



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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28th June 2015 S.S. Peter and Paul (B) psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Sung Mass

In thanksgiving - the Gardiner Family

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Maura Burke

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 29 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Ruth Real RIP
Tue. 30 th June	The 1 st Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
10.00am	Gertrude Ezezial RIP
12.30pm	Requiem Mass for Ronald Barwood RIP
Wed. 1 st July	St. Oliver Plunkett
12.00noon	Elizabeth Stephens RIP
Thu. 2 nd July	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Ron Barwood RIP
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)	
Fri. 3 rd July	St. Thomas the Apostle
10.00am	John & Zita Burke (Welfare)
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Sat. 4 th July	Our Lady
10.00am	Ruth Real RIP

5th July 2015 Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (B) psalter week II

(SATURDAY NIGHT) 5.00pm Quiet Mass

Pro Populo

9.30am Family Mass

Kieryn Humphreys

11.30am Sung Mass

PJ Harraghy RIP

(NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS TODAY)

NEXT WEEKEND

Next Saturday Peter Sebastian, our Parish Master of Ceremonies, will be ordained a Permanent Deacon by His Grace the Archbishop at St. George's Cathedral at 12.30pm. On the following day, Sunday 5th July, the 11.30am Mass will be Peter's first Mass in the parish as deacon. This will be followed by our annual Parish Garden Party. This year we shall have a Hog Roast! We need your help with providing food, cash donations, and help setting up and clearing up. If you have the letter attached to last weeks news letter please fill it in and return to the parish office. Or the list is on the notice board in Alexander house so you can sign up for anything you can supply. Alternatively, contact Sheila 07970 212761, email jonessheila3@sky.com

Any cash donations should be put in an envelope marked 'Garden Party' and handed into the office.

Please note next Sunday there will be no 5.00pm Mass. This will be replaced by a Mass at 5.00pm on Saturday

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 a sacristan.

The recommended donation is £5. The lamps this week are burning for

**Lucina & Sergio
Golden Wedding
Anniversary**

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



Thank you for last Sunday's Collection £568.84 loose & £209.00 Gift Aid = £777.84
There will be a 2nd Collection today for Peter's Pence

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. (His number is 0208 942 2178) If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

Confessions

Sundays –

9.00am – 9.15am

4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays –

10.30am – 11.00am

And at other times by reasonable request.



The Rosary is recited daily

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.



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher – Mrs. Frances Robertson

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

SAINTS PETER & PAUL.

Peter and Paul were both very different characters. Peter was a fisherman, he was not a scholar or a highly educated man, however he was a natural leader. He could think on his feet, assume leadership and he was totally sincere in his love for God. We see throughout the gospels that he was impetuous, stubborn, opinionated, etc.. In other words he was not perfect.

Paul was a gifted scholar, he was zealous for the Jewish faith and abhorred the Christians. Shortly after the Ascension, he met the Risen Lord and became a fervent Christian intent on converting the gentiles to Christianity. Paul, though gifted, talented and filled with faith was not perfect either. In reading the Acts of the Apostles and his letters, one perceives a very fiery, determined, and somewhat impatient person. Like Peter, he had his weaknesses and imperfections, but he was absolutely sincere in his convictions, while humbly and publicly acknowledging his weaknesses. Paul was a man who truly trusted in God's love and mercy.

What inspires us most about Peter and Paul, is God's ability to work through sincere, generous and loving hearts that are not perfect. The Bible presents both men in a way that acknowledges their real human nature, even though they were saints. Jesus said it himself - he came to rescue and save sinners. In his infinite compassion he healed, inspired and comforted. That is what he did and continues to do today. How reassuring it is to know, that if we are sincere in our faith and allow Jesus into our hearts, God will work through our gifts, talents and even our human weakness in bringing hope and salvation to all. This is what he did with Peter our first Pope and Paul the evangelizer to the nations and does with you and I today. All we need to do is to invite him into our lives and into our hearts and be his followers, his disciples.

Christianity is all about being loved by God and the joy that comes from knowing and loving God. It is about hope, joy, mercy and forgiveness. God, indeed, is love! Over the sacristy door in our Church are statues of Saints Peter and Paul, the two great pillars of the Church standing either side of the Statue of the

THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION TODAY FOR 'PETER'S PENCE'

As far back as the eighth century Anglo-Saxon kings of England were making donations of goodwill to the Pope to demonstrate their unity to the Church and assist with his financial needs. This tradition soon spread thought out Europe. King Henry VIII ended this tradition in England at the time of the protestant reformation. Despite this, certain locations in England remained true to the Catholic faith and continued submitting monetary support to the Pope. Other countries continued contributions to Rome, not necessarily under the name Peter's Pence. During the reign of Blessed Pope Pius IX in the nineteenth century, the tradition spread thought the world.

The annual Peter's Pence programme, re-established in support of Blessed Pope Pius IX, continues today through the dedicated giving of Catholics around the world. The funds are used exclusively for the Pope's charitable efforts to help the poor, 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.

Pope Francis continues to call each of us to be a witness of charity. "To love God and neighbour is not something abstract," he said, "but profoundly concrete - it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world. Please be generous in the Peter's Pence Collection.

GRIEF TO GRACE

Fr. Dominic Allain writes

"Dear Fr. Kevin,

I write to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude your cheque for £4,000 the proceeds of your Lenten Project for the work of Grief to Grace. This magnificent generous support will be of enormous help funding our work. We are dependant on generosity such as yours to make our work of healing abuse available as widely as possible and especially to bring it within reach to those who are lacking in the financial means to obtain it.

On my own behalf and on behalf of those your kindness will assist, may I thank you and your parishioners very sincerely for your support.

The intentions of all our benefactors are remembered at our monthly Mass and prayer group."

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

There will be no Parish Priest's Surgery during July and August. The next dates for the surgery will be 8th & 15th September.

ST. JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

The annual St. John Bosco Summer Camp will take place from the 25th July – 8th August for Boys and the 8th -15th August for Girls. This annual event which has run for over sixty years is organised by the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

For more information please see the poster at the back of the Church or visit www.svpboscocamp.org.uk

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BENEDICTION

There will Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday at 4.00pm. We shall then have a break until September.

THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee will meet at 6.00pm today in the Library.

Congratulations and best wishes to

Katrina & Mathew and Jolanta & Michael who were married here recently. May the Lord bless them as they begin their new lives together.



WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Juliette & Fleur who were baptised recently. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.

Of your Charity,

Please pray for the soul of

Ronald Barwood

His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 12.30pm.

May He Rest in Peace