



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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8th February 2015 The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) Psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass Carole (Welfare)
11.30am Sung Mass Michael Fitzgerald
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

No Rosary & Benediction

Mon. 9th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Eva McCusker RIP
Tue. 10th February St. Scholastica
10.00am Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP
11.15am Requiem Mass for Una Annett RIP
Wed. 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes
12.00 noon Olga Villena de Stevenson RIP
Thu. 12th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Helen Sanderson
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon)
Fri. 13th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Eileen Weller RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 14th February S.S. Cyril & Methodius
10.00am Maureen Savage RIP

15th February 2015 The 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) Psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass Eva McCusker RIP
11.30am Sung Mass The Coussey & Mills Family
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Parish Diary This Week

TUESDAY

Parish Priest Surgery
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning
9.00am
Church

Parent & Children's Group

9.30am - 11.00am
Alexander House

Confirmation

7.00pm
The Upper Room

RCIA

7.30pm
The Library

THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.30am - 12noon

SATURDAY

Confessions

10.30am - 11.00am

(No 1st Holy Communion Classes this week)

Wedding

1.00pm

SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy
during 9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee in Alexander House after the morning Masses

Baptism

1.00pm

Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm



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 a sacristan. The recommended donation is £5. The lamps this week are burning for Peter Gregory Fitzgerald RIP



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

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



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.

The Rosary is recited daily
Monday - Saturday before Mass



Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection

Loose £768.57 + £268.40 Gift Aid = £1,036.97
Plus £195.99 for the Catholic Education Service.
There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday for the 'Needs of the Diocese', which helps support poor parishes in the diocese.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

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.

LENT 2015

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on Wednesday 18th February. There will be Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 12.00 noon and 7.30pm.

OUR LENTEN CHARITY PROJECT THIS YEAR "GRIEF TO GRACE"

Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Founded in the USA in 2007, Grief to Grace (G2G) has been recently established in the UK. It is a charity that runs a specialist programme of spiritual and psychological healing for those who have suffered sexual, emotional or physical abuse in childhood or adolescence, or violation in adulthood, including the victims of clergy abuse. It combines an expert understanding of the psychology of trauma with the healing power of Christ, the Divine Physician. Fr. Dominic Allain, G2G's UK Director, will be at St. Raphael's on Sunday 22nd February, the 1st Sunday in Lent to celebrate all Masses and speak about the work of the charity.

Lenten devotions at St. Raphael's this year as follows: -

Tuesday Evening Mass at 7.30pm

Commencing 24th February

This is open to everyone, in particular those who work during the week.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 9.00am / Sunday at 4.00pm. This will commence on **Sunday 22nd February the First Sunday of Lent**

Exposition and Benediction

Every Thursday from 26th February after the 10.00am Mass until 12 Noon

The Rosary is recited before Mass during the weekdays

Two letters of thanks

Recently the Parish received two letters of thanks.

'Aid to the Church in Need' to whom we sent our crib offerings, wrote -

'Thank you for your special gift which brings light and hope to those in the darkness of suffering and need. We are extremely grateful for this donation of £968.30 which we are assigning as per your request.'..... 'Thank you for all that you have done and our doing in prayer for those in such need at this time both in the middle east and throughout the world'

Neville Kyrke-Smith National Director

Fr. John from the 'Kiltegan Fathers' also wrote -

'Many thanks for your letter and cheque for £1,838.32, it was a wonderful experience for me to be part of such a vibrant parish just for the day. I am deeply touched by the generosity of the parishioners and their interest in the foreign missions. Please convey my sincere thanks to Fr. Kevin for inviting us to share our mission story and to all who contributed to our missionary efforts. God Bless'

Fr. John Garry.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

Our Sunday Rosary & Benediction will resume next Sunday. Exposition on Thursday mornings resumed last week. On Thursdays we pray especially for vocations. If you have time on Thursday please come along and spend some time in quiet prayer before Our Lord.

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council tonight at 6.00pm in the Library.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BOOKS?

Would you like to volunteer at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School? We are looking for someone with an interest and love of books who would like to spend a couple of hours per week looking after our library. You could order new books that classes would find useful for their learning and generally maintain the tidiness of our library. Should you be interested in this please contact Mrs Frances Robertson (Head teacher) on 8 546 7178 or email office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NURSERY OPEN MORNING.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School are holding an open morning for their Nursery Class. If your child will be 3 by 31st December 2015 you may be able to join our Nursery in September or January. Come along and find out more on Thursday 12th February at 9.15a.m. No appointment necessary.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In 1992, Pope St. John Paul II designated February 11th as "World Day of the Sick." Like St. Bernadette, who struggled her whole life with the effects of chronic asthma, he knew about pain. He endured great personal suffering following the 1981 attempt on his life, the effects of which dogged him the remainder of his years. Though they were denied the physical relief that many sufferers have received from the healing waters of Lourdes, they both understood the "perfect expression of redemption" that is accomplished through suffering. As our Blessed Mother told Bernadette, *'I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other.'*

For those who suffer and do not find relief from their physical or mental pain, Pope John Paul offered this comfort - "May the Blessed Virgin enable you to sense her presence and give comfort to your hearts! As Jesus said, *'When I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also'*."

Mary is the pledge of the fulfillment of Christ's promise, a sign of sure hope and consolation. She confirms this by her whole life, for she is a living witness of the victory of Christ our Passover."

For those of us who do not suffer or who care for the suffering, Mary offers us a perfect example of love. By her actions, she challenges us to help other who are in need and to bring comfort to those in pain. As Pope John Paul II stated, 'In the Gospel we read of Mary going to visit her cousin Elizabeth to help her. These words of the Gospel bring to mind the young maiden of Nazareth as she makes her way to Elizabeth. What strikes us about Mary is, above all, her loving concern for her elderly relative. Hers is a practical love, one that is not limited to words of understanding but is deeply and personally involved in giving help. The Blessed Virgin does not merely give her cousin something of herself, she gives her whole self asking nothing in return. Mary understood perfectly that the gift she received from God is more than a privilege, it is a duty which obliges her to serve others with the selflessness proper to love.'

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, let us be mindful of Pope John Paul II's words and our Blessed Mother's example.