



St. Raphael's Church

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

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

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 20th Feb. Feria in Ordinary Time

NO MASS TODAY

Tue. 21st Feb. St. Peter Damian
10.00am Gloria Smith RIP

Wed. 22nd Feb. The Chair of St. Peter
12 noon Eileen Tull RIP

Thu. 23rd Feb. St. Polycarp
10.00am John Gibney RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon

Fri. 24th Feb. Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Francis Guteridge RIP

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 25th Feb. St. Ethelbert
10.00am Denis Curtin RIP

26th February 2017 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) psalter IV

9.30am Family Mass Jimmy Conway RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Wendy Wilson RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Please note
No Mass on
Monday

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.

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 Eileen Tull RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for - James Philip RIP

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.



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

At the weekly meeting of the Society in the Parish Library after the 5.00 pm Mass, Deacon Peter is leading a series of discussions on key aspects of our faith. Today's subject is '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

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

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

£608.63 Loose & £249.14 Gift Aid = £857.77
Plus £126.74 in aid of 'Racial Justice Sunday'

THE STANDING ORDERS FOR JANUARY

Totalled £2,027.50

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).

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 after Mass today - any items left unclaimed after that will be disposed of.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer takes place this year on Friday 3rd of March. There will be a service at St. Mark's Church, Surbiton at 10.30am on that day. See poster in the porch for details.

CANON BERNARD GRADY RIP

Today is the anniversary of the death of Canon Grady who was Parish Priest here at St. Raphael's from 1955 until his retirement in 1986. He died in 1992 and is buried in the vault under the High Altar of the Church. The 5.00pm Mass today will be offered for the repose of his soul. May he Rest in Peace.

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

SUNDAY PARKING ALONG THE PORTSMOUTH ROAD.

Since the completion of the Cycle lane along the Portsmouth Road, the parking situation outside the Church has deteriorated dramatically and has now become a major issue.

At the time of the original consultation, despite people's concerns being raised with Kingston Borough Council that by widening the footpath on the church side of the road and the width of the cycle lane being built on the river side of the road, the road would be too narrow. However, we were assured that there would no change to the current parking regulations along the Portsmouth Road on a Sunday. Now that all these concerns have proved all too valid - the council wish to ban all parking outside the Church at all times. Recently Fr. Kevin and some representatives from the Parish had a meeting with Owen Bentley, the Project Manager of the scheme, at Kingston Council. During the meeting it was pointed out that despite the Council being advised of all these issues at the planning stage and what the results would be, they had taken no notice of the concerns then raised and now we in effect are being penalised for their mismanagement of the scheme.

It has been pointed out that nearly five hundred people attend this church on a Sunday - many young families with children and senior citizens and this must be taken into account when any decision is made about the situation. We advised them that because there are no local buses on a Sunday that service the Portsmouth Road, Public Transport was not an option. It was also pointed out that it was, in fact, Kingston Council who stipulated the size of the current car park beside the church and refused permission for anything larger. In addition it was they who would not allow permission for a 2nd Car Park to be built in front of Alexander House at the time that construction work was being carried out there.

Mr Bentley took these points on board. However, it seems likely that the new restrictions will come into force. It was agreed that we would undertake a four week monitoring of vehicles parked on the single yellow lines at the times of all the Sunday Masses. We will keep you advised of any further developments with regard to this matter.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

13th March 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Gatwick with 15kg checked in baggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in the newly refurbished Knock House Hotel - full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

18th – 25th August led by Bishop Patrick Lynch. See notice in the porch or contact Canon Perera on tel. 0208 399 9550 email info@olionline.co.uk for details.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday for the 'Needs of the Diocese' which goes to help the poorer parishes in the diocese.