



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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31st August 2014 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass Madame Simone Bouheben RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Princess Anne Lowenstein Wertheim

Mon. 1st September Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Reconciliation between Monika & Ada

Tue. 2nd September Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Traboulsi Family

Wed. 3rd September St. Gregory the Great
12.00 noon John Keats RIP

Thu. 4th September St. Cuthbert
10.00am Kate Haisty

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon)

Fri. 5th September 1st Friday - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
10.00am Anthony Cashman RIP

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 6th September Our Lady
10.00am James & Violet Johnstone

7th September 2014 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass Denis & Rita Sumner RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Fr. Vincent

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

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 the sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5. The Lamps this Week Are burning for
Pat Mitchel



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



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

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.



Congratulations and Best wishes to Roberto & Daniela, Christopher & Stephanie and Michele & Hannah, all of whom were married here recently.

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

Parish Diary This Week

TUESDAY

Parish Priest's Surgery
5.30pm - 7.00pm
The Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning
Before Mass

THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
from after Mass until
Benediction 12 noon
Praying for Vocations

SATURDAY

Confessions.
10.30am - 11.00am

SUNDAY

Tea & Coffee Alexander House
after the morning Masses

Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm
Parish Council
6.00pm
The Library

Our Children's Liturgy will
resume on Sunday 14th
September during 9.30am Mass

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£447.53 + £291.00 Gift Aid
= £738.53

We welcome into God's Family
Edward, Emily
Rosanna & Elizabeth
All of whom were baptised
over the Summer. May
God continue the good
work he has begun.

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 from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm

DEANERY SCHOOL'S EDUCATION MASS MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

The Annual Deanery Mass for those who work in Catholic Education will take place here at St. Raphael's on Monday 15th September at 4.30pm followed by refreshments in Alexander House. All teachers, classroom assistants, school governors and all those who have any connection with our Catholic Schools are most welcome to attend.

PARISH MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Over the summer months we have had a lot going on behind the scenes and there are still some outstanding projects, which need to be attended to.

- There have been problems with the plumbing in the toilets in Alexander House and it seems that the system will have to be altered to solve this properly.

- We are still having problems with the paving in the car park, sections of which have become loose and cracked, we are in discussions with the contractors.

- Following a leak at the back of the Church a couple of years ago, work still has to be carried out to renew the paintwork, but as the wall has still not fully dried out, this will have to be addressed next year.

- There is still a problem with a rainwater downpipe on the corner of the church by the car park, which caused the leak, it would seem that it is unable to cope fully with the amount of water that comes off the roof when we have heavy down pours. We are looking into ways to resolve this situation.

- We have had the all the light bulbs in the church and hall replaced, however there is still a problem with one of the lighting circuits in the church that needs to be replaced.

- There was a problem with the freezer in the Hall that had to be repaired.

- Alexander House will need to be decorated next year to keep in up to the high standard at it's opening.

- All our fire extinguishers and our fire alarm system in the Hall have been serviced.

- All the gutters around the church, hall and presbytery have been cleaned in preparation for the winter.

- The floors in Alexander House have been professionally steam cleaned and polished.

- The Heating system for the church, hall and presbytery will need to have its annual service, to ensure it is working properly over the winter.

- The trees in the gardens will need to be professionally lopped.

- We will need to engage a professional Gardening company to ensure the grounds are kept looking neat and tidy.

All of the above, and I am sure more to come, will help to keep St. Raphael's in good order as our place of worship. Your continued support via the weekly collection, and donations are greatly appreciated.

CHURCH GUIDE

Copies of a new pamphlet entitled "St. Raphael's Church, a Brief History and Guide" are available at the Back of the Church and in the CTS stand in Alexander House, suggested donation £2.00

CHURCH CLEANERS

We are still desperately short of people to clean the Church. If you could spare half an hour on Wednesday mornings at 9.00am, please come along.

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Fr. Kevin's Tuesday night's surgery resumes this week from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. No appointment is needed, please ring the bell at the Parish Office – marked St. Raphael's Cottage.

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

On Sunday 14th September we shall be having our quarterly collection for the Kingston Food Bank. Boxes will be available on that day in Alexander House to take any contributions you may wish to make. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food. At present they particularly need tinned fruit, long life fruit juice, fruit squash, long life milk, coffee and instant custard.

Please note we shall only be collecting food on the 14th September and that will be delivered to the foodbank on that day, so we cannot accept donations before or after that day.

PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council at 6.00pm next Sunday in the Parish Library. The Parish Finance Committee will meet the Sunday after, the 14th September also at 6.00pm in the Library.

BACKPACKS FOR MARY'S MEALS

Kate Freeman would like to thank all those involved in the recent appeal to sponsor and fill backpacks for 'Mary's Meals'. 46 backpacks were filled and are now on their way to children in Malawi.

ALTAR CLOTHS – VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE

Many thanks to Victoria, who for many years has been washing our Altar cloths, unfortunately as she is now moving away, we need a volunteer to take her place. The job involves washing the three Altar Cloths from the two Altars on the Sanctuary and Our Lady's Altar about every four to six weeks. If you could take on this task, please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on Thursday this week, from 10.00am, concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon. During this time we are especially praying for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and Religious Life. Our Sunday Rosary and Benediction resumes next Sunday at 4.00pm.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Enrolment Forms are available for parishioners in the Sacristy, parish office, and our web site to download. Details of start dates for both programmes will be available soon.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Are you interested in being involved with our Children's Liturgy Team? There are other roles in addition to leading the Liturgy, such as registering the children, escorting them to the hall and returning them to the church. We shall be holding an informal meeting on Sunday 7th September after the 9.30am Mass in the library. Please come along for a chat over tea and coffee with members of the team and our parish safe guarding representatives, to find out more.

DATE FOR YOU DIARY - BUY THEM EARLY! SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS

Our Repository will be holding a Sale of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Christmas Gifts in Alexander House after All Masses, on Sunday, 28th September. Please drop in and buy some Christian cards, calendars and gifts. All proceeds will go to Church funds.