



# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide (B) psalter week IV

9.30am Family Mass Nicola Regan  
11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Noreen Downey RIP

### No Rosary & Benediction

Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> April Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am Barbara & Herbert Sells  
11.00am Requiem Mass - Rosemary McNaught  
Tue. 28<sup>th</sup> April St. Peter Chanel  
10.00am Ed O'Brien  
Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> April St. Catherine of Siena  
12.00 noon James & Violet Johnson  
Thu. 30<sup>th</sup> April Pope St. Pius V  
10.00am Rosa & Henry Mc Garry RIP  
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)  
Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> May St. Joseph The Worker  
10.00am In reparation for abortion  
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)  
Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> May St. Athanasius  
10.00am Peter Silem

## 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide (B) psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo  
11.30am Sung Mass Muriel Coussey  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Joan Philbin

### Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## Parish Diary This Week

### TUESDAY

**Church Cleaning**  
After the 10.00am Mass

**A Quick Journey  
through the Bible**  
7:30-9.00pm  
Alexander House

**No Parish Priest Surgery**  
(Resumes 5<sup>th</sup> May)

### WEDNESDAY

**Parent & Children's Group**  
9.30am - 11.00am  
Alexander House

**Confirmation**  
7.00pm  
The Upper Room

### THURSDAY

**No Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament today**  
(Resumes 14<sup>th</sup> May)

### SATURDAY

**Confessions.**  
10.30am - 11.00am

**1st Holy Communion Classes**  
10.30am - 12.00 noon  
Alexander House

### SUNDAY

**Children's Liturgy**  
during 9.30am Mass

**Rosary & Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament**  
4.00pm

**Tea & Coffee in Alexander  
House after the morning  
Masses**



If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before the Blessed Sacrament either 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 lamps this week are burning for

Nicola Regan



We remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish.

We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Sunday Rosary & Benediction resumes next Sunday. Thursday Exposition resumes on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### Thank you for last Sunday's Collections

£584.81 loose & £304.00 Gift Aid  
= £888.81

Plus £115.65 for the upkeep of St. George's Cathedral

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today  
For Ecclesiastical Education

**The Rosary is recited daily**  
Monday - Saturday before Mass

### Confessions Sundays -

9.00am - 9.20am  
11.00am - 11.20am  
4.30pm - 4.50pm

### Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am

And at other times by  
reasonable request.



Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander House after the morning Masses on Sunday. Please join us and say hello!



## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

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

**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. Eze. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

### LOST PROPERTY

There is a collection of lost property on a table in Alexander House. If you have left anything in the church in the last few months, please have a look for it there. The items will be displayed until next Sunday and any items left unclaimed after that will be disposed of.

### QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

The next session for the group will be held this coming Tuesday night at 7.30pm in the Upper Room in Alexander House. For more information please contact Christine at [christinedeigratia@gmail.com](mailto:christinedeigratia@gmail.com)  
Tel. 07799 290038.

### OUR PARISH REPOSITORY

We have some lovely 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Gifts and cards for sale in our Repository, together with Mass and other cards for various occasions.

### HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis pronounced a Holy Year, with the focus on mercy.

"The Holy Year will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This liturgical feast day recalls God's action from the very beginning of the history of mankind. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. So he turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love (cf. Eph 1:4), choosing her to be the Mother of man's Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day, the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope.

The Jubilee year will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November 2016. On that day, as we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ. Asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!"

**Of your Charity, Please pray for the  
repose of the Souls of**

**Rosemary McNaught**

Her Requiem Mass will be on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am

**Marjorie Collins**

Her Requiem Mass will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 noon

**Terry Marsella.**

A former Parishioner from Cambridge Grove Rd, Norbiton who later moved Perth in Australia where he died on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**May they Rest in Peace**

### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION

Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Ecclesiastical Education is used to pay for the education and training of our seminarians – our future priests.

### FR. MICHAEL CLIFTON'S FARWELL

Fr. Michael, who regularly supplied for us in the past and has been a friend to our Parish for many years, is moving to a new home in East Sussex. Fr. Michael will say a farewell Mass on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Bank holiday Monday) at 10.00am. This will be followed by refreshments in the Hall.

### TWO IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm**

Our annual procession in honour of Our Lady around the grounds of the Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Feast of Corpus Christie**

Our Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of the 11.30 am Mass.

### COMMON OBJECTIONS TO CATHOLICISM

A series of talks addressing popular objections to and misconceptions about the Catholic faith and how to answer them 7.30pm at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HR .

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Sebastian Morello (CCF Advisor)

"Faith and reason are irreconcilable"

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May Dr. Mark Nash (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is unbiblical"

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Fr. Ignatius Edet (Merton parish)

"An all-male priesthood is sexist and an anachronism"

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May Ms. Marie Mann (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is stuck in the past"

### SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

Ahead of the forthcoming Ordinary Synod on the Family in October 2015, Pope Francis has asked us all to reflect with 'true spiritual discernment' on the themes relating to marriage and family life that emerged from the extraordinary meeting of bishops held in Rome in October 2014. Please visit <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/> reflect-on-marriage-and-family-2015 for more information.

### GIFT AID

If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please collect your new box of envelopes from the back of the Church. If you do not use the weekly envelopes but donate via direct debit, please note there are also some envelopes for you to use for special collections throughout the year.

### ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, Archbishop Peter invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at St. George's Cathedral. Please speak to Michael in the Parish Office  
Or email [philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk) or phone 020 8651 2477 for more information.



### WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Madeleine, Chaianan & Martha who were all baptised here recently.  
May the Lord continue the good work he has started.