

St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 25th June - 12th Sunday in ordinary Time - (A)

9.30am

Michael Pearson RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Andreina da Silva Kayall RIP

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 26th June

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

John Coelho

Tuesday 27th June

St. Cyril of Alexandra

10.00am

The deceased relatives and friends of Jannett Hamerton Fraser RIP

Wednesday 28th June

St. Irenaeus

12noon

Francesca Poulton & The Bernie & Martin families

Thursday 29th June

SS. Peter and Paul

10.00am

Donald D'Souza RIP (Mass in English today)

7.30pm

Missa Pro Populo

(No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today.)

Friday 30th June

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Gertrude Ezechial RIP

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 1st July

St. Oliver Plunket

10.00am

For the gift of a baby boy - Raphael

Sunday 2nd July- 13th Sunday in ordinary Time - (A)

9.30am

Fr. Kevin Stokes

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

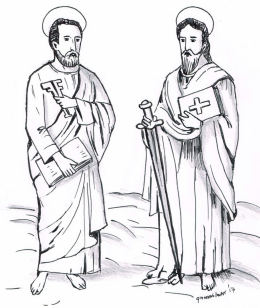
5.00pm

The Holy Souls

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - resumes in September

Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are bound to hear Mass

THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL



This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses in the Church that day: 10.00am and 7.30pm. On this day we will have the annual collection, taken worldwide, for 'Peter's Pence'

Veneration of the two great Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built, 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, Saints. Peter and Paul.

What our Lord said to His Apostles in today's Gospel applies to all Christians in the practice of their faith. By the very fact of living our faith openly and fully we are apostles by example. If we are always truthful and faithful to our promises, if we are honest in all our dealings, if as employers we pay a just wage and treat those working for us not as "hands" but as whole men and women, if as employees we give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, if we live chaste lives whether in single life or in marriage, we are true Christians. Above all, if we have true love of God and show our appreciation of all that he has done for us, and if we prove that love, by helping his other children, our neighbours, we are a light shining in the darkness, because we are helping others to see the true meaning of the Christian religion.

This true light is needed more today perhaps than ever before. Our world is three quarters pagan or neo-pagan. The neo-pagans are those who once were Christians but abandoned their religion, sometimes through their own fault, but more often than not, because of the bad example they were given by their fellow Christians. These are worse off spiritually than the pagans who have never heard of Christ or the true God. These latter have at least some idols, some ancestral deities, to whom they pay respect. The neo-pagans have only themselves to venerate, and they can find little spiritual uplift in this form of religion.

A large majority of today's teenagers, in most so-called Christian countries, have come to despise, or at least to neglect, the religion of their ancestors. In most cases the cause of this is that Christianity was never really put into practice in their own homes. There are cases of very black sheep coming out of very white Christian homes, but these are cases of weak personality—they prefer to follow the mob rather than try to force their way against it. On the whole, the decline of religion among today's youth is due to bad example from their elders.

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your work-place. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control ..."

These acts and many others like them, may seem trivial to some but they are giving testimony to the faith that is in us. Those who scoff at such things at first, may begin later to look into their own hearts, and come to realize what it is to be a man of principle. Eventually they may become men of principle themselves.

Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."

HOMES FOR UKRAINE - The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames would like your help in supporting the new arrivals from Ukraine to thrive and prosper whilst Ukraine is still under attack, and its people still need your help. Over 400 people have arrived in Kingston under the Homes for Ukraine scheme since March 2022 and many are now looking for new hosts to accommodate them. Your generosity could transform the lives of people who have fled the devastating war in Ukraine.

Are you interested in becoming a host for Ukrainians? For more information visit our webpage for more information <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/ukraine> or email us ukraine@kingston.gov.uk This morning we welcome Mariia Gordieieva to the 9.30am Mass, to speak about this scheme.

THE ROSARY - is recited in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass

TEA AND COFFEE - There is no tea and coffee today after the 9.30am Mass as the hall is being prepared for the parish lunch.

There is tea and coffee after Mass on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Children's Liturgy takes place during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

CONFESSIONS

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

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – FAMILY/BBQ PICNIC -

From 1.00pm - 4.00pm on Sunday 9th July, we will have a BBQ/picnic, with families and children of the parish especially welcome. Please bring your own picnic rugs and drinks, as well as a salad or side dish to share. If you plan to attend, please email Michael.j.nicholson@hotmail.co.uk so we can plan appropriately.