

St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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21st February 2016 2nd Sunday of Lent (C) psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass Jimmy Conway RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mary Bevan RIP

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Mon. 22nd February 10.00am The Chair of St. Peter
Marion Lee
Tue. 23rd February 10.00am Lenten Feria
David Stileman RIP
Wed. 24th February 12.00noon Lenten Feria
Alan Mundow RIP
Thu. 25th February 10.00am Lenten Feria
Mary Druhan RIP

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon)

Fri. 26th February 9.00am Lenten Feria
Stations of the Cross
10.00am Edgar RIP

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

Sat. 27th February 10.00am Lenten Feria
Don D'Souza

28th February 2016 3rd Sunday of Lent (C) psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass Peter El Khoury
5.00pm Quiet John Stokes RIP

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm



There will be **Tea & Coffee** after the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses today. Please join us and say hello.

There will be **Children's Liturgy** today during the 9.30am Mass.

PARENT & CHILDREN'S GROUP

Meets on Wednesday morning in Alexander House from 9.30am -11.00am

R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A. group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Alexander House Library.

CHURCH CLEANING

Wednesday mornings at 9.00am. Please spare half an hour to come and help.

CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN

takes place in the Library on Friday mornings at 10.30am - suggested donation of £1.50 towards Church Funds.

Confessions

Sundays – 9.00am – 9.15am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays – 10.30am – 11.00am

HOSPITAL: If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain

Fr. Julian. (His number is 0208 942 2178) If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

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 are burning this week for
The Sick & Housebound of the Parish*

*The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
The Fox Family*

*St. Anthony's Lamp is burning for
Delia, Jaden, Richlyn & Mergilyn*



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

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC STUDENT SOCIETY
Wednesday 5.00pm – 6.00pm – a chance for an informal chat with Deacon Peter in 'The Quiet Room,' Kingston University, Penrhyn Rd Campus. Followed by Catholic Society meeting at 6.00pm. For more details contact Deacon Peter on number above.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS
1st Holy Communion class meets this Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

£622.88 loose & £288.00 Gift Aid = £910.88

£234.12 was collected during the Masses on Ash Wednesday which will be used to start the fundraising for our Parish Lenten Project

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Fr. Kevin's next Surgery will be on 1st March from 5.30pm – 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher – Mrs. Frances Robertson

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.

Today's Gospel shows us how out of great love for us, God gave a glimpse of the future glory of Christ in his risen humanity to three of his disciples.

He understood the human weakness of the disciples and foresaw the shock to their faith which Christ's passion and crucifixion would do to them in a few weeks time. So, to strengthen and forearm them he gave them a glimpse of the future glory which was to be theirs, too. if they persevered.

It is for this same reason that this event has been preserved for us in the Gospels and is put before us today. Like the Apostles, we too, believe firmly in God. We too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God—something the Apostles did not then understand. However we are still very like them in our human weakness and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose for and promises to us.

The Apostles had to face the awful test to their faith and trust in God, which the passion and crucifixion of Christ was for them. We now realize that Christ "had to suffer and thus enter into his glory." We understand that the very purpose of Christ's passion was that, in spite of our mortality and weakness, we also might enter into eternal glory through his suffering.

In our moments of cool, calm reasoning we can see clearly how good God has been to us, how wonderful his love for us is which has arranged for us an eternity of happiness in Heaven. Unfortunately we have many moments in life in which cool, calm reasoning does not prevail – times when our vices and not our virtues take charge, moments when we are prepared to sell our eternal heritage in exchange for earthly glory or pleasure.

Providing we remain true to our faith, we can always put things right with God – As Pope Francis said, "God never tires of forgiving us – it is us who tire of asking for his forgiveness". It is wonderful to be adopted sons of God on the road back to our Father. As Peter exclaimed in the gospel today - "Lord, it is good for us to be here"; It is wonderful to be assured that in death this body of ours with its pains and aches, its attraction to earthly things and sin, will give place to a glorified body. This glorified body will be free from all pain and corruption and will possess all the human spiritual gifts of intelligence to appreciate and enjoy the eternal happiness in store for us.

SOME EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR LENTEN PROJECT

Next Sunday A Carvery Lunch - Sunday 28th February in the Hall - a main course and desert. Tickets, which need to be bought in advance - cost £10 for Adults, £5 for Children and £30 for a family ticket. Tickets on Sale in the Hall after the morning Masses today and from Sacristy or Parish Office.

Mothers Day Flowers - Saturday 5th March in the Hall, more details to follow.

Cake Sale - Sunday 6th March after the morning Masses.

Bingo and Sandwiches - Sunday the 13th March in the Hall, more details to follow.

St. Patrick's Day - At Margret Dixon's House, 40 Fasset Rd Kingston. KT1 2TF

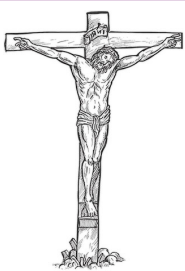
Lenten project collection boxes - Available after Mass today - especially for children, use them to put you spare pennies in.

Giant Easter Egg Raffle - Draw after the Easter Vigil, tickets on sale soon.

YOUR SURPLUS SANTA

Wanted - any excess gifts that we can use as prizes for one of our Lenten project fund raising events. Please leave at the office or Sacristy thank you.

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday at 4.00pm
Every Friday at 9.00am
During Lent
Please join Us

MISSIO RED BOXES

Thank you to those who handed in their Red Missio boxes. These are ready for collection at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

BORN FOR THIS

A powerful and moving depiction of the Stations of the Cross presented by young people of the diocese at Aylesford Priory on the 19th March.

Congratulations to Dr. Coombs!

Congratulations to Sandra Coombs, who was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Kingston University for services to the University.

'MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER'



YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS

24 hours for the Lord

4th - 5th March. United in adoration and prayer across the world

St. George's Cathedral

Mass at 12.30pm on 4th March followed by Exposition of the Blessed sacrament through the night and next day concluding with Mass at 12.30pm on 5th March.

Here at St. Raphael's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the 4th from after the 10.00am Mass until 3.00pm and on the 5th from after the 10.00am Mass until 12.00 noon.

I Believe - 24th April

Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy St. George's Cathedral. Join the Archbishop for an afternoon of catechesis, testimony, prayer and music. Meet other young Catholics and reflect on the faces of mercy in our lives 3.00pm - 5.00pm. this will be followed by refreshments in Amigo Hall. The event is for those who are Confirmed or to be Confirmed in this Year of Mercy. Contact jean@scys.org.uk or above number Under 18's need to be accompanied.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 19th -26th August - led by Archbishop Peter. Bookings are now being accepted. Please speak to Canon Edward Perera, Diocesan Director of Pilgrimages, at Our Lady Immaculate Tolworth on 8 399 9550 for booking forms and more information.

Volunteer Needed

Are you a Chartered Surveyor and / or a Building Services Manager? If so, would you be willing to help draw up a maintenance schedule for the St. Raphael's and Alexander House buildings? If you may be able to help, please contact Fr. Kevin. Thank you.