he said: "It is so because I want whatever kind of weather God wants, and because I do, He gives me the harvests I want."

If souls open to God's will are humbled, they want to be humbled; if they are poor, they want to be poor; whatever happens is acceptable to them, hence they are truly at peace in this life. In cold and heat, rain and wind, the soul united to God says: "I want it to be warm, to be cold, windy, to rain, because God wills it."

By uniting themselves to the divine will and learning to receive with open hands all things from God's hand, the Saints have enjoyed paradise by anticipation in this life.

We shall have a 'School of Prayer' here at Ss Peter & Paul in Lent. You won't need notebooks, but you will learn to open your hands!

*In manus.*

Father Ivano