



St Clement's Church, Ewell

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Sunday 29th June is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Today we commemorate these founders of the Church who shed their blood as martyrs in Rome, by tradition on the same day, in the reign of the Emperor Nero: Paul by being beheaded at Tre Fontane, and Peter by being crucified in the Circus next to the Vatican Hill. Both were buried near the sites of their martyrdom, where the respective Basilicas of Saint Paul's and Saint Peter's now stand above their resting places. The readings and prayer for today are to be found on page 177 (for the Vigil Mass), and page 180 of the vermillion books. The vestments are red today. The readings all come from the Acts of the Apostles, the writings of Saint Paul, and the Gospel accounts that tell us of the lives of the two saints. Saint Paul is the best attested man from antiquity as we have the Acts that tell us about him, as well as his own letters, which are often deeply personal. We also know a lot about Saint Peter, though for the final years and martyrdom of both we rely on very ancient traditions.

Today, the entire Church holds the collection for Peter's Pence

This is our annual donation to the Holy See for defraying the expenses of running the Roman Curia, the Church's central organ of government that assists the Pope.

This Sunday, at the 10.30am Mass, the Uniformed Groups in the parish will be joining us for their Church Parade. And this Sunday we have our Parish Fair!

Liturgical notes

We are also in the month of June, which is, by long tradition, the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood.

Monday is the feast of Saint Irenaeus, bishop and martyr. Born in Smyrna, in the second century, he became bishop of Lyons, in what is now France, and wrote many important theological works.

"The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God" is one of his insights.

He is credited with first identifying the importance of the Apostolic Succession.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr. The Archbishop of Armagh, he was executed at Tyburn after a show trial on 1st July 1681 and was the last Catholic to die for the faith in England.

Thursday is the feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle.

He is revered as the Apostle of India, to which, by ancient tradition, he brought the faith.

Friday is the feast of Saint Elizabeth of Portugal. Born in 1271, of the royal house of Aragon, she married the King of Portugal, and became known for her charity to the poor and her efforts to make peace between her warring relatives.

On Saturday the diocese is celebrating the ordination, by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral

of the transitional deacons Gary Coleman and Scott Carter, the former of which has been serving in the parish of Saint Joseph's in Epsom. Fr Alexander will be there, and as a result there will be no Adoration or Confessions that morning here at St Clement's.

Next Sunday, it is our parish celebration of Fr Graham's 50th anniversary of ordination

He will be celebrating the 10.30am Mass and there will be a reception in the Hall afterwards.

The A to Z of Catholicism is almost complete!

By popular demand, on Thursday 10th July, after the 7pm Mass, the A to Z of Catholicism will continue with W is for Welcoming. Some time ago we said we wanted to examine this topic, and this is what we shall do.

What does it mean to be a welcoming Church community? What are the theological and spiritual underpinnings of this? And what does it mean in practice?

In September, we will start RCIA on Thursday evenings after Mass.

So far we have three possible candidates. This is the course designed to prepare adults for baptism or prepare those who have already been baptised but wish to be confirmed, as well as those who have been baptised in other Christian communities and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church?

Please approach Fr Alexander for more information. The course will begin on the first Thursday evening of October and will run, with breaks, until Easter.

Advance notice: All the clergy of the diocese are meeting together on the 1st and 2nd July, which means that on Wednesday 2nd July Mass is cancelled.

First Holy Communion Thanks

Many thanks to all who helped with last Sunday's celebrations which complete this year's First Holy Communion season. Many thanks to Joan in particular who retires from being a First Holy Communion Catechist after many tears of devoted service. The Corpus Christi Procession was, one hopes, a success, and we will make this an annual event, and next year not forget the humeral veil, and perhaps not have so much wind so the candles stay alight.

Dates for the new baptism course are as follows:

Sun 7th Sept, after 10.30am Mass: First session, Tivey Room.
Thursday 11th September, 8pm: Second session via Zoom.
Thursday 18th September, 8pm: Third session via Zoom.
Thursday 25th September, 8pm: Fourth session via Zoom.
Thursday 2nd October, 8pm: Fifth session via Zoom.
Sunday 5th October, after 10.30am Mass: Tivey Room.

If you want to sign up, and you have a baby or child under the age of 7 to baptise, expressions of interest to Fr Alexander, to Catherine, or to the parish office, preferably via email.

Baptism

When you get baptised, you join the Universal Church, the Body of Christ found in all parts of the world. And at the same time, you join a local Church, usually the parish church where you live, and you join a community of people that worships at that church. So, it is really important that parents bringing a child for baptism get a good idea of what baptism means, and at the same time experience a welcome into their local Catholic community, which entails, naturally enough, meeting some of them. Hence the importance of our baptism course and the team delivering it.

Baptismal Team

The newly established Baptism team has just completed its first cohort of preparing parents for their child's forthcoming Baptism into the church. We're now in the fortunate position to be looking for further willing helpers to support and deliver the programme when we begin our next round of preparatory sessions in September. If you'd like to join our friendly team, please get in touch with Catherine and / or Fr Alexander for more information.

Forthcoming events:

Sun 29 Jun **9am-2pm** Summer fair.
Sun 29 Jun **10.30am** Uniformed Groups, Church Parade.
Tue 1-Wed 2 Jul Clergy In Service training.
Wed 2 Jul **7.30pm** A Biblical Walk through the Mass III (zoom).
Thu 3 Jul **7.30pm** Core Group meeting.
Sat 5 Jul **Noon** Ordinations at Arundel Cathedral.
Sun 6 Jul **10.30am** Fr Graham 50th anniversary of priesthood
Wed 9 Jul, **7.30pm** A Biblical Walk through the Mass IV (zoom).

Mass Intentions from 28th June - 6th July 2025

Sat 28	6pm	Vigil Mass	David Hawkins RIP
Sun 29	8.30am	Sts Peter & Paul	People of the Parish
Sun 29	10.30am	Sts Peter & Paul	Gladys Masaoy RIP
Mon 30	10am	St Irenaeus	Available
Wed 2	10am	No Mass	*****
Thu 3	7pm	St Thomas	Available
Fri 4	10am	St Elizabeth of Portugal	Available
Sat 5	6pm	Vigil Mass	Mary Hughes RIP
Sun 6	8.30am	14th Sunday in OT	Ints: Vincent Alpera
Sun 6	10.30am	14th Sunday in OT	People of the Parish



Bernadette Catherine

Gazeley RIP

We have heard the sad news of the death of Mrs Bernadette Catherine Ann Gazeley, who died in Epsom Hospital on the 23rd June, at the age of 78, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon.

Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her family at this sad and difficult time for them. Her funeral will take place here at a time to be announced.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion 2025/26

Children wishing to make their First Reconciliation & Holy Communion next year please get in touch with the office via ewell@abdiocese.org.uk.

Thereafter, the secretary will email you an information and registration form for you to sign your child up to next year's programme. Children must be at least 7/8 years old, be a baptized Catholic and attend Mass on a regularly. Closing date for **all** entries is **Sunday 24th August**.

Weekday Missals – new translation

These will be available in the autumn. Price £55. Order forms are available at the Bookstall.

Prayer bouquet for Father Graham

Please be sure to write your prayer and put it in the box in the narthex this week. Slips of paper are available by the box. Any query please contact Pauline (020 394 0169).



Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for:

Rui de Norbega, Jocelyn Bowen,
3 year-old Finlay Ewen, Mick Ryan,
Richard Holland, Joseph Ewing, Martina
Savage, Rosa Undasan (Angelina True's Mum),
Sally Mason, Shona Dane, Elpedio Tavares,
Nicholas Ward, Joyce Daly, Mel Alvarez,
Mary Bruce, Bob Parker, Kitty Cusack,
Steve Kamm & Chris Williamson.



Have you noticed that the woodwork and columns of our covered walkway have been repainted, and that this triumph of sixties architecture now look pristine? Have you noticed the smart newly painted garage door?