



St. Raphael's Church

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8th April 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Easter –Divine Mercy Sunday (B)
9.30am Family Mass **Missa Pro Populo**
11.30am Mass with Hymns **Erlico DeSouza & Kamala Gomez**
5.00pm Quiet Mass **The Roberts & Woolliscroft Family**
3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Mon. 9th April The Annunciation of the Lord
10.00am James & Violet Johnstone
Tue. 10th April Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Bob Constable RIP
Wed. 11th April St. Stanislaus
12.00 noon James Powell
Thu. 12th April Feria in Eastertide
10.00am William Morin
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.
Fri. 13th April St. Martin
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
10.00am June Wedlake RIP
Sat. 14th April Our Lady
10.00am Edith Hargreaves RIP

15th April 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)
9.30am Family Mass **Missa Pro Populo**
11.30am Mass with Hymns **In thanksgiving –the Gardiner Family**
5.00pm Quiet Mass **Patrick Bransfield**
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



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
- Jack & Josephine Morgan*

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

The Rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday – Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays



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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Resume on 21st April

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Resumes 22nd April.

CONFIRMATION- The confirmation programme will begin after Easter. The first session for both parents and candidates will be Sunday April 22nd at 6pm and every fortnight, thereafter, during term time. Parents of children between 12 and 18 whose children have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should complete a form available from the sacristy. **The final deadline for returning application forms is next Sunday the 15th April.** For further details speak to Subash or Dymphna de Menezes or email demeneses@talktalk.net

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 number is **0208 546 4633**.

If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

GETTING MARRIED - Please remember that all Catholics must give at least six months notice to get married (whether here at St. Raphael's or anywhere else) This gives time for all the relevant marriage paperwork to be completed and any dispensations that are needed, to be issued. Please contact Fr. Michael before booking any dates.

Thank you for your generous Easter Offerings.
Also the collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places which totalled £310.36

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE PARKING NEXT SUNDAY.

Please note because of road works, there will be no parking available along the Portsmouth Road next Sunday 15th April. However, for that Sunday only, parking will be available at the TA Centre.



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

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W. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

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

Head teacher – Mrs Sarah Keefe

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and we shall have the Divine Mercy Devotions this afternoon. The afternoon will begin at 3.00pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Prayers, Confessions, Rosary and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.45pm.

In 1931, the world was in the midst of the Great Depression and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans - when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Sr. Faustina Kowalska received a series of visions of Our Lord.

According to her diary an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays - one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Sr. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." When she was canonized in 2000 by fellow countryman Pope St. John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as 'Divine Mercy Sunday' - thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Sr. Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions which continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful - the need for conversion and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day - "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation - that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "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."

A 'Time' magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white trainers. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, they spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's attempted assassin - the other man was St. John Paul II, his intended victim. The pope held the hand that had held the gun, whose bullet tore into his own body. In the cell, unseen in the picture, were the pope's secretary and two security agents, along with a still photographer and videographer. St. John Paul wanted this scene to be shown around a world filled with nuclear arsenals and unforgiving hatreds. The Church has always used paintings, sculpture and architecture to communicate spiritual meanings. This was a living icon of mercy. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words, his forgiveness was deeply Christian. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. St. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly.

When the pope left the cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." This is an example of God's divine mercy, the same divine mercy whose message St. Faustina witnessed.

CCF GOLDEN JUBILEE: 1968-2018

The Centre for Catholic Formation will be 50 years old this summer and a lecture series has been arranged as part of our celebrations. All are welcome to attend one or all of four evening talks on key themes: Bishop Paul Mason on adult formation (5th June); Dr Caroline Farey on catechesis (8th June); Canon John Udris on GK Chesterton (14th June) and Dr Pia Matthews on Disability Theology (19th June). To book your place:

<https://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/fifty> or call 020 8672 7684; email: office@ccftootingbec.org.uk The talks have a limited capacity (100 spaces) so we advise booking soon. All are also very welcome to attend the Mass celebrated by the Archbishop on Saturday 23rd June at 3.30pm at St. Anselm's.

POST- EASTER TALKS AT THE AMIGO HALL

Each year the Centre for Catholic Formation holds a series of talks at the Amigo Hall, in the weeks of Eastertide. This year, the series' theme is 'Eucharist in anticipation of the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress. Entry is free, donations welcome. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Eucharist - Sacrifice and Banquet (12th April), Eucharist and Mission (19th April), Eucharist in Art (26th April), Eucharist and Prayer (3rd May) and Eucharist in Scripture (10th May). For more information visit www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/sharinginhislife

ST. RAPHAEL'S 2018 LENTEN PROJECT - THE JOEL COMMUNITY NIGHT SHELTER

If you took home one of the collection boxes for your loose change, or any outstanding sponsorship money, please hand these in by next Sunday so that we can work out our final total and forward a cheque to the Joel Community.

Our grand total raised so far is £6,021.60

ANNUAL MIGRANTS' MASS - MUSIC

The Annual Migrants' Mass takes place on 7th May at St. George's Cathedral. This occasion draws together Catholics of diverse backgrounds. If you would like to get involved in leading music at the Mass, please attend a rehearsal in the Amigo Hall - next to the Cathedral on Saturday 14th April from 2pm - 5pm and on 27th April 2018 from 7pm - 9.30pm. please email francesnovillo@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will be led by the Archbishop, will take place from 24th - 31st August. For more information please visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk

Please pray for the repose of the soul of baby Maria Hannon who died on Holy Saturday at birth and for her parents Enda and Dilys and her whole family.