



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 26th June - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am For families of the parish

11.30am Nicolas Goddard RIP

5.00pm The deceased friends and relations of the Woolliscroft & Roberts family

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

Monday 27th June St. John Southworth
10.00am The Holy Souls

Tuesday 28th June St. Irenaeus
10.00am Margaret Williams RIP

Wednesday 29th June SS. Peter & Paul
12.00noon The Holy Souls
7.30pm Missa Pro Populo

Thursday 30th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Gertrude Ezechiel RIP
12noon Requiem Mass for Patricia Lang RIP
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

Friday 1st July St. Oliver Plunket
10.00am In reparation for the sin of abortion
A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat.

Saturday 2nd July Our Lady
10.00am The Holy Souls

Sunday 3rd July - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Margaret Wendy Ward RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm In thanksgiving on behalf of the Neil family

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

Wednesday is a
Holy Day of
Obligation

PETER'S PENCE

The annual worldwide collection for Peter's Pence will take place on Wednesday. This collection goes directly to the Pope. The offerings of the faithful are intended to support the activities of the Holy Father for the whole Universal Church. These activities are carried out by the Holy See. The Pope, as Pastor of the universal Church, is concerned both with the needs of evangelization (spiritual, educational, justice, communication, political charity, diplomatic activity, etc.) and with the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in serious difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, the marginalized, victims of wars and natural disasters; special aid to Bishops or Dioceses in need, Catholic education, aid to refugees and migrants, etc.).

Congratulations

to Matthew & Amy and
Phillipa and Michael

Who were married here at St. Raphael's recently.

OF YOUR CHARITY,

Please pray for the repose of the
Soul of Patricia Lang.

Her Requiem Mass will be Thursday at 12noon.

May She Rest In Peace

The Rosary is recited in the Church
Monday - Saturday before Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am, 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

THE DAY FOR FAMILIES - an annual event, which this year takes place in Rome, with an event this Sunday. We are invited to pray for all families, especially those of the parish. Our 9.30 am. Mass is said for our families. We will also use the Prayer Cards (with the picture of the Holy Family) to pray the prayers at each of the Masses this weekend. Please take the cards home. A web address is given on the reverse for watching the events in Rome.

THANK YOU - to everyone who made last Sunday's Corpus Christi celebration such a lovely occasion.

THE TEXTS OF THE SUNDAY MASS

Since the Covid Pandemic, the parish has stopped using the Sunday Missalettes. For those who wish to follow the order of Mass, this can be found on page 4 of the parish hymn books which are available at the back of the Church. Please return them after use.

Among the various incidents gathered together by Luke in these verses of his gospel we have read today, perhaps the lesson that should strike all of us most is his insistence on total dedication on the part of his true followers to his service. We cannot be for Christ and against him at the same time. "He who gathers not with me, scatters," he himself said. We are followers of Christ since our baptism. In theory this is the fact, but in practice how real is this fact for many of us? Are we really following Christ during the twenty-four hours of every day of our lives? Are our eyes always fixed on the true future which awaits us? Are we prepared to plough a straight furrow no matter what snags or obstacles may be on our way? How few of us can answer "yes, we are," to these straight questions?

We have, of course, explanations ready at hand for our forgetfulness, our laxity, our earthly entanglements. We are tied down by family and a hundred other earthly cares. Our days, our weeks, our year are so fully occupied that we find it hard to spare even a short hour on Sundays to give to God. This answer shows a misunderstanding of what Christ demands of us. He knows his followers must live for a few years in this world and must, for the most part, struggle to earn a living for themselves during that period. But it is by living this earthly life properly, by being loyal to spouse and family, by earning one's living honestly, by living not only peacefully but helpfully with one's neighbours, that we are living our Christian life.

The man who keeps within the limits that Christian law lays down for him, while working his way through this life, is a true follower of Christ and is on the road to heaven, ploughing a straight furrow. He may not have much time for prayer, and each morning he may rush off to work. But God understands half-sentences and even single words. At night he needs recreation and relaxation, and God does not expect long prayers from him—if he has worked honestly and has given the example of true Christianity to his fellow-workers, he has honoured God all day. He has prayed well. A few words of thanks to God, a request for pardon for all the mistakes made since morning, before lying down to sleep at night, will give such a man nothing to fear should God call him to judgement during the night hours.

If we only realized how reasonable God's demands are, and how every demand he makes on us is for our own benefit and not his, we would be a little more generous in our response to his calls. He does not need us—we need him. We could slip in a few more short prayers during the day: we could find more time to take a true interest in the eternal and less in the temporal. We could manage to give a helping hand and a word of encouragement to a needy neighbour. Yes, all of us could do a lot more to show to Christ and to the world that we are following him gladly and honestly. We are not looking back while ploughing our Christian furrow.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August. *'We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence.'*

Details are available at www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association. Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera

(edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) and

Bishop Paul Hendricks

(paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk).

SUNDAY & THURSDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will resume Benediction in September

FLOWER ARRANGING

Our small team of flower arrangers desperately needs some more volunteers to help. If you would like to help, please contact Janet on 07910 802773 for more information. Help can be given if needed

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next Baptism Preparation Course will be on Saturday 16th July in Alexander House from 10.00am – 12noon. All parents wishing their children to be Baptised need to attend a course prior to the Baptism. Please apply for a place via Fr. Michael.

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

-has, for some years, been a part of the parish outreach. Personnel, aims and objectives have now changed at the University. Although we are ready and willing to provide a Chaplaincy link, we have been told that our pastoral approach is not what they are looking for, and we have been thanked for all our input in the past. The Diocese has agreed to remove Kingston University details from our published information.

CATENIAN PRESENTATION

- takes place next Sunday at all Masses, with information about the Catenians. This was originally postponed because of Covid. Thanks go to those Catenians giving up their time for us on a Sunday.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Above the sacristy door in our church, you will see two fine statues of SS. Peter and Paul, the two great pillars of the early Church, flanking the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the centre of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel. St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the Basilica of St. Peter's. St. Paul was beheaded in the Via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name. Down the centuries Christian people in their thousands have gone on pilgrimage to the tombs of these Apostles. In the second and third centuries the Roman Church already stood pre-eminent by reason of her apostolicity, the infallible truth of her teaching and her two great figures, SS. Peter and Paul.