



St. Raphael's Church

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4th February 2018 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am Family Mass Francis Rodricks RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Eileen Flynn
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 5th February St. Agatha

10.00am Anne Bennett RIP

Tue. 6th February St. Paul Miki & Companions

10.00am James Mulcahy

Wed. 7th February Feria in Ordinary Time

12 noon Eammon Hickey RIP

Thu. 8th February St. Jerome Emiliani

10.00am Dorothy Hunter RIP

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

Fri. 9th February Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Ester Collini RIP

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

Sat. 10th February St. Scholastica

10.00am Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan - Former Parish Priest of St. Raphael's

11th February 2018 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am Family Mass Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Mass with Hymns Peter El Khoury
5.00pm Quiet Mass Olga Villena de Stevenson RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

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

The Children are on Half Term - classes resume on Saturday 24th February

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 9.30am Mass.

RCIA

Meets on Thursdays 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 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

STUDENT CATHOLIC SOCIETY

The Student Catholic Society meets at Kingston University every Tuesday at 6.30 pm at the Penrhyn Rd Campus and every Sunday at St. Raphael's after the 5.00 pm Mass. For details please contact Deacon Peter (see newsletter header) who is also available for one-to-one consultation.



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

- Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- Margaret Dixon - blessings

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- Vocations to the Priesthood

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.



The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

£862.22 Loose & £346.00

Gift Aid

= £1,208.22

There will be a 2nd collection today for Racial Justice Sunday

There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday to support the poor parishes of the diocese.



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.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP

This coming Saturday will be the 10th Anniversary of the death of Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan former parish Priest of St. Raphael's. The following is part of the tribute paid to him at the time of His Golden Jubilee in 2002 -

'Fr. Dominic was born in Waterville, Co. Kerry in Ireland and came to England after the Second World War. The young Dominic entered St. John's Seminary at Womersley near Guildford and was ordained priest on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 12th June 1952 at Sevenoaks in Kent where he had been teaching as a Deacon. He became Assistant Priest at Sevenoaks. In October 1970 he moved to St. Raphael's where he served as Assistant Priest to Canon Bernard Grady. When the Canon retired in 1980, Fr. Dominic took on the duties of Parish Priest. He has served the parish and the wider community in Kingston and Surbiton for over thirty years.

There are many sides to this tall, strong, imposing man from Kerry. These fifty years are witness to his steadfast service to God and to his humility and simplicity. He has also been a terrific sportsman and an extrovert socialite, delighting in the company of parishioners, the wider community and local politicians.

Teaching and encouraging the young has been a focal point of his ministry. He taught geography and Latin as well as Religious Education at St. Thomas's School, Sevenoaks. In Kingston he has served as Chaplain to the University and to St. Joseph's School where until recently he was also Chairman of the Board of Governors. He is also on the Governing Body of Richard Challoner School. Over the years he also helped establish very successful Youth Clubs both in Sevenoaks and in Kingston. A countless number of those attending today's Jubilee celebration have been baptised or married by him. He has been at the centre of our journey to God, performing over 2,000 Baptisms, 1,000 weddings and just under 1,000 funerals - all in this beautiful church of St Raphael's.

As an enthusiastic socialite, he has always had the knack of bringing people together. He has been involved in more than thirty Christmas parties for the Senior Citizens of the Royal Borough, whatever their faith or circumstance. Many old folk in the Borough remember his kindness and his powerful and harmonious voice singing 'Danny Boy' on such occasions. He has organised thirty-eight Dinner Dances for the parish which are so popular that they are always over subscribed.

Mention sport and Fr. Dominic's eyes light up! The young and the not so young Fr. Dominic was formidable both in ability and as a dedicated teacher to many boys at St. Thomas's School, Sevenoaks. P.T. was known as Physical Torture in the hands of "Sergeant Major" Dominic. He organised swimming and sports days, but hockey and cricket are his top sports. The First Eleven hockey team of St Thomas's survived unbeaten during Fr. Dominic's tenure as coach, as he drove the boys in a minibus across southern England from game to game. He remains Vice President of Sevenoaks Hockey Club and is a non-playing member of Surbiton Hockey Club.'

Fr. Dominic retired in 2002, shortly after his Golden Jubilee. Following retirement, he continued to live in the parish and until his health began to fail, he continued to come to the church daily and concelebrate Mass with his successor, Fr. Vincent.

Fr. Dominic was a much-loved Parish Priest. He had a natural affinity for people and stood by them through difficult times. He will always be remembered by parishioners as a most caring and loving shepherd of his flock who wanted to be with them to the end of his life. Fr Dominic died peacefully on 10th February 2008 at home. After his Requiem Mass his body was taken back to Waterville for burial.

Holy Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul on Saturday.

May He Rest in Peace

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick in today's Gospel is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

Many of us have also been very sick. We have wondered if this is it? Will this ailment take us, now or eventually? The human part of us is afraid - however the spiritual part of us reminds us that the One who sweated blood as his death approached knows how we feel.

If we carry Christ within us, carry within us the one who heals - if we believe in Him, if we trust in Him, then we refuse to join Job's cry of despair. We recognize that Christ is present when we need Him the most, healing our internal and our external turmoil. We need to remember, we are not alone. Jesus is always with us. He is there to protect us from the doubts and despair that plagued Job. He is there to give us the courage to walk with Him over the threshold to a new life.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY OPEN MORNING

Friday 9th February at 9.15am

Please call the School Office on 0208 546 7178 for more information and to book a place.

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION IN TOOTING.

Faith & Art Series

27th Feb - The School Of Athens by Raphael.

20th Mar - Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross.

The Three Pillars of Lent

20th Feb - Prayer with Sebastian Morello.

6th Mar - Fasting with Mark Nash.

13th Mar - Almsgiving with Pierpaolo Finaldi.

For more information on these and other events at the Centre for Catholic Formation, please see the poster in the porch or visit <https://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk>

KINGSTON STREET PASTORS

Kingston Street Pastors are trained Christian volunteers from over 25 different local churches of all denominations. They go out every Friday and Saturday night in Kingston Town Centre with a mission to care, listen and help. It is a great way to meet new people, make new friends, and we have loads of fun! Kingston Street Pastors are always looking for new volunteers to go out or to pray for our work. To find out more about what it's like to be a Street Pastor, contact the local Coordinator, Charlie Bamford on 07908815352 or kingston@streetpastors.org.uk

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

Pat McCarthy.

Her body will be received into the Church on Thursday 1st March at 4.00pm and her Requiem Mass will on Friday 2nd March at 1.30pm
May She Rest in Peace.



Congratulations to Arthur & Benedict who were baptised recently here at St. Raphael's. May God continue the good work he has started.