



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 4th December 2016 2nd Sunday of Advent (A) psalter II

9.30am Family Mass      The Holy Souls  
11.30am Sung Mass      Kelly Dalglish RIP  
5.00pm Quiet Mass      Pro Populo

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

Mon. 5th Dec. Advent Feria  
10.00am Kelly Dalglish RIP  
Tue. 6th Dec. St. Nicholas  
10.00am Anthony O'Neill  
Wed. 7th Dec. St. Ambrose  
12 noon Henry Reid RIP  
Thu. 8th Dec. The Immaculate Conception  
10.00am Mable Duggan RIP  
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today  
7.30pm The Holy Souls (Latin Mass in the extraordinary form)  
Fri. 9th Dec. St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  
10.00am The Holy Souls  
A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat  
Sat. 10th Dec. Our Lady  
10.00am Alfons Balinski RIP

## 11th December 2016 3rd Sunday of Advent (A) psalter III Gaudete Sunday

9.30am Family Mass      Margaret O'Malley  
11.30am Sung Mass      Tresa Gratton Reid RIP  
5.00pm Quiet Mass      Pro Populo

### No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

## APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email [parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com](mailto:parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com) to make a convenient appointment.

## 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 **8 942 2178**.

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

## CHURCH CLEANING - FOR CHRISTMAS

We need extra help with Church cleaning on Wednesday 21st December, please come along at 9.00am to help.

## THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£613.15 loose + £375.39 Gift Aid  
= £988.54

## Tea & Coffee

after the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses today. Please join us and say hello.

## KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC SOCIETY

St. Raphael's is the Catholic Parish Church for the University and students and staff are most welcome at all our Masses and other events in the parish. Deacon Peter is the Catholic Chaplain to the Kingston University Catholic Society and he is available to help and support all students and staff. (See above for his contact details) The students of the Catholic Society meet every week after the 5.00 pm Mass at St. Raphael's. Please join us for refreshments, prayer, discussion and meditation on the scriptures.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES**  
Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House.  
(The programme is now full)

## The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass and on Sunday at 4.00pm



## RCIA

Meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Parish Library. For more information contact Deacon Peter whose details are on the Newsletter header

## Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

## Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am



*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 - **The Ubald Family**

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for - **Lorraine Athaide RIP**

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - **Jacques**

## Children's Liturgy

During the 9.30am Mass



We remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish. We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

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W. [stjosephsprimary.net/](http://stjosephsprimary.net/)

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





### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is part of God's plan. Christ, who received his human flesh from his mother - received this flesh from a person who, by a singular gift from God, herself came into this world without original sin.

This exemption is God's gift to the woman who would freely choose to be his mother. The gift highlights the extraordinary nature of the mission of the Mother of God - no one would even have the relationship with God in Christ that Mary has. No one will ever be the Mother of God except her.

The Immaculate Conception does not mean that Christ's Mother did not need a Saviour or that she somehow saved herself. In fact, it means the opposite. Christ saved her in an extraordinary way and gave her a holiness that she did not achieve for herself. He did this for her, for the sake of her mission - a mission that only she would bear. This gift of holiness is what the Immaculate Conception is all about!

The Immaculate Conception is not something easy, it is mysterious and miraculous, but is nevertheless a beautiful and extraordinary gift - a gift through which God in Christ acted to save his Mother and us from our sins, from all our refusals to love.

*'Our Lady Immaculate' is the principle Patron of our diocese. In honour of this feast we will have the usual 10.00am Mass that day plus an extra Mass – which will be in the Extraordinary - Latin Rite at 7.30pm (Please note there will be a collection at both Masses)*

### RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS

The Christmas Stamps are now on sale at Post Offices, but if you want religious ones you have to ask for them otherwise you will be giving the non religious Christmas ones! This is important, otherwise, the Post Office and those who encourage secularism will say that there is no call for religious stamps at Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

We will have our annual collection today in aid of Christmas flowers and decorations for the Church.

### BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Today is our last Sunday Benediction until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Thursday's Exposition will be the last until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### TEA COFFEE & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Next Sunday will be our last Children's liturgy and Sunday Tea & Coffee until the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH MASS TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS

There are some bundles of cards at the back of the Church giving details of services over Christmas. Please take a bundle and post through your neighbours letter boxes or give one to anyone you know who may be thinking of coming to Mass over Christmas.

### THE ART OF DYING WELL - [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org)

This is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The collection taken at all Masses on Christmas Day 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. Christmas 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.

### THE INCARNATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - TALK BY SEBASTIAN MORELLO, CCF

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm in Alexander House

As part of our Advent preparation, we have invited Sebastian Morello to talk about the Incarnation. Sebastian is the Adviser for Catholic formation for the South-west London Area of Southwark Diocese at the Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF), Tooting Bec. He is also the co-ordinator for the "Rite of Election" for adults under instruction for Baptism and Confirmation and oversees the Diploma in Catechesis. Before joining the CCF, he worked for Family Life International and the Catholic Truth Society.

### VISIT TO THE TOWER OF LONDON AND THE SHRINES OF CATHOLIC MARTYRS

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 10.45 AM TO 1.30 PM

This trip is being organised by Kingston University's Faith and Spirituality leader the Revd. Andrew Williams, whom many of you will know. As well as viewing various parts of the Tower, we will be escorted to the crypt of the Tower's church, St. Peter ad Vincula, for a visit to the shrines of the Roman Catholic martyrs, S.S. John Fisher and Thomas More. These are normally closed to visiting members of the public. The focus of the visit will be on the connection between the Tower of London and our country's religious history, including the many people martyred there. There is no charge but booking is essential by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Peter whose contact details are in this newsletter's header.



*St. Raphael's Parish  
Carol Service*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
at 6.15pm  
Followed by mulled wine  
& mince pies

*All are welcome*