



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 29th June

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

(13th week in ordinary time)

Monday 30th June

11.00am

Tuesday 1st July

10.00am

Wednesday 2nd July

12noon

Thursday 3rd July

10.00am

Friday 4th July

10.00am

Saturday 5th July

10.00am

Sunday 6th July

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

(No Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today - resumes in September)

SS. Peter & Paul (C)

Agnes & Alexander D'Souza RIP

H.H. Pope Leo XIV

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

No 10.00am Mass today

Feria in Ordinary time

Requiem Mass for Eric Cavanagh RIP

St. Oliver Plunket

Kathy Wright and Renee Helene Charollais RIP

Feria in Ordinary time

Kitty Fox's intentions

St. Thomas the Apostle

Sarah Barlow and family (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today - resumes in September)

Feria in Ordinary Time

In reparation for the sin of abortion

Our Lady

Geneva Julien RIP

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Angeline and Matthew Rodricks RIP

Kathleen Pritchard RIP

Missa Pro Populo



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -

There will be Rosary and Benediction at 4.00pm today. We will then take a break for the summer. Sunday and Thursday Benediction will resume in September.

THE ROSARY -

The Rosary is said before Mass Monday - Saturday.

TEA AND COFFEE -

There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass today and after Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

There is Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass today.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP -

Sunday 6th July at 10.30am in the Library.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS -

Our parent and child group meet on Wednesdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Hall.

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays - 9.00am - 9.20am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm, Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

Thank you to all those who helped make last Sunday's Corpus Christi celebration such a special event.

Of your Charity,
please pray for the
repose of the soul of
Eric Cavanagh
who died recently. His
Requiem Mass will be
this Monday at 11.00am
May He rest in peace
and rise in glory.

Today we celebrate the great feast of Saints Peter and Paul – the two great pillars of the Church. Simon was born in Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He was a fisherman by trade, along with his brother Andrew. St. Matthew's Gospel records that Simon and Andrew were the first whom Jesus invited to follow Him. "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men". At that, these two brothers dropped everything and became Jesus' first disciples. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter when He said to him, "I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" With his new name and unique spiritual authority in which he held the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," Peter emerged as the central leader of the Church after Pentecost. He spent about a decade in Jerusalem, preaching powerfully, performing miracles, and converting many. He eventually travelled to Rome and there in around the year 64AD, he was martyred during the persecutions of Emperor Nero. Tradition states that Peter requested to be crucified upside down because he did not consider himself to be worthy of dying the same way Jesus died. His tomb is located under the main altar of Saint Peter's Basilica.

Saul was born as a Roman citizen in Tarsus, modern-day Turkey. As a young man, he went to Jerusalem to study at the renowned school of the rabbi Gamaliel. After Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Saul became one of the fiercest persecutors of the early Church. However, following his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus, he became its greatest teacher. He spent approximately ten years as a missionary throughout the Mediterranean. Back in Jerusalem, he was imprisoned and then was sent to Rome for trial since he was a Roman citizen. In Rome, he met up with Saint Peter. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded just outside the city of Rome.

Saints Peter and Paul are considered the foundational pillars of the Church. Peter represents the stability of the Church and the office of the Vicar of Christ. Paul represents the mission of evangelization that was entrusted to the Church by Jesus Himself. He was also the Church's first theologian, which is seen in his numerous letters that expound on the Gospels. Their martyrdom reminds us that the Church must be both stable and mission-oriented. It must remain grounded in the ancient truth yet grow and flower with an ongoing understanding of the mysteries of faith.

As we honour these two pillars of the Church, let us remember that, though they are great saints, they were also ordinary men called to extraordinary vocations. They responded and God used them in ways they could have never imagined. Let us ponder our own calling in light of theirs and resolve to lay our lives down for the Church, joining ourselves to these two men so that God can continue their holy mission through us.

NURSERY PLACES - St. Joseph's Our parish primary school has vacancies in their nursery for September 2025 and January 2026 intake. Places are available for children 3+. Please contact the school office on 0208 546 7178 for further information.

2ND COLLECTION - PETER'S PENCE - Today is the feast of SS. Peter & Paul. On this day there is the world wide 2nd collection for Peter's Pence. This collection goes to the Holy Father who uses it for the works of mercy and charity that he supports around the world.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22nd to 29th August this year.

For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>
Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

PARKING - Please do not block cars in the carpark by double or even triple parking. There have been occasions recently when people have been blocked in for some time by cars, the drivers of which have then gone into the hall leaving others unable to leave the carpark.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - This year we will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the opening of our church in 1850. To mark the occasion His grace the Archbishop has kindly agreed to visit us again and celebrate Mass at 11.00am on Sunday 28th September – the nearest Sunday to our Patronal Feast which is on the 29th September. (Please note this will be the only morning Mass that day.) This will be followed by a parish celebration in the hall.

NEWSLETTER - This will be our last full parish newsletter until the end of the summer. Our full newsletter will resume in September.

ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - HOW DID YOUR MP VOTE? - Did your MP vote for abortion up to birth? Use this web tool to find out and then send them an email to encourage them to vote the right way if the amendment / other abortion amendments return from the Lords for votes in the Commons during "ping-pong".

Please take action now and email your local MP:
www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote - it takes just 30 seconds!