



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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24th April 2016 The 5th Sunday of Easter (C) psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass

11.30am Sung Mass

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Pro Populo

Ella Gardiner

David Stileman RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 25th April
10.00am

St. Mark
Mary Bevan RIP

Tue. 26th April
10.00am

Feria in Eastertide
Pat Wilson RIP

Wed. 27th April
10.00am

Feria in Eastertide
Annette McUrduy

Thu. 28th April
10.00am

St. Peter Chanel
Theresa Campbell

Followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon

Fri. 29th April
10.00am

St. Catherine of Siena
Ian Lyons

A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat

Sat. 30th April
10.00am

St. Pius V
Ben Brown

1st May 2016 The 6th Sunday of Easter (C) psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass

11.30am Sung Mass

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Pro Populo

Jim Philip RIP

Minerva, Horeius, Eugenia,
Michael, Joachine & Emil

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note
during April,
Mass on
Wednesdays will
be at 10.00am

1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Saturdays at 10.30am in Alexander House

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Fr. Kevin will hold his next Tuesday night surgery this week
- the 26th April from 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Thank you for last Sunday's Collections

£654.52 Loose + £279.10 Gift Aid = £933.62

The Standing Orders for March totalled £2,640.36

Plus £530.01 for Ecclesiastical Education

There will be a 2nd Collection today for the

maintenance of St. George's Cathedral

- the Mother Church of Our Diocese.

Next Sunday there will be a 2nd Collection for the needy
of the Ukraine - see page 2

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. Julian
his number is 8 942 2178. If you need the Sacrament
of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN

takes place in the Library on Friday mornings at
10.30am - suggested donation of £1.50 towards Church
Funds.

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC STUDENT SOCIETY

Deacon Peter is available to students and staff of
the University for one-to-one consultation by
appointment, either at the University or at
St. Raphael's Church. He is also available for drop-in
consultation at the University Faith Centre, Penrhyn
Road Campus, Faith Adviser's Office, every Wednesday,
5.30pm – 7.00pm Contact details on newsletter header.

ALEXANDER HOUSE RE-DECORATION

The decoration and deep clean of Alexander
House has almost been completed. This
means that next Sunday our Children's Liturgy
and Tea & Coffee will resume. The Parent &
Toddler group will resume on 11th May. Thank
you for your co-operation and patience over
the last few weeks. Please take care when
moving furniture about in the hall and ensure
that things are not pushed up against the walls
- which might damage the new paint work.
Please also ensure that any chairs and tables
used are returned to the cupboards. In
particular, please do not leave any items in the
Upper Room except the green chairs, the flip
chart and the television.

Finally, do not bring bicycles or scooters into
the hall – there are ample racks around the
building.



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 - Serena

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

The Lamp at St. Anthony's shrine is burning
for - Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood

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.



The Rosary is recited daily

Monday – Saturday
before Mass.

Sundays at 4.00pm



CHURCH CLEANING

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

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher – Mrs Frances Robertson

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

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

REQUEST FROM THE HOLY FATHER FOR A SPECIAL COLLECTION TO PROMOTE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR THE NEEDY OF THE UKRAINE

On the 3rd April, during his Regina Cæli address, Pope Francis asked that all Catholic Churches in Europe take up a special collection for those who are suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine.

'On this day, which is like the heart of the Holy Year of Mercy, my thoughts go to all people who thirst for reconciliation and peace. I think in particular, here in Europe, of the tragedy of those who are suffering the consequences of violence in The Ukraine - of those who remain in lands shocked by the hostilities which have already caused thousands of deaths and of those — over a million — forced to flee from the on going grave situation. It involves above all elderly people and children. Besides accompanying them with my constant thoughts and with my prayers, I have decided to promote humanitarian support in their favour. For this purpose, a special collection will be taken up in all Catholic Churches in Europe on Sunday, 24 April. I invite the faithful to join in this initiative with a generous contribution. This act of charity, in addition to alleviating material suffering, seeks to express my personal closeness and solidarity and that of the entire Church. I sincerely hope that it may help to promote, without further delay, peace and respect for law in that land so afflicted.'*

* Archbishop Peter asks that all Parishes take a second collection at Masses on the Sixth Sunday of Easter - 1st May this is one week later than the date chosen by Pope Francis, as a diocesan collection, for the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral, is already scheduled for that weekend.

VISIT TO BROMPTON ORATORY FOR GUIDED TOUR AND SUNG VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. PHILIP NERI

Deacon Peter has arranged a guided tour of Brompton Oratory for Kingston University students and staff on Wednesday 25th May at 4.00 pm, followed by beautiful Choral Vespers and Benediction. Parishioners of St. Raphael's and the other Kingston Deanery parishes are also welcome. The Oratory is a magnificent neo-classical church and the home of priests dedicated to the colourful saint, Philip Neri. There is no charge for the guided tour though you may wish to make a small donation. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Peter (see newsletter header for contact details).

ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL TWICKENHAM

St. Catherine's school in Twickenham is holding an Open Afternoon on Saturday 18th June from 1.00pm for their Prep & Senior School. They are also holding an Activities Morning for year 5 on the same day. For more information visit www.stcatherineschool.co.uk

SURBITON HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDSHIP HOUR

Tuesdays 4.00pm – 5.00pm in the 6th Form Centre, Surbiton Crescent. A friendly group for the over 60s. See the poster in the porch for details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

IN THE YEAR OF MERCY 19TH – 26TH AUGUST

This year the pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Peter Smith. Bookings are now being accepted. Please contact Canon Edward Perera, at Our Lady Immaculate Church Tolworth on 020 8399 9550 for more details.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are still a lot of unclaimed boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes at the back of the Church. If you have not yet collected your new set, please do so today.

A DAY WITH MARY

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession on Saturday 7th May from 9.45am-4.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. For details see the poster in the porch or visit www adaywithmary.org.

VACANCY FOR HEAD TEACHER AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governors invite applications to our Parish Primary School. The successful candidate for this rewarding post will be an inspirational leader and committed Catholic. They will work closely with the governing body and parish to help us achieve excellence and promote Catholicity. Information packs are available at www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/Welcome Closing date: 9th May 2016.

HELPING SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS - MEETING TONIGHT

Please come to this evening's meeting to learn more about the sick and retired priests of the diocese and how we might help them - Sunday, 24th April, 6.00 pm, Alexander House, upstairs.

'CELEBRATE'

'Celebrate' Twickenham takes place over the weekend 18th – 19th June at St. Mary's University, Twickenham. It is a 'faith filled fun event' - combining good Catholic teaching, inspirational speakers and Celebration of the Liturgy. For more information plus booking form please visit their website www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/twickenham/

A.P.F. RED BOXES

If you have handed in an A.P.F. Red Box to be emptied, it is now ready for you to collect at the back of the Church.

EVENINGS OF FAITH

All are welcome to a series of talks organised by the Faith Movement on 'The Sacraments - Sunshine for the Soul'. The next talk is on Tuesday 19th April at 7.30pm. For full details visit www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith. (The venue is St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, London, W2 5DJ except for talks on 19th April and 17th May which are at The Oratory, Brompton Rd, London, SW7 2RP).

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Deacon David Howell will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at 12.30pm on the 16th July at St. George's Cathedral Southwark – to which all are invited. He will celebrate his 1st Mass, here at St. Raphael's, at 11.30am the following day, Sunday 17th July. This will be followed by a garden party in the church grounds. More detail nearer the time.

SPIRIT IN THE CITY

This annual event that publicly celebrates our Catholic Faith in the heart of London, is taking place this year from the 1st – 4th June. This years celebration is entitled the 'Festival of Mercy', Please see the poster in the Church Porch for details.



Our annual procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady around the grounds of the Church, will take place on Sunday 8th May at 3.00pm
Please make a special effort to attend.