

St. Raphael's Church

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11th February 2018 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Family Mass Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Mass with Hymns Peter El Khoury
5.00pm Quiet Mass Olga Villena de Stevenson RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 12th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Michael, Paul & Mary McLoughlin RIP
Tue. 13th February St. Paul Miki & Companions
10.00am Richard Hourigan RIP
Wed. 14th February **Ash Wednesday**
12.00 noon **Michael Law RIP**
7.30pm **Sean Sullivan**
(Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence and fasting)
Thu. 15th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Kathleen Ireland RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon.
Fri. 16th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Lina Cairoli RIP
Followed by Stations of the Cross
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 17th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Carlos Villena Quelopana RIP

18th February 2018 - 1st Sunday of Lent (B)

9.30am Family Mass Denis Curtin RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Noel Byrne RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

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
- Gloria Smith RIP
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- David Smith
The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- Maureen Houghton

Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

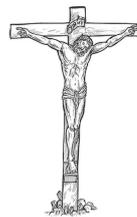
10.30am - 11.00am

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sundays at
4.00pm & Fridays
after Mass
During Lent
Please join Us

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The Children are on Half Term - classes resume on Saturday 24th February

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 9.30am Mass.

RCIA

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

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

After the morning Masses today.

"ST RAPHAEL'S LITTLE CHERUBS" MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Mondays at 10.30am in Alexander House. For more information or if you would like to help, please email straphaelslittlecherubs@outlook.com

STUDENT CATHOLIC SOCIETY

The Student Catholic Society meets at Kingston University every Tuesday at 6.30 pm at the Penrhyn Rd Campus and every Sunday at St. Raphael's after the 5.00 pm Mass. For details please contact Deacon Peter (see newsletter header) who is also available for one-to-one consultation.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

£893.66 Loose & £393.11 Gift Aid = £1,286.77

Plus £343.51 for Racial Justice Sunday

There will be a 2nd collection today to support the poor parishes of the diocese.



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School
The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.
T. 020 8546 7178 E. office@stjosephs.rbksch.org
W. stjosephsprimary.net/
Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.
Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

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

The year's Lenten Project will be in aid of the Joel Community Night Shelter in Kingston. The Shelter offers a warm, clean and safe place to sleep - hot meals and support for single people facing homelessness in the Kingston Borough. More importantly, our dedicated team of staff and volunteers offer a loving community to help transform the lives of vulnerable, isolated people and help break the vicious cycle of homelessness.

We welcome in 17 guests who sleep in shared dorms as well as a 3-bed 'move-on' flat for people moving towards independence. Guests enjoy home-cooked, healthy food and friendship around a large shared table at mealtimes and have access to laundry facilities, hot showers and lockers. Guests also benefit from 1-2-1 advice, workshops and volunteering opportunities to build life skills, co-operation and a renewed sense of self-worth.

After all Masses next Sunday – the 1st Sunday of Lent, a speaker from the Joel Community will talk briefly about the aims and work of the project.

Some events coming up for our Lenten Project – more details to follow next week

Saturday 3rd March – Children's Film afternoon

Sunday 4th March – A talk by David Kennedy 'From Madras to Surbiton, Alexander Raphael, unbeaten champion, 1775 – 1850' followed by a glass of wine.

Saturday 10th March – Mothers Day Flowers

Sunday 11th March – Cake Sale

Saturday 17th March – Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Margaret Dixon's house

Sunday 18th March – Adult's Film Night

In addition there will be 2 separate sponsored walks. If you would like to organise and run an event in aid of the project, please either speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office. Finally please take home one of the Lenten Project Collection Boxes from the back of the Church. These are to collect your loose change in. They are also a good way for children to help with the project by putting their spare pennies in.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

'A Lifetime of Loving' - a day in which married couples to explore their relationship more deeply. Saturday 10th March from 9.45am – 4.30pm. at the Holy Cross School, New Malden. Booking is essential and there is a suggested donation payable of £25. More information from Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk

THE APOSTOLATE OF ADORATION

In preparation for The National Eucharistic Congress which will take place later this year, a talk will be given on Saturday 3rd February 11.00am at The Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting Bec by Brendan Cleary on the theme of 'The Apostolate of Adoration'. For further information visit:
<https://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/events/2018/2/3/adoration-apostolate>

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR NEURO-DISABILITY IN PUTNEY

The Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability, in Putney, are looking for Volunteers to help once a month setting up for weekly 3.00pm Sunday Mass and to ensure patients are brought from their wards. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Alex McAllister at St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church.
becket.westhill@btinternet.com

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

This coming Wednesday, we begin the Lenten season by receiving Ash on our forehead. The ashes are made by burning the palm leaves used in the Palm Sunday Mass from the previous year. Ash is the oldest kind of soap, which was used to make things clean – therefore symbolic of purification. Also, in the Old Testament, the Israelite people used ashes in the rituals of purification. Ashes were a sign of grief, mourning, humiliation and penitence. When Job loses everything, he sits among the ashes. Ash also reminds us of a common origin and also of our nothingness – that we are but merely dust and ashes. The Book of Genesis tells how man was created from the dust of the ground. We are reminded not only of our beginning but also of our end. On the First Day of Lent, ashes are imposed with the words - "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Those words apply to us all. While ashes may signify and remind, they also invite. They invite us to repentance. So, it is with the spirit of repentance that we receive ashes on our foreheads - "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Ashes invite us to turn again to God and to receive a new life. Ashes are not the end but are just the beginning. They begin a season that moves through silence and longing into a season of joy and resurrection.

Mass on Ash Wednesday - 12.00 noon & 7.30pm

Don't forget Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. This means everyone over the age of 14 is bound to abstain from eating meat on this day. In addition everyone aged between 18 – 60 are bound to fast.

There are some copies of "My Day by Day" available at the back of the Church. These little booklets give helpful readings for every day during Lent and are an excellent way to prepare for Easter. They cost £1.00 – please put the money in the newspaper box.

ST. RAPHAEL'S ALTAR SERVERS AND HANDMAIDS TRAINING

There will be a training for all altar servers and handmaids of St. Raphael's Church on Saturday 3rd March, from 11:00am - 12:30pm at the church. It is important that all altar servers and handmaids attend as this training will provide more knowledge about the mass and helping at mass. New altar servers and handmaids are also welcome to attend. New altar servers and handmaids should have received their first Holy Communion or be currently preparing to receive their first Holy Communion. For more information please contact Chuzzy, our Parish Master of Ceremonies on 07522094703

Of your charity, please pray for
the repose of the Soul of
Pat McCarthy.

Her body will be received into the Church on
Thursday 1st March at 4.00pm.
Her Requiem Mass will on Friday 2nd March at 1.30pm
May She Rest in Peace.