



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including appointments and arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

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**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 30TH JUNE – ST PETER & ST PAUL (C)**

Saturday 29th Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial
9.30am Anne Laing RIP
6.30pm Vincenzo Straccialano RIP
Sunday 30th **Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles**
9.00am Tina Piccirillo RIP
10.30am People of the Parish
6.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving
Monday 1st
9.30am Ivo Parente Rodriguez RIP
Tuesday 2nd
9.30am Bob Beresford Birthday
Wednesday 3rd **St Thomas, Apostle, Feast**
9.30am Rose Pereira RIP
Thursday 4th
9.30am All Souls in Purgatory
Friday 5th
9.30am No Morning Mass
Funeral Mass for Bridget Comerford
Saturday 6th
9.30am tbc
6.30pm David Hehir RIP
Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Confessions: Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call.
Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (6th July) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Maud Medhurst, Joseph Rocca, Gerald Appleby, Eileen Barber, Joan & Sean O'Connor, Yvonne Thompson, Louis Boribond, Mary Ann Duckett, Adele Morganti, Mary Ellen Lewis, Mother Rita, Hannah McIsaac, Horace Rice, Paul Cantoni, Margaret Mary Elliott, Vanda Warne, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Navin, Eliza Judge, Edward Keating, Mary Flaherty, Raymond Solomon, Margaret Purser, Gladys Webley, Henry McFarland, Elizabeth Pask.
+++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£434.50	Loose	£547.81
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£26.00	Loose	£62.22
TOTAL		£1070.53		

The collection this week is for the Peter's Pence Collection. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

Faced with the cry of hunger of many brothers and sisters in every part of the world, we cannot be detached and calm spectators. The proclamation of Christ, Bread of eternal life, requires a generous commitment of solidarity toward the poor, the weak, the least ones, the defenceless. ~ Pope Francis

REFLECTION

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2019 – ST PETER & ST PAUL

Jesus gave Simon the name Peter (meaning stone or rock), and made him the leader of the Twelve and his Vicar. He was a weak and impetuous man, yet Christ invested him with the authority to guide and govern his Church. Saul persecuted the early Christians, believing that he was rendering service to God. Jesus transformed his life radically. He would, by God's grace, become the apostle to the nations. Like Peter and Paul, if we allow Jesus to touch our lives despite our imperfections, fears and doubts, he can transform us into his witnesses and make us instruments of salvation for others.

Wednesday 3rd July – St Thomas

Today we commemorate the feast day of one of the twelve apostles, he is remembered as the one who doubted the resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, he gives us the most radical confession of the divinity of Jesus: 'My Lord and my God.' In the spiritual realm, the journey from doubt to belief is a long one. However, it is not impossible. Thomas made that journey. Faith leads to wonder, and that wonder is expressed in worship. Through the gift of faith, we too are moved into recognising and believing the presence of God in our experiences.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

St Agatha's Church Youth Club

We are excited to announce the launch of the brand-new St Agatha's Church Youth Club! The Youth Club will run every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and will initially be open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! Once established the young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to being able to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.



We would like to thank our very own parishioner Paul Keane for offering to lead this new group and parishioners who have already come forward to help, however, we still need more volunteers, of all ages, to help behind the scenes with the various tasks involved with running the club. Could you spare just a few hours a month? Please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius or contact the parish office for further details.

We would also greatly appreciate any donations of any equipment to enable us to provide activities; please speak with the Parish Secretary to discuss this further.
Please do encourage any young people you know to come along and join in!

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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ST PETER & ST PAUL

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-19 – You are Peter; and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

Reflection

Mark places this incident at Caesarea Philippi. Luke, because of the importance he wishes to give to prayer in his Gospel, places it in the context of Jesus praying. But Matthew keeps it at Caesarea Philippi. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a "field report" by asking what people are saying about him. He refers to himself as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that "Son of Man" is best understood to mean "human being."

As Jesus turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe, Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for "messiah," which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the "messiah" was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation.

Because Jesus has referred to himself a number of times in Matthew by Christological titles this moment is not the revelation of who Jesus is as in Mark. Instead it marks an important moment in the development of the Church. Jesus uses this occasion to bless Peter, who represents all the disciples but also has a unique role to play in the founding of the new community. Peter is blessed not because of a personal insight but because God revealed to him who Jesus is. Peter is the rock on which Jesus will build the Church.

Family Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus refers to Peter as "Rock" and says that the Church will be built upon him. We refer to someone as a "rock" when they are very reliable. Talk as a family about who has been and is a rock in your extended family.

The Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. It is faith that makes Peter the Rock upon which the Church is built. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

Talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an Act of Faith.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Important Upcoming Dates:

Friday 5 th July	Youth Club
Saturday 6 th July	Monthly Adoration
Saturday 6 th July	St Agatha's School Summer Fair

Parish Website

Work is currently being undertaken to establish a new parish website. Please bear with us as this is a work in progress. All the events of the parish and any news will be included on this site and, hopefully, will be accessible in due course. If you are unable to find what you are looking for please contact the Parish Secretary.

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be held on **Sunday 22nd September 2019**. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and return to the Parish Office and register for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish usually meet together on the third Wednesday of each month but due to a clash with another event at the Wych Elm this has now been set for the fourth Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the group will meet on the following dates in 2019: 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Gift Aid scheme

As the 2018/19 tax year has now ended, please let us know if, in the last year, you have changed your address or if you no longer pay tax so that we may update your details. The new gift aid envelopes are now available; if you are part of the scheme, please do ensure you come and collect your envelopes from the old sacristy after any mass or call or pop in to the parish office during office hours. Gift Aid is an important source of income for the Parish and we can claim a considerable sum from the government on all donations by UK taxpayers. If you would like to join the scheme, please speak with our Parish Secretary on 020 8546 4633. A big thank you to all involved as the tax we can reclaim is a great help to the parish.

Music at Masses

As we now have hymns at all Masses, we are still making an appeal for more musicians to lead the music. If you can play piano or organ and would like to take a turn at playing at one of the Masses, please contact one of the priests. Thank you!

Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:

- Request for Student Exchange placements
- 'The Gift' at St Joseph's Parish, New Malden.
- Knock Pilgrimage 2019
- The Mustard Seed
- St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal
- A Talk by Fr. Marcus Holden at Westminster Cathedral
- Job Vacancies at Holy Cross Schools and St Georges Cathedral
- Richard Challoner Summer Fun Day & Mini Beer Festival
- London SW Catholic Social Group

By drawing closer to the poor, little by little we become their confidants and counsellors in the worst moments of this earthly pilgrimage. We can give them the comforting words of faith and often we succeed, not by our own merit, in putting on the right road people who have strayed without meaning to." ~ Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati