



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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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

Mon. 29th February Lenten Feria
10.00am Mary Druhan RIP
Tue. 1st March St. David
10.00am Carol Ann Driver RIP
Wed. 2nd March Lenten Feria
12.00noon Anna Brown RIP
Thu. 3rd March Lenten Feria
10.00am Maria Gibney 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. 4th March Lenten Feria
9.00am Stations of the Cross
10.00am In Reparation for Abortion

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3.00pm - see page 2
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Confessions 2.00pm - 2.30pm

Sat. 5th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Roy Christie RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12.00noon - see page 2

6th March 2016 4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday (C) psalter week IV

9.30am Family Mass James Mollentze & Alice Griffiths
11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Ian RIP

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Friday & Saturday

We need a rota of People to watch before the Blessed Sacrament for these two days. If you can spare ½ hour please sign the list in the porch

There will **no** be **TEA & COFFEE**
Today as the Hall is being prepared for
Our Lenten Sunday Lunch

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.

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 and Anchor
Group meets this Saturday at 10.30am
in Alexander House.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

£609.74 loose & £272 Gift Aid
= £881.74

The direct debits for January totalled
£2,179.00

There will be a 2nd Collection Next
Sunday for Easter flowers and other
decorations for the Church

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Fr. Kevin's next Surgery will be this
coming Tuesday - 1st March from
5.30pm - 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

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
Clifford D'Souza's Welfare*

*The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
The Holy Souls*

*St. Anthony's Lamp is burning for
Jimmylyn Adrias & Gaudencio Mendoza RIP*



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

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 prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem - during this journey he teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions.

We hear that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. He says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did - all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness and yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This then, is our reason for hope. Not only does God refuse to abandon us; he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.

EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR LENTEN PROJECT

Next Saturday - Mother's Day Flowers - back by popular demand! - A great way to treat Mums on their special day. On Saturday 5th March 12noon - 2.30pm in Alexander House. There will be a range of flowers etc. and adults on hand to assist. Each child will then have a bespoke floral arrangement to give as a gift. Suggested donation £5 per child. Refreshments will be provided. All proceeds to the Lenten Project.

Next Sunday - Cake Sale - Sunday 6th March after the morning Masses. Please bring donations of cakes to the Hall before the morning Masses.

Bingo and Sandwiches - Sunday the 13th March in the Hall, tickets on sale at Parish Lunch and Sacristy /Parish Office today.

St. Patrick's Day - At Margaret Dixon's House, 40 Fassett Rd Kingston. KT1 2TF More details next week.

Lenten project collection boxes - Available at the back of the Church - especially for children, use them to put you spare pennies in.

Giant Easter Egg Raffle - Draw after the Easter Vigil, tickets on sale at the Carvey Lunch today, after Mass next week or from the Parish Office.

New - Sponsored Walk to Hampton Court - see below.

'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.



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

NEXT SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

We have a selection of Mothers Day Cards for sale in our Repository. We also have cards for St. Patrick's Day and Easter, please take a look after Mass.

VACANCY - STREET PASTOR CO-ORDINATOR

The to represent Kingston Street Pastors taking responsibility for the promotion, management and co-ordination of the Street Pastors' initiatives in Kingston. The salary is up to £15,600 for a 20 hour week. Closing date for applications is 7th March. For further information email john.trend@oxygen-online.org.

SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF OUR LENTEN PROJECT. On Saturday 12th March we shall be having a sponsored walk to 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 If you would like to sponsor the group please complete the tear off slip below and hand it into either the Parish Office or Sacristy with your money. Thank you.



I would like to sponsor the team walking to Hampton Court
Either £ (Insert amount) per mile or £ (Insert amount) total amount

Name
Address

Telephone number or email

If you are a member of the Parish Gift Aid scheme and would like to Gift Aid your donation please tick box