

# St. Raphael's Church

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WELCOME

## 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (A) Psalter Week IV

9.30am Family Mass Philip Morgan (Welfare)  
11.30am Sung Mass Denis & Rita Sumner RIP  
5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish  
4pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> February St. Blaise  
10.00am Fr. Vincent  
Tue. 4<sup>th</sup> February Feria in Ordinary Time  
10.00am Anne Bennett  
Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> February St. Agatha  
12.00 noon Brigitta Ezechiel  
(Tea and coffee is available after this Mass)  
Thu. 6<sup>th</sup> February St. Paul Miki & Companion Martyrs  
10.00am Carole (welfare)  
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.20am to 12 noon)  
Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> Friday - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
10.00am Lorel Collymore  
(A day of abstinence when Catholics must abstain from eating meat)  
Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> February Our Lady  
10.00am The White & McCarthy Families

## 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014 The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A) Psalter Week I

9.30am Family Mass Sandra Coombs  
11.30am Sung Mass Alec Campbell  
5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish  
4pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



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

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 the sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5. The Lamps this Week are burning for

Fiorella & Allan Park

### Confessions

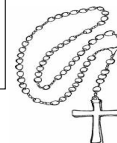
**Sundays –**  
9.00am – 9.20am,  
11.00am – 11.20am,  
4.30pm – 4.50pm  
**Saturdays –**  
10.30am – 11.00am.

And at other times by reasonable request



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

**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. Eze. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.



**The Rosary is recited**  
Monday – Saturday  
before Mass  
Sunday 4pm

## Parish Diary

**TUESDAY**  
Parish Priest's Surgery  
5.30pm – 7.00pm  
The Parish Office

**MONDAY**  
Blessing of Throats after  
Mass (See page2)

**WEDNESDAY**  
Church Cleaning  
Before Mass  
Parent & Children's Group  
9.45am – 11.30am  
Alexander House  
Tea & Coffee after Mass  
Alexander House

**THURSDAY**  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
from after Mass until  
Benediction 12 noon  
Praying for Vocations

**SATURDAY**  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Confessions.  
10.30am – 11.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Classes  
10.30am – 12 noon  
Alexander House

**SUNDAY**  
Children's Liturgy during  
9.30am Mass  
Tea & Coffee Alexander  
House after the morning  
Masses  
Rosary & Benediction  
4.00pm

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

Breakfast Club from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm

## Today's Mass: the Presentation of the Lord

By Fr. David Gibbons, Centre for Catholic Formation

Today we take a break from the Sundays in Ordinary Time and keep the Feast known as Candlemas. At Mass candles are blessed and sprinkled with holy water and we recite the canticle *Nunc Dimittis*.

**First Reading:** the prophet Malachi prophesies about the Lord entering the Temple, whose offering will purify the people.

The **Psalm** is from an old Hebrew Entrance Liturgy, and expresses in hymn form the entrance of the Lord into the Temple.

**Second Reading:** the letter to the Hebrews expresses the deeper meaning of today's Feast, namely that Jesus Christ alone, as a human being but without sin, is the true High Priest, whose sacrifice alone can make atonement for our sins.

**Gospel:** in accordance with Jewish law, Jesus is presented in the Temple. Simeon responds with the canticle we call the *Nunc Dimittis* and Anna responds by praising God. Thus Jesus is revealed as the light to the nations and as the one who will deliver the people (although the way of suffering is not the way they were expecting).

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For this year's Lenten Project we are having the following events.

**Bingo and lasagna night** - Sunday 9th March (more information in next newsletter)

**Quiz night** - Sunday 6th April - make up a team of no more than 8, or just buy a ticket and join a team on the night. Tickets £7 adults, £5 children. A buffet of cheeses and breads will be provided, but feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles.

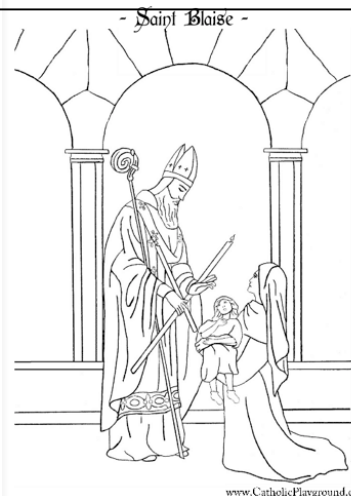
More information to follow shortly.

We are also having **Hunger Lunches** after mass on the 5 Wednesdays during Lent. The first one will be on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Lunch will comprise of soup, bread, tea/coffee and cake. Tickets will be £4 per person. No need to book, just turn up and pay on the day.

We need help with the food for this event so if you can provide soup or cakes please contact Sheila Jones 07970 212761 or Kate Freeman 07757 031310. There is a good size freezer in the kitchen so any soup can be made in advance and frozen. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

## PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Tuesday night from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. No appointment necessary. Please ring the bell marked St. Raphael's Cottage.



## ST. BLAISE

St. Blaise was a bishop in modern day Armenia who was martyred in 316. He was a good bishop, who worked hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people.

Although the Edict of Toleration issued in A.D.311, granted freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was forced to flee he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheatre stumbled upon

Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. As the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, we are told, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten and eventually he was beheaded.

Blaise is seen as one more example of the power those who have given themselves entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.

Each year on his feast day, after Mass, the priest blesses the throats of those present. He holds two candles under the throat and recites the following prayer.

*"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".*

## THE CATHOLIC THEATRE COMPANY

The Catholic theatre company, 'Ten Ten', is presenting two plays for the whole family at The Tristan Bates Theatre in Covent Garden on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Suitable for children aged 4 and above, the plays aim to support parents and promote family values. For more information, please visit their website: [www.tententheatre.co.uk/whatson](http://www.tententheatre.co.uk/whatson)

## MASS CARDS

There are a large selection of Mass Cards for various occasions available in the stand outside the Library in Alexander House. We also have some Cards for **St. Patrick's Day** and **Easter**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

We have a long waiting list for Masses to be said, particularly for Sundays. If you would like a Mass said any time this year, on a particular date, please book it at the Parish Office ASAP.

## A DAY WITH MARY

There will be 'A Day with Mary' at St. Joseph's, New Malden on this Saturday, the 8th February from 9.30am. See the poster in the Church Porch for more details.

## ALEXANDER HOUSE

Our Parish Hall is available for hire for parties and other events. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.