

St. Raphael's Church

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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

Mon. 19th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Canon Bernard Grady RIP (Parish Priest of St. Raphael's 1955 -86)
Tue. 20th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Brigitta Ezechial RIP
Wed. 21st February Lenten Feria
12.00 noon Marie Cusani RIP
Thu. 22nd February The Chair of St. Peter
10.00am Eileen Tull RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon.
Fri. 23rd February Lenten Feria
10.00am Fr. Michael Clifton RIP
Followed by Stations of the Cross
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 24th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Lina Cairoli RIP

25th February 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Lent (B)
9.30am Family Mass Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Mass with Hymns Ena & John O'Sullivan RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Jimmy Conway RIP

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
Canon Grady RIP
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- Fr. Clifton RIP
The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- the work of the Joel Community



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

Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

The Rosary is recited

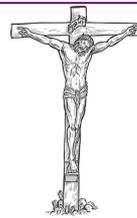
Monday - Saturday before Mass



THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

£696.94 Loose & £337.00 Gift
Aid = £1,033.94

Plus £221.72 for poor parishes of the diocese.



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

Saturday - 10.30am Alexander House

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 9.30am Mass.

RCIA

Thursday - 7.30pm in the Parish Library.

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

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Meets next Sunday at 6.15pm in the Parish Library.

On Monday we remember Canon Bernard Grady who died on the 19th February 1992. He was Parish Priest here at St. Raphael's for 31 years from 1955 until his retirement 1986.

On Friday we remember Fr. Michael Clifton who died on the 23rd February 2017. Fr. Michael was a great friend to this Parish and often came to concelebrate Mass here on weekdays after he retired as Parish Priest of Ham.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

T. 020 8546 7178 E. office@stjosephs.rbskch.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, their 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.

They 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.

Today, we welcome a speaker from the Joel Community who will briefly talk about the aims and work of the project.

SOME EVENTS COMING UP FOR OUR LENTEN PROJECT

Saturday 3rd March – Children's Film afternoon. More details next week.

Sunday 4th March – 'From Madras to Surbiton, Alexander Raphael, unbeaten champion, 1775 – 1850' A talk by local historian David Kennedy on the founder of our Church Alexander Raphael. 6.00pm a glass of wine & nibbles followed by the talk at 6.30pm - a suggested donation of £5.00.

Saturday 10th March – Mother's Day Flowers & Cards

Saturday 10th March – Spring into Spring our Supper Dance.

Sunday 11th March – Cake Sale in the Hall after Mass – buy a cake for your mother on Mother's Day.

Saturday 17th March – Céad Míle Fáilte - All are welcome to celebrate St Patrick's Day at Margaret Dixon's home, 40 Fassett Road, for Irish coffee & homemade Irish treats from 11.00am till 2.00pm.

Sunday 18th March – Adult's Film Night – 'The Gospel According to St. Matthew' ('Il vangelo secondo Matteo') directed by Pier Paolo Pasolini. This classic 1964 film, in Italian with subtitles, was described by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano as 'the best film on Christ ever made'. With stunning black-and-white photography, an eclectic soundtrack and using a cast of non-professionals who voice dialogue drawn directly from scripture. Tickets cost £8.00 and include a light supper of Lasagne and salad with tea & coffee. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets on sale soon.

Saturday 24th March – The St. Raphael's Ramblers 6 mile river walk – See below.

Diana Hillier's sponsored walk to Hampton Court. If you would like to sponsor her, please see her at the back of the Church after Mass.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Beryl Simms** who died recently. Details of her funeral to follow.
May She Rest in Peace

On this first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading is about Jesus' temptation in the desert.

St Mark tells us that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being freed from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God - where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In St. Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan - the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our on-going struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all, in his saving death on the cross.

**ST. RAPHAEL'S ALTAR SERVERS
AND HANDMAIDS TRAINING**

There will be a training for all altar servers and handmaids on Saturday 3rd March, from 11:00am - 12:30pm at the church. It is important that all altar servers and handmaids attend. 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



SPRING INTO SPRING

Celebrate the coming of spring and raise money for our Lenten Project. Come to **St. Raphael's' Supper Dance, in our beautiful hall and garden on Saturday 10th March from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**

Tickets are £30 per person, to include –
on arrival a glass of sparkling wine with canapés.
Main course, dessert, tea and coffee (other refreshments available).
Dance to all your favourite tunes.

Have a great night out, while supporting our Lenten Project - **The Joel Community Night Shelter.**

Invite your friends and make up a table of 8.

Tickets are available in the hall after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses and from the sacristy after the 5.00pm Mass.

Also available from the Parish Office -
tel 8 541 4999 or straphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com.
Please let us know when booking if you have any special dietary requirements.

THE ST. RAPHAEL'S RAMBLERS 6-MILE RIVER WALK. On Saturday 24th March at 10.45am there will be a 6 mile sponsored walk in aid of Our Lenten Project. If you would like to take part in the walk please contact either Nuala on tel. 8 390 2048 or Angela tel. 8 547 9978 angela@casacombe.com If you would like to sponsor the group please complete the tear off slip below and hand it into either the Parish Office or Sacristy with your money. Dog walkers welcome! Thank you.

I would like to sponsor the walk on the 24th March
Either £ (Insert amount) per mile or £ (Insert amount) total amount
Name Tel number
Address

If you are a member of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please tick this box