



St. Raphael's Church

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16th April 2017 Easter Sunday (A)

7.30pm (Saturday) Easter Vigil Alexander Raphael RIP
9.30am Family Mass Ellen & John Dalglish RIP
11.30am Mass with hymns Pro Populo
No 5.00pm Mass, Confession or Rosary & Benediction today

Mon. 17th April Monday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am **No Mass Today**
Tue. 18th April Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am Rosario Aguila RIP
Wed. 19th April Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
12.00 noon Denis Curtin RIP
Thu. 20th April Thursday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am **No Mass Today**
Fri. 21st April Friday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am Miss L Cairolì, Mrs I Cairolì & Mrs L Cairolì
Sat. 22nd April Saturday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am Tom Kelleher & Family

23rd April 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Easter -Divine Mercy Sunday (A) psalter II

9.30am Family Mass Francis Rodericks RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Stevie Barrott RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

No Benediction today

APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email Fr. Kevin to make a convenient appointment.

parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com

HOSPITAL

If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius, his telephone number is - **0208 942 2178**. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

CHURCH CLEANING

Every Wednesday at 9.00am - please come and help keep our church looking beautiful for Our Lord.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House.
(The course is now full)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sundays during the 9.30am Mass

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC SOCIETY.

Meets in the Parish Library after the 5.00 pm Mass - meetings restart for the new term on Sunday 30th April. Deacon Peter is leading a series of discussions on key aspects of our faith. For more information, please contact Deacon Peter.

EASTER OFFERINGS

The collection taken at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday is your personal offering to Fr. Kevin, our Parish Priest. This collection forms part of his income to support his personal needs and expenses during the year ahead. Easter Offering envelopes are available for your use at the back of the Church. (If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please use the special envelope in your packet.)

Thank you for your kind and generous support.

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE THIS WEEK

As all the days of the Easter Octave are celebrated as solemnities, we are not asked to abstain from eating meat this Friday!



If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before the Blessed Sacrament, the lamp on Our Lady's Altar or at St. Anthony's Shrine for yourself, a loved one or for a special intention please contact either the Parish Office or a sacristan.
The recommended donation is £5.

The Sanctuary Lamps this week are burning for - Angeline, Matthew & Francis Rodricks RIP & Joan Pereira RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for - Margaret Noronha

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - Fr. Clifton RIP



The Rosary is recited Monday - Saturday before Mass



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

We remember in prayer, the sick and housebound of the Parish. We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection
£569.50 loose + £284.00 Gift Aid = £853.50
The Standing Orders for March totalled £2,437.50



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.

T. 020 8546 7178 E. office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

W. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

“Peter ran to the tomb” (Lk 24:12). What thoughts crossed Peter’s mind and stirred his heart as he ran to the tomb? The Gospel tells us that the apostles had not believed the women and there was doubt in Peter’s heart, together with many other worries - sadness at the death of the beloved Master and disillusionment for having denied him three times during his Passion.

There is, however, something that signals a change in him. After listening to the women and refusing to believe them, “Peter rose”. He did not remain in thought or stay at home as the others did. He did not succumb to the sombre atmosphere of those days, nor was he overwhelmed by his doubts. He was not consumed by remorse, fear or the continuous gossip that leads nowhere. He was looking for Jesus, not himself. He preferred the path of encounter and trust and so, he got up, just as he was and ran towards the tomb from where he would return “amazed”. This marked the beginning of Peter’s own resurrection, the resurrection of his heart. Without giving in to sadness or darkness, he made room for hope. He allowed the light of God to enter into his heart, without smothering it.

The women too, who had gone out early in the morning to perform a work of mercy, taking the perfumed ointments to the tomb, had the same experience. They were “frightened and bowed their faces”, and yet they were deeply affected by the words of the angel - “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”.

We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad and bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord so that he may enter and grant us life. As they saw the great stone that sealed the tomb rolled away - let us roll away the stones of our rancour and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses, faults and failings. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone which we must move aside - the lack of hope that imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen.

The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, we are sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken hope in hearts that are burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. However, we must not proclaim ourselves, rather, as joyful servants of hope, we must announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love, otherwise we will be only an international organization full of followers and good rules, yet incapable of offering the hope for which the world longs.

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ is risen! Let us open our hearts to hope and go forth. May the memory of his works and his words be the bright star which directs our steps in the ways of faith towards the Easter that will have no end.

– Pope Francis

DO YOU BELIEVE IN SUPPORTING MARRIAGES?

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support - providing counselling and marriage preparation throughout England and Wales. Our local centre in the South West of London is looking for ‘Marriage Preparation Facilitators’ to present marriage preparation days for engaged couples (training is provided), a Head of Centre to lead and support the team and Parish Liaison Officers to promote services and volunteering within local parishes. If you would like to be part of a friendly, dedicated team supporting couples in the best and worst of times please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk for more information.

GIFT AID

There are still a number of unclaimed Gift Aid Envelopes at the back of the Church – If you have not picked up your new set, please do so today.

MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, Archbishop Peter invites you to join him to renew your vows and celebrate a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on Saturday June 17th at St. George’s Cathedral. Close family are welcome too. Contact Michael in the Parish Office to arrange to receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop Peter. Do not delay as the cut-off date is April 30th.

SURVIVE-MIVA- OUR LENTEN PROJECT FOR 2017

So far we have raised £3,678.73. If you have any outstanding sponsorship money for the sponsored walk, please hand this in ASAP. Likewise, if you took home one of the small collection boxes, please hand these in next Sunday.

- 2nd Collection on the 1 st Sunday of Lent	£ 671.52
- Cake Sale	£ 116.40
- St. Patrick’s Day Celebration	£ 432.50
- Quiz Night	£ 328.00
- Mother’s Day Flowers	£ 100.00
- Film Night	£ 280.00
- Sponsored Walk (to date)	£1,425.00
- Collection Box’s & Donations (to date)	£ 64.06
- Gift Aid on various parts of the above	£ 261.25

You will have a final chance to buy tickets for the Easter Raffle and enter the Guess the Weight of The Easter Egg Competition at the reception after the Easter Vigil.

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS WITH THE NATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

St. Georges Cathedral on Saturday 13th May at 12.30pm. Please see the poster in the porch for details of the day.