

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 27th June - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Obatarhe Andrew Okpan RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Stephen Clarke

Monday 28th June

10.00am

St. Irenaeus

Anne Piddock

Tuesday 29th June

10.00am

7.30pm

SS. Peter & Paul

The Holy Souls

Missa Pro Populo

Wednesday 30th June

12.00noon

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Gertrud Ezechiel RIP

Thursday 1st July

10.00am

St. Oliver Plunket

Charles Webb

Friday 2nd July

10.00am

First Friday - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

Bill & Mary Morrell

Saturday 3rd July

10.00am

St. Thomas The Apostle

Bella & John Barreto RIP

Sunday 4th July - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Gerald Sheridan and family

11.30am William Morin welfare

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Monday 28th June

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

As you will all no doubt remember, Peter Sebastian our former Parish Deacon was ordained a Priest last summer. Due to the covid pandemic we were unable to celebrate this wonderful occasion in a suitable manner. Fr. Peter's 1st anniversary will be on Sunday the 25th July. On this day he will return to the Parish and celebrate the 11.30am Mass and this will be followed by a parish garden party. More details to follow nearer the time but please put the date in your diary now. (Obviously this will be dependent on the Covid situation)

PETER'S PENCE

The annual collection for Peter's Pence will be taken after Masses on Tuesday.

The Rosary is recited half an hour before Mass Monday - Saturday

For the present there is no Sunday or Thursday Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass on Thursday mornings will be celebrated in English.

FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN IN PLACES OF WORSHIP, UNLESS YOU ARE EXEMPT. THIS IS NOW LAW.

The Church will open on Sundays 15 minutes before Mass and close promptly afterwards for sanitation. (The church will open half an hour before Saturday and weekday Mass for the Rosary. There is normally plenty of 'safe seating' available at all our Sunday Masses and there is also an overflow available in the Hall where Mass is live streamed

HOSPITAL - If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you are calling on behalf of someone in the hospital, please call the hospital main switchboard - 0208 546 7711. The Switchboard will contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

NEW HEADTEACHER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S OUR PARISH PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

St Joseph's our Parish Primary School in Kingston are seeking an exceptional Headteacher to make our Good school Outstanding from September 2021. Full details available from the school's website <https://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/>. Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Mrs. Julie Lynch on 020 8546 7178



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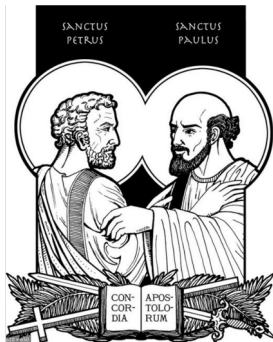
Web. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Rated Good by Ofsted



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 and opinionated - 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS

- Holy Communion can once again be received on the tongue for those who wish to do so. However, they need to come up at the end to receive. When the steward invites you to come forward, please advise them you are receiving on the tongue and go and wait at the back of the church until called forward. If you are receiving on the tongue, please make sure you tip your head slightly backwards and put out your tongue fully.
- For the present we are still unable to use the altar rails, however, you are free to kneel in the centre if you wish to do so.
- Votive candles may again be lit. However please do not linger by the stands if there are other people around.

Masks still need to be worn, hands sanitised and track and trace details still need to be taken. Confessions will still be heard on request in the Private Pew or garden. For the moment we will not be restarting Sunday or Thursday Benediction, hopefully after the next relaxation of restrictions in July we will be able to restart these devotions.

SUMMERTIME 2021: 3RD – 6TH AUGUST

This annual activity is back. We commend to boy and girl altar servers aged 10- 15 of the Southwark Diocese. The venue is the Oratory school, Reading. Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Thorpe Park and Swimming. A coach is being provided to attend, from St. Anselm's Dartford. Cost £165 covers:

All board and lodging, Thorpe Park, Swimming. Summertime will open with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. For more details speak to Fr. Michael or contact: Fr. Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen. Tel: 01322 220075 Email: dartford@rcaos.org.uk

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year or last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on Saturday 9th October at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details please email emailmflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

ALL SAINTS KINGSTON CHURCH TOPICAL LUNCHES

Thursday, 15th July at 1.00pm – 1.45pm Staying Safe with PC Sean Jaundo, Policing Prevent Team. For information contact: info@allsaintskingston.co.uk

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Tuesday June 29th meet 6.30pm (after 5.30pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral London SW1 (nearest tube: Victoria). We'll walk to Whitehall and Trafalgar Square. We will be obeying social distancing and crowd rules. It would be helpful if you could notify the Team Leader of your attendance. Contact us at: chwalkslondon@gmail.com

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

A contactless payment machine is available at the back of the church. Select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish. You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it. Thank you for your generosity.

LIFE IS HERE TO HELP!

Pregnant? Late and worried? Or suffered pregnancy loss? The charity, Life, helps 60,000+ women every year in such situations. To find out more, please visit www.lifecharity.org.uk or contact Therese Walker at 0798 451 5947.

SOME DEFINITE SERVICE - DEANERY MENTORS

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is developing a model of parish support called Some Definite Service and is looking for people who might be willing to volunteer as Deanery Mentors! This is an exciting opportunity to serve the Church and your fellow parishioners. As you serve, you will also receive formation, training, be accompanied and invested in. For more information, please visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds.