



St. Raphael's Church

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12th February 2017 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) psalter II

9.30am Family Mass Kate Freeman
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Peggy O'Neil & Brian Crowley RIP

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

Mon. 13th Feb. Feria in Ordinary Time
NO MASS TODAY
Tue. 14th Feb. SS. Cyril & Methodius
10.00am Bernard Lang RIP
Wed. 15th Feb. Feria in Ordinary Time
12 noon Seán Spelman RIP
Thu. 16th Feb. Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Louisa Giles RIP
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today
Fri. 17th Feb. Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
10.00am Carlos Villena Quelopana RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 18th Feb. Our Lady
10.00am Florentine Healy RIP

Please note
No Mass on
Monday

19th February 2017 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) psalter III

9.30am Family Mass Denis Curtain RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Canon Bernard Grady RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass

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
- Fr. Clifton - welfare
The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- The Gardiner Family

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.



APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email 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

Every Wednesday at 9.00am - please come and help keep our church looking beautiful for Our Lord.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House. (The programme is now full)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sundays during the 9.30am Mass

RCIA

Meets on Fridays 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 9.30am morning Mass today.

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. (His contact details are at the top of this Newsletter).

STUDENT DISCUSSIONS

There is no student discussion group after the 5.00pm Sunday Mass this week. The subject next week will be 'The Mass'. All college and 6th Form students are most welcome to join in. For more information, please contact Deacon Peter.



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.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£553.01 Loose & £345.83 Gift Aid
= £898.84

**HEAD TEACHER VACANCY
AT ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Governors invite applications to our Parish Primary School. The successful candidate for this rewarding post will be an inspirational leader and committed Catholic. He/she will work closely with the governing body and parish to help us achieve excellence and promote Catholicity. The application form link may be found in the Information Pack that is available at <http://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/Welcome>. Closing date: 9.00am on 13th March.

**GUIDED TOUR OF TYBURN CONVENT AND
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 3.30 – 5.30 PM**

The Kingston University Catholic Society of students has organised a tour of Tyburn Convent near Marble Arch, central London. The convent has the relics of many Catholic martyrs executed at Tyburn in the 16th and 17th centuries. From the 12th century over 100,000 people were executed at Tyburn, including children for petty crimes. Today, the Convent is a great centre of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. The Tyburn Nuns - the Benedictine Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre – welcome pilgrims and tourists from all over the world to visit the Shrine of the Martyrs at Tyburn. Their life is centred on Eucharistic Adoration for the glory of God and on prayer for the needs of the whole human family. Parishioners of the Deanery are most welcome to join the students on this visit. For further details, please contact Deacon Peter by the 20th February. (details on the front of the Newsletter).

**LONDON EVENINGS OF FAITH-
FEBRUARY & MARCH 2017**

A series of talks on 'Reasons For Believing'. The next talk will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 21st February (Subsequent talks will take place on the 7th & 21st March). Talks are held in the basement of 24, Golden Square, London W1F 9JR. For details go to - www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith.

**A GIFT FOR HUSBAND AND WIFE
MARCH 4TH, 9.45AM - 4.30PM.**

AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH HALL, ASHFORD.

An invitation for husbands and wives to explore their relationship more deeply in the light of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation – 'The Joy of Love'. This is a marriage-enrichment day entitled 'A Lifetime of Loving', during which couples can gain valuable insights into their communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing, it is not a marriage counselling or guidance but a chance to make your marriage better.

Suggested Donation - £25 per couple. For more information telephone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@gmail.com

Some General House Keeping

- Please help keep our Church tidy – return All Hymn Books and Mass sheets to the back of the Church when you leave Mass.

- Please always accompany all children to the toilets in the hall.

- Please switch off all mobile phones.

- Please do not bring food / refreshments into the Church

Thank you for your co-operation

In today's Gospel Our Lord explains that he is not abolishing the Ten Commandments and the law, but he is demanding of his followers a more perfect, a more sincere, fulfillment of them.

His audience knew the Ten Commandments - they knew them as they had been taught - largely by the Pharisees, who only seemed to stress the letter of the law and it's external observance. However, Christ demands that our attitude towards the commandments and other precepts of the law must be different.

Avoiding murder therefore is not enough - the true Christian must remove any inclination to murder by building up true, brotherly love for all men in his heart. It is not enough for us not to injure our neighbor or fellowman in his person, or in his character - but we must be ever ready to help him and prevent injury to him, whenever and wherever we can.

We must not only not commit adultery, but must also develop a Christian respect and esteem for purity, the virtue that will preserve us not only from adultery but also even from thoughts of adultery, or any other abuse of our sexual gifts given us by God for his sublime purpose.

We must be always truthful and keep our word. This virtue is not only necessary for our salvation, but is the basis of rational intercourse between men in civilized society.

True and loyal service of God begins in the heart.

Keeping the ten commandments is our way of proving to God that we are grateful, obedient and loyal to him who gave us all we have and who has promised us eternal life with him.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today is 'Racial Justice Sunday' and there will be a 2nd collection to support the work of the Church in promoting racial Justice in our parishes, schools and wider society.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a collection of lost property on a table in Alexander House. If you have left anything in the church in the last few months, please have a look for it there. The items will be displayed until next Sunday and any items left unclaimed after that will be disposed of.

**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA &
RELICS OF BLESSED JACINTA AND FRANCISCO**

On Saturday 18th February Cardinal Vincent Nichols will receive, bless and crown the National Pilgrim Statue in Westminster Cathedral and will renew the consecration of our country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will be followed by a Fatima Symposium. Entrance fee of £5 to cover hall hire etc. See the poster in the porch for details.

**2 VACANCIES AT
RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL**

LETTINGS OFFICER - to start as soon as possible. Salary £10.00 per hour.

PREMISES MANAGER - to start July 2017 - 35 hours per week Salary £25,500 – £30,000 depending on experience/qualifications.

Full details of the school and vacancies can be found at www.richardchalloner.com Or contact the Bursar, at bursar@challoner.kingston.sch.uk

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 16th February at 6.00pm in the Library.

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Sunday 5th March at 6.00pm in the Parish Library.