



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11<sup>th</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

Next Sunday **18<sup>th</sup> February 11am-12pm**, 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



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**MASS, with ASHES, at 8am & 6:30pm  
(followed by one hour of adoration)**

**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'.



No 12:30pm Mass on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

# the 'revenge' of Mercy



Next Wednesday ashes will be put on our heads as we hear the exhortation to works of penance and repentance. We know, it is about fasting, prayer and alms-giving. But, why? And, what for? Why? Because of sin. What for? Not to die, but live!

After the grievous sin of human pride, with Adam's rebellion, after the chastisement inflicted upon man and woman and the inheritance of sin, after the banishment from Paradise and the subjection to death, God developed within himself, as it were, a kind of '**revenge**' of **Mercy**. What resulted is a kind of repentance which induced Him to cancel the sentence of the primitive indignation, with the pledge to forgive the creature made in his own image. He who established judgment and punishment for all sins of the flesh and of the spirit, actions or intentions, also promised forgiveness through penance, saying: repent and I will save you, repent and you will live.

**Penance, therefore, is life being offered to us instead of death.** So, let us embrace penance and cling to it, with the strength and confidence with which a person suffering a shipwreck cling to a plank of wood. Penance will lift us up when we are submerged under the waves of sin and lead us to the harbour of divine mercy. Let us seize the grace of such unhoped-for 'revenge', so that we, who in front of the Lord are but nothing, a drop in a bucket and potter's clay, may become a tree 'planted by streams of water' with evergreen leaves, 'which bears fruit in due time'.

It is Lent, the 'revenge' of Mercy.

*In manus.*

Father Ivano