



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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16th February 2014 The 6th Sunday of the Year (A) Psalter Week II

9.30am Family Mass The People of the Parish

11.30am Sung Mass Nora Frost RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass Rachel Willson RIP

4pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 17th February The Seven Founders of the Servite Order
10.00am Carlos Villena Quelopana RIP

Tue. 18th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Louisa Giles RIP

Wed. 19th February Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00 noon Canon Bernard Grady RIP

(Tea and coffee is available after this Mass)

Thu. 20th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am John O'Callaghan RIP

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.20am to 12 noon)

Fri. 21st February St. Peter Damian
10.00am Maureen Keane RIP

(A day of abstinence when Catholics must abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 22nd February The Chair of St. Peter
10.00am Andrew Wilson RIP

23rd February 2014 The 7th Sunday of the Year (A) Psalter Week III

9.30am Family Mass Jimmy Conway RIP

11.30am Sung Mass Fr. Vincent

5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish

4pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander House after the morning Masses on Sunday and the lunchtime Mass on Wednesday. Please join us and say hello!

If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn Night and day before the Blessed Sacrament either for yourself, a loved one or for a special intention please contact either the Parish Office or the sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5. The Lamps this Week are burning for



Bryiney Hasson RIP



We remember in Prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish. We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection
£616.56 loose + £229.00 Gift Aid = £845.56
2nd collection today for the Catholic Education Service

We welcome into God's family, Hunter Lucas Oliver, who was Baptised recently. May God continue the good work he has begun.

Confessions

Sundays -

9.00am - 9.20am,
11.00am - 11.20am,
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am. And at other times by reasonable request

HOSPITAL: If you, or a member of your family are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, Fr. Eze. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.



The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday
before Mass
Sunday 4pm

Parish Diary

TUESDAY

Parish Priest's Surgery
5.30pm - 7.00pm
The Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning
Before Mass

Parent & Children's Group
9.45am - 11.30am
Alexander House

Tea & Coffee after Mass
Alexander House

THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
from after Mass until
Benediction 12 noon
Praying for Vocations

SATURDAY

Confessions.
10.30am - 11.00am
No 1st Holy Communion
Classes today
(Half Term)

SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy during
9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee Alexander
House after the morning
Masses

Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm

Parish Finance Committee
6.00pm
The Parish Office

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

Breakfast Club from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm

THE CHAIR OF PETER

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church.

After Pentecost, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit begins to fulfil the task Jesus had given him: "... once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). He at once becomes the spokesman for the Twelve. It is he who testifies before the civil authorities who wished to quash their preaching, before the council of Jerusalem, for the community in the problem of Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. He possesses the healing power of Jesus in him which is attested to by the raising of Tabitha from the dead and the cure of the crippled beggar. People carry the sick into the streets so that when Peter passed his shadow might fall on them.

Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says, "...I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong.... They were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel..." (Galatians 2:11b, 14a). At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18). What Jesus said indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a martyr's death, probably in the company of many Christians.

Like most of us, Peter stumbled a bit, denying Jesus three times and hesitating to welcome gentiles into the new Church. Other Popes have also stumbled a bit, sometimes even failed scandalously. As individuals, we may sometimes think a particular pope has let us down. Still, the office endures as a sign of the long tradition we cherish and as a focus for the universal Church.

Let us pray especially for Peter's successor, Our Holy Father Pope Francis, that he, like Peter, may strengthen the brethren.

A LENT & EASTER COURSE ON SPIRITUAL LIFE

Will take place on the 7 Saturdays during Lent & Eastertide at St. Patrick's, Soho Square from 2.30pm – 4.00pm. Lectio Divina & Prayer of the Heart are among the teachings on prayer.

For more information call Leonora on 07908 513762,

Email: schoolofmarylondon@gmail.com

or visit www.amorvincit.com

COUNTERS ROTA

The diocesan auditors have recommended that we now count the Sunday collection on a Monday morning rather than Sunday afternoon. Obviously this will mean that some of our volunteers who currently count the collection will be unable to continue so to do. Could all those on the present rota please advise Michael in the Office if they are able to continue on a Monday morning so he can draw up a fresh rota. We also need some volunteers to help on a Monday, so if you could spare an hour at 9.00am on Mondays, please also contact Michael. Many thanks.

OUR 2014 LENTEN PROJECT

This year we are planning to help 2 very worth causes. We are going to raise money for **Mary's Meals** who provides daily meals to chronically hungry children in their place of education. This attracts children into the classroom where they can gain a basic education - their best chance of escape from poverty, giving hope to their communities. Mary's Meals are currently providing meals to over 822,000 children in 16 countries across the world. The cost to feed a child for a year is £10.70, which equates to just 6p per meal. Mary's Meals are committed to spending 93p of every pound donated on its charitable causes and so every penny really does make a difference.

We are also going to collect food for the **Kingston Foodbank** more details to follow. In the meantime amongst other things we are planning the following: -

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bingo and Lasagna Night - Sunday 9th March

Games Workshop Battle - Saturday 15th March

Film Night - ('Karol' a biography of John Paul II)

– Saturday 12th April

Quiz Night - Sunday 6th April

In addition we are planning **Hunger Lunches** (Bread and Soup) on Wednesdays during Lent, following the midday Mass.

EXTRA DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

Tuesday Evenings 7.30pm - Mass (Especially for workers who cannot attend Morning Mass)

Friday Mornings 9.15am – Stations of the Cross

Sunday Evenings 4.00pm – Stations of the Cross

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS

Now in its eleventh year, the Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internship scheme provides eight recently graduated Catholics with an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Four interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, one in a parliamentary support role within the Secretariat, two in public policy with CAFOD and CSAN, one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster.

In addition to educational work experience, all internships also involve individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year, studying Christian ethics and Catholic social teaching at Heythrop College as well as exploring the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events. For more information visit www.cbcew.org.uk/interns

OUR PARISH LIBRARY

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Library is now ready for use. We need volunteers to open the Library on Wednesday and Sunday Mornings. If you are interested, in finding out more information, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

CANON BERNARD GRADY

On Wednesday it will be the Anniversary of the death of Canon Bernard Grady our Parish Priest for 31 years from 1955 until 1986 who died in 1992. Please pray for the repose of his Soul.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee next Sunday evening at 6.00pm in The Parish Office.