

# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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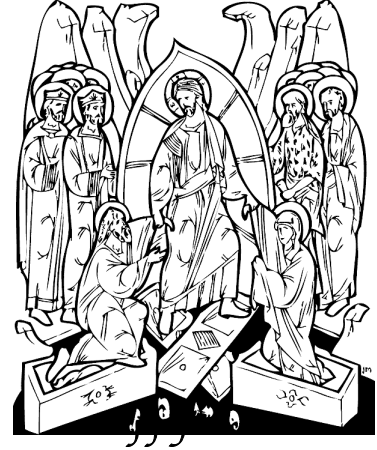
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**5th April 2015 Easter Sunday (B)**  
**8.00pm Easter Vigil Alexander Raphael RIP**  
**9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo**  
**11.30am Sung Mass Health & Protection**  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass Delia Lavelle & Family**  
**(No Confession or Rosary & Benediction today)**

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> April Monday in the Octave of Easter  
10.00am Veronica Makukula  
Tue. 7<sup>th</sup> April Tuesday in the Octave of Easter  
10.00am The deceased members of the Higgins & Vaughan family  
Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday in the Octave of Easter  
12.00 noon Ena O'Sullivan RIP  
Thu. 9<sup>th</sup> April Thursday in the Octave of Easter  
10.00am The Holy Souls who have no one to pray for them  
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)  
Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> April Friday in the Octave of Easter  
10.00am In reparation for abortion  
Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> April Saturday in the Octave of Easter  
10.00am Brigitta Ezechial RIP

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2015 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday**

**9.30am Family Mass William Morin**  
**11.30am Sung Mass Ena O'Sullivan RIP**  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo**  
**3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions**



*I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter. May you all experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord*  
*God Bless You.*

*Fr. Kevin*



*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  
Angeline, Matthew &  
Francis Rodricks RIP*



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**  
Monday - Saturday before Mass

## Confessions Sundays -

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

## Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am

**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.

## Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection

Loose £616.01 loose + £194.00 Gift Aid = £810.01

## EASTER OFFERINGS

The collection taken all Masses today 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.

## LENT 2015

**OUR LENTEN CHARITY PROJECT THIS YEAR**  
**"GRIEF TO GRACE" - Healing the Wounds of Abuse**  
**Thank you to Blaise for organising the "War Hammer Games" and those who supported him. £103.64 was raised.**

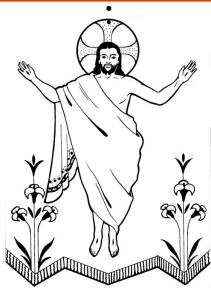
**Our total so far is £2,647.92.**  
**If you took home one of the Lenten Project Collection Boxes, could you please bring it back next Sunday and leave it in the Sacristy.**

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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



*On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and sombre thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast: "Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord! Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward! Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day. Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread. Fare royally upon It - the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith! All enjoy the riches of His goodness. Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared! Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let none fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!' It is frustrated, for it is destroyed. It is frustrated, for it is annihilated. It is frustrated, for now it is made captive. For it grabbed a body and discovered God. It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven. It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible.*

*O Death, where is your sting? O Death, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen, and life is set free. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead. For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

#### **FRIDAY PENCE 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

As all the days during the Easter Octave are treated as Solemnities, we are not asked to abstain from eating meat next Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **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)  
Tel : 020 8651 2477 for more information.

#### **GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS**

Churches together in Kingston and Surbiton have organised an Election Hustings to take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St. Mark's Church, Surbiton. The Liberal Democrat, Labour, Conservative, UKIP and Green Parties prospective parliamentary candidates will attend. All are welcome.

#### **COMMON OBJECTIONS TO CATHOLICISM**

A series of talks on Thursdays in Eastertide addressing popular objections to and misconceptions about the Catholic faith and how to answer them. At The Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road, SE1 7HR, at 7:30pm. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Bishop Paul Hendricks will talk on the question  
"Doesn't science disprove religion?"

#### **NEXT SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition - that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. However in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

During the course of Jesus's revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2000. In a decree dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

**We will hold the Divine Mercy Devotions here at St. Raphael's next Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm**

#### **1st Holy Communion Classes**

Resume on 18<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Confirmation**

Resume on 22<sup>nd</sup> April

#### **Children's Liturgy**

Resumes on 19<sup>th</sup> April

#### **PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY**

Fr. Kevin's Tuesday night surgery will resume on the 5<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm



#### **WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY**

Bianca who was baptised here recently. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.