



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30am Family Mass      Oliver Mann RIP  
11.30am Mass with Hymns      Pro Populo  
5.00pm Quiet Mass      Kathleen Noonan RIP

Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> June      Feria in Ordinary Time  
10.00am      John Breen RIP  
Tue. 27<sup>th</sup> June      St. Cyril of Alexandria  
10.00am      Doreen Powell RIP  
Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> June      St. Irenaeus  
12.00 noon      Kathleen Riddell RIP  
**Thu. 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10.00am**      **S.S. Peter & Paul**  
**7.30pm**      **Edward Shannon RIP**  
30<sup>th</sup> June      The 1<sup>st</sup> Martyrs of Rome  
10.00am      Andreлина de Silva Kayall RIP  
Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> July      St. Oliver Plunkett  
10.00am      Miriam Richards RIP

**Holy Day of  
Obligation when  
Catholics' are  
bound to hear  
Mass**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 - 13<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (A)

9.30am Family Mass      Giovanni Collini RIP  
11.30am Mass with Hymns      Pro Populo  
5.00pm Quiet Mass      Paul Ferro RIP

Our Normal Sunday and Thursday Benediction  
will resume after the Summer

*If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day  
before the Blessed Sacrament, the lamp on Our Lady's Altar  
or at St. Anthony's Shrine for yourself, a loved one or for  
a special intention please contact either the Parish Office  
or a sacristan.*

*The recommended donation is £5.*

*The Sanctuary Lamps this week are burning for  
- A Special Intention*

*The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for  
- Those killed in the Grenville Tower fire*

*The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for  
- In thanksgiving to St. Anthony*



**The Rosary  
is recited**

Monday - Saturday  
before Mass

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



### Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &  
4.30pm - 4.50pm

### Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

## 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. Julius, his telephone number is  
**0208 942 2178**. If you need the  
Sacrament of the Sick at home,  
please speak to Fr. Kevin.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sundays during the 9.30am Mass

## THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£563.61 loose  
+ £187.50 Gift Aid  
= £751.11

Plus £140.84 for the  
"A Day for Life"

## PARISH NEWSLETTER DURING JULY & AUGUST

This will be our last full Newsletter  
until September. There will be a  
reduced Newsletter during July and  
August. In the meantime any  
important announcements will be  
announced after Mass and posted  
on our Parish Website. Our Full  
Newsletter will return on Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup> September.

## THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed  
from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and  
reopen on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

There will be Tea and coffee after the  
morning Masses today in the Hall  
please call in and say hello



## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe



### **ON THURSDAY WE CELEBRATE THE GREAT FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

Both died as martyrs for the faith in Rome, in the early 60's A.D. just thirty years after the death of Jesus. St. Peter was crucified upside down where St. Peter's Basilica now stands and St. Paul was beheaded between Rome and the sea, in a place now called Tre Fontane

Each of these two saints is important for different reasons.

St. Peter is important because he was the first Pope and kept the church united as it grew rapidly in the years following Pentecost. St. Paul spread the Christian message beyond the Jewish word to the Gentiles. Three times St. Paul set out from Syria where he was based and preached all over what we now call Turkey. During his second and third journeys he preached all over Greece. Although not one of the Twelve Apostles we call him the apostle of the nations.

Whenever you see statues of St. Peter and St. Paul – like the ones in our Church over the sacristy door – St. Peter is usually depicted holding keys, reminding us that Our Lord said to him "I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, those whose sins you retain, they are retained". St. Paul is usually shown holding a book. This is because he was a great preacher of the word of God and because he wrote so many of the epistles we hear at Mass.

They both had very strong personalities. St. Peter was impetuous, telling Jesus that he would die with him on Holy Thursday night if necessary but later that night he denied he even knew him. We also remember St. Peter's objection to Jesus' prediction that he would suffer and die in Jerusalem and Jesus said 'Get behind me Satan because the way you think is man's way and not God's way'. Yet what made St. Peter a suitable candidate for Jesus' call was his love. Three times Jesus asked him if he loved him, three times without hesitation he replied he did.

St. Paul was a controversial character in his own way. He had a fiery personality. In his early life he channelled that fire towards persecuting the Christians in Jerusalem, even witnessing the death of St. Stephen, the Church's first martyr. After his conversion, St. Paul's preaching was fiery and upset some of the early Christians. In Acts we read that when he returned to Tarsus "The churches throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria were left in peace". Why did God call St. Paul? He was a highly educated Pharisee and it would be only someone like him who could see that faith in Jesus demanded a totally new relationship with God. It was his strong personality which helped the Jews to accept that Jesus was the Saviour and further more the Saviour of all men - Jew and non-Jew alike.

As we look at the personalities of these two men, we see that God called them to use their personalities to spread the Gospel, St. Peter to use his impetuous love to look after the flock. St. Paul to use his training as a Pharisee and his strength of character to ensure that the non-Jews would be welcomed into the church. It is a reminder to us that our talents and our weaknesses too can become God's means of helping others, if we allow. We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us, God can work through us, faults and all, as he did with St. Peter and St. Paul.

Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation when we are bound to hear Mass. Masses at St. Raphael's will be a 10.00am and 7.30pm. The annual collection for 'Peter's Pence' will be taken on that day.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who helped organise last Sundays Corpus Christi Mass, Procession and celebration lunch.

### **MARY'S MEALS BACKPACKS**

Thank you everyone who took part in this year's the backpack appeal. We filled 70 backpacks, which is brilliant, 70 more children will now have the basic necessities for attending school, which will hopefully help to get them out of the poverty cycle. Thank you again for all your support.

### **LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS**

A social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next social evening is on Saturday, 1st July from 7.30pm at The Junction, Clapham Junction SW11 1SA. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242

### **DIOCESAN DAY FOR DISABILITY**

This year's diocesan day for disability will be held at The Friars, Aylesford next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The day will start with Mass in the Relic Chapel at 12.00noon. The day will also feature drumming, art and circus workshops, as well as a mobile zoo. All are welcome.

### **THE PASSAGE SUMMER GARDEN PARTY**

The Passage helping - homeless people. There will be a Garden Party in aid of The Passage in the historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 from 6.00 p.m. Visit the oldest cultivated garden in England – with Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament as the backdrop. Tickets £40 from The Passage, St. Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL tel. 020 7592 1856 email [tickets@passage.org.uk](mailto:tickets@passage.org.uk) which includes buffet supper, wine, soft drinks, live music and a prize raffle. Tickets are also available through [passage-garden-party.eventbrite.co.uk](http://passage-garden-party.eventbrite.co.uk)

### **ADVANCED WARNING - PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON**

This year's Prudential Ride London event will take place along the Portsmouth Road on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Once again, this will mean that the Portsmouth Road and other surrounding roads will be closed to all traffic on that day. Therefore, there will be no vehicular access to the Church. The 5.00pm Mass will be cancelled and replaced with a Mass at 5.00pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. For more detailed information on road closures please go to [www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk](http://www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk) Please plan ahead now how you will get to Mass on that day.

### **PETER'S PENCE**

This worldwide collection goes directly to the Pope to aid him in his charitable efforts to help the poor, the homeless and those in need. The annual collection gives parishioners everywhere an opportunity to actively demonstrate unity with the pope, our personal support for his mission as Vicar of Christ and a way to help our needy brothers and sisters. As far back as the eighth century Anglo-Saxon kings of England were making donations or goodwill offerings to demonstrate their unity to the Church and assist the financial needs of the Pope.