



St. Raphael's Church

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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

Mon. 27th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mary Campbell RIP

Tue. 28th February Feria in Ordinary Time
NO MASS TODAY

Wed. 1st March **Ash Wednesday**
9.15am Service of the Word and imposition of Ashes at St. Joseph's School
12.00 noon John Stokes RIP
(A day of fasting and abstinence)

Thu. 2nd March Lenten Feria
NO MASS TODAY

Fri. 3rd March Lenten Feria
9.00am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Paul Ferro RIP

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

Sat. 4th March Lenten Feria
10.00am In reparation for abortion

5th March 2017 - 1st Sunday of Lent (A) psalter I

9.30am Family Mass Ovina Pinkerton RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Bill Woolliscroft RIP

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

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.

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
- Our RCIA candidates
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- Vocations to the sacred priesthood

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- Delia, Richlyn, Mergilyn & Jaden

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.



THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£496.57 Loose &
£285.13 Gift Aid
= £781.70

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

After the 9.30am
& 11.30am
morning Masses
today.



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.



OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF FR. MICHAEL CLIFTON

Fr. Michael who was a friend of this Parish for many years and said Mass in this church many times, died on Thursday 24th February. Fr. Michael was formerly the Parish Priest of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ham. After his retirement he would often concelebrate weekday Mass here at St. Raphael's. In May 2015 he moved to the Holy Cross Retirement Home in East Sussex where Fr. Kevin visited and anointed him the day before he died in the 56th year of his priesthood. Details of his funeral will follow.

Well-done good and faithful servant.
May His Soul Rest in Peace

**PARISH LENTEN PROJECT FOR 2017
IN AID OF SURVIVE-MIVA**

Survive-Miva is a Catholic lay Association, based in Liverpool, which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas and for the Church's pastoral care in inaccessible places across Africa, Asia and Latin America. To find out more visit www.survive-miva.org.

Next Sunday we welcome Theresa Codd, from the charity, to the Church to speak at all masses about their work and we will have a 2nd collection to launch our appeal.

Lenten project collection boxes – Available after Mass today – especially for children, use them to put your spare pennies in.

**SOME EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S PROJECT
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Grand Lenten Raffle

Cake Sale – Sunday 12th March after the morning Masses.

St. Patrick's Day – 17th March at Margret Dixon's House, 40 Fassett Road, Kingston. KT1 2TF

Quiz Night – Sunday the 19th March after the evening Mass

Mothers' Day Flowers – Saturday 25th March in the Hall.

Sponsored Walk – Saturday 8th April. Hampton Court and back (6 Miles in total) in aid of Our Lenten Project. If you would like to take part in the walk please contact either Nula on 0208 390 2048 or Angela on 0208 547 9978 angela@casacombe.com details of how to sponsor people will be in next week's newsletter.

Guess the weight of the giant Easter Egg – Draw after the Easter Vigil.

If you have any other ideas about a project you would like to organise and run in aid of the project, please speak to Fr. Kevin or the Parish Office.

REPOSITORY CARDS

We have a new selection of cards in our Parish repository - including Mass Cards and those for St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter. Please take a look after Mass.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
During Lent
Every Sunday at 4.00pm
Every Friday at 9.00am
Please join Us

**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.

**THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY – THE
BEGINNING OF LENT**

The word "Lent" comes from an old English word, which means "springtime" - so it reminds us of spring cleaning and the new life in nature at this time of year. The season of Lent is a time of special grace for us in which we want to do some spring cleaning in our lives and enjoy new life as a result. Because we are all sinners, we want to clean up our lives during Lent. We want to leave sin behind and grow closer to the Lord. We want a change of heart this Lent.

The words of the Lord through the prophet Joel in our first reading on Ash Wednesday, are words that have special significance as we begin this season of Lent and are words that we can easily see the Lord speaking to us personally,

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment."

In the Scriptures when people left sin behind and turned over a new leaf they used ashes to symbolize their repentance. The Prophet Job said, *"I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes."* The Prophet Daniel tell us *"Turn to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes."* In the Gospel our Lord tells us, *"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes."*

Therefore, in a spirit of repentance we will take ashes on our foreheads on Wednesday.

Sometimes people ask, "What are you doing for Lent?"

There is one thing to give up during Lent – sin. This season of Lent is a preparation for renewing our baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. The season of Lent is to give us time once again to die to our old sinful ways and rise out of the tomb with Jesus to a new way of life so that by the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night when we renew our baptismal vows, we will also have renewed our lives.

That is why the First Preface of Lent says,

'Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.'

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence when the church asks us to fast and abstain from eating meat.

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.

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.

BICYCLES, BUGGIES OR SCOOTERS IN CHURCH

Please do not leave bicycles, buggies or scooters in the porch. Firstly this is an emergency exit and must be kept clear and secondly they are damaging the paintwork. (There are numerous bicycle racks situated on either side of the church.) Thank you for your co-operation.