



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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15th February 2015 The 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) Psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass Eva McCusker RIP
11.30am Sung Mass The Coussey & Mills Family
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 16th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Una Annett RIP
Tue. 17th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Carlos Villena Quelopana RIP
Wed. 18th February Ash Wednesday
12.00 noon Louise Giles
7.30pm Eileen Weller RIP
(A day of fasting & abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Thu. 19th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Canon Grady RIP
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)
Fri. 20th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Mabel Ezechiel RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 21st February Lenten Feria
10.00am Rosario Aquila & Freddie Co RIP

22nd February 2015 The 1st Sunday of Lent Psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass Jimmy Conway RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Kelly Dagleish RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Parish Diary This Week

TUESDAY

Parish Priest Surgery
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday
Masses at
12.00noon & 7.30pm

Church Cleaning
9.00am
Church

Parent & Children's Group
9.30am - 11.00am
Alexander House

**(No Confirmation this week
- resumes 25th February)**

THURSDAY

**(No Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament today)**

SATURDAY

Confessions
10.30am - 11.00am

**(No 1st Holy Communion
Classes this week - resumes
28th February)**

SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy
during 9.30am Mass

**Tea & Coffee in Alexander
House after the morning
Masses**

Baptism
1.00pm

Stations of the Cross
4.00pm



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 a sacristan.

*The recommended donation is £5.
The lamps this week are burning for
Vincent Caffrey & Barry Perks*



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

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



Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of **Vincenzo Ferritto**.

His Requiem Mass will be here on the 27th February at 11.30am.

And **Con O'Brien**. His Funeral Service will be here at 11.30am on the 26th February
May they Rest in Peace.

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.**

The Rosary is recited

Mon - Sat
before Mass
4.00pm on Sun



Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection

Loose £600.20 + £320.50 Gift Aid = £920.70

In addition during January we received
£1,817.00 in monthly direct debits.

Plus £195.99 for the Catholic Education Service.

There will be a 2nd Collection today for the
'Needs of the Diocese', which helps support
poor parishes in the diocese.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP. T. 020 8546 7178

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

Congratulations and best wishes to
Adrian & Saradambal who were married
here last week. May the Lord bless them
as they begin their new life together.

LENT 2015

Lent begins this Wednesday. There will be Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 12.00 noon and 7.30pm.

Lenten devotions at St. Raphael's this year are as follows: -

**Tuesday Evening Mass at 7.30pm
Commencing 24th February**

This is open to everyone, in particular those who work during the week.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 9.00am / Sunday at 4.00pm. This will commence on **Sunday 22nd February the First Sunday of Lent**

Exposition and Benediction

**Every Thursday from 5th March
after the 10.00am Mass until 12 Noon**

The Rosary is recited before Mass during the weekdays.

OUR LENTEN CHARITY PROJECT THIS YEAR "GRIEF TO GRACE"

Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Founded in the USA in 2007, Grief to Grace (G2G) has been recently established in the UK. It is a charity that runs a specialist programme of spiritual and psychological healing for those who have suffered sexual, emotional or physical abuse in childhood or adolescence, or violation in adulthood, including the victims of clergy abuse. It combines an expert understanding of the psychology of trauma with the healing power of Christ, the Divine Physician. Fr. Dominic Allain, G2G's UK Director, will be at St. Raphael's next Sunday the 1st Sunday in Lent to celebrate all Masses and speak about the work of the charity.

As usual we have organised a number of events to raise funds including the following -

Sunday 1st March at 6pm A Film night showing 'Romero'

Archbishop Oscar Romero was the Archbishop of San Salvador. His love for his people who were suffering violence and oppression led him to take their side and to denounce their oppressors he was killed, whilst saying Mass, on 24th March 1980.

The film will be followed by a light supper of bread and soup – donations requested on the night.

- Sunday 8th March at 6.00pm Quiz Night

Tickets will be on sale next Sunday for our famous Quiz Night. This is a very popular event and we have a limited amount of tickets, so book early to avoid disappointment! Adults £7.00 Children £5.00

Teams should consist of no more than 8 people. Come as a team or join a team on the night.

A selection of breads and cheeses will be provided for each table, but feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks. Wine will be available for a donation.

If you have any suitable items that can be used as raffle prizes please take them to the office. All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

- Saturday 14th March Flower Arrangements for Mothers Day

More details to follow.

- Sunday 22nd March after morning masses Cake Sale

More details to follow.

If you would like to organise an event in aid of this year's project, please speak to Fr. Kevin or Michael in the Parish Office.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin the Lenten season this coming Wednesday by receiving Ash on our forehead. The ashes are made by burning the palm leaves used in the Palm Sunday Mass from last year. Ashes are a sacramental, and the symbolism of ashes has a very strong appeal.

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 and 7.30pm

PASTORAL LETTER

This Sunday we have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop. Copies are available at the back of the Church and on our Parish Website.

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our next Foodbank collection will be after all Masses on the 1st March They need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food particularly UHT or powdered milk, sugar, cartons of fruit juice, soup, pasta sauces, tinned sponge pudding, tinned tomatoes, cereals, tinned rice pudding, tea bags, coffee, instant mash potato, rice /pasta, tinned meat / fish, tinned vegetables / fruit, jam and biscuits.

Many thanks for your continued support.

OUR PARISH REPOSITORY

We have lot of new stock in the Repository including some lovely children's books and 1st Holy Communion gifts. We also have cards for Easter, Mothers Day and St. Patrick's Day along with Mass Cards for various occasions.

PORTSMOUTH ROAD CONSULTATION

Kingston Council are carrying out a consultation regarding major changes to the Portsmouth Road, there are some leaflets at the back of the Church about this and more information at www.kingston.gov.uk/consultations The Project Manager is Mr. Inderpal Grewal who can be contacted on 8547 6389 or inderpal.grewal@kingston.gov.uk

WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY Poppy & George who was baptised here recently. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.