



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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17th January 2016 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass	Mary Catchpole
11.30am Sung Mass	James & Marie Southgate
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 18th January 10.00am Feria in Ordinary Time
Mary Fitzpatrick RIP

Tue. 19th January 10.00am Requiem Mass
Alan Mundow RIP

Wed. 20th January 12.00noon St. Fabian
Adela Balinska RIP

Thu. 21st January 10.00am St. Agnes
John 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. 22nd January 10.00am St. Vincent
Martin Sullivan RIP

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

Sat. 23rd January 10.00am Our Lady
Austin Merrifield RIP

24th January 2016 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass	Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass	Kristiaan Corner Munroe RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Teresa Lowery

No Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

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



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

1ST HOLY COMMUNION & ANCHOR COURSE

Next Saturday in Alexander House at 10.30am

OUR 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 the Alexander House Library.

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 daily

Monday – Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sunday



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
William Morrin

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
A Private Intention

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.

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

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC STUDENT SOCIETY

Every Wednesday

5.00pm – 6.00pm Pastoral Hour with Deacon Peter in The Quiet Room, Faith Centre, Kingston University, Penrhyn Road Campus. Followed by Catholic Society meeting at 6.00pm. For more details contact Deacon Peter on number above.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Resumes this week

2nd Collection next Sunday to support the cause of 'Racial Justice'



YEAR OF MERCY PRAYERS

During this Year of Mercy Pope Francis invites us to address Mary in the words of the Salve Regina, a prayer ever ancient and ever new, so that she may never tire of turning her eyes of mercy upon us and make us worthy to contemplate the Face of Mercy, her Son, Jesus. We recite this prayer at the end of weekday and Saturday Mass and sing it in Latin at the end of Sunday Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

'Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.'

'Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve! Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, Advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis, post hoc exilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.'

When Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome on the 1st January he said, "It is most fitting that on this day we invoke Our Lady above all as 'Mother of Mercy.' The door we have opened is a Door of Mercy. Those who cross it's threshold are called to enter into the merciful love of the Father with complete trust and freedom from fear. They can leave this Basilica knowing that Mary is ever at their side. She is the Mother of Mercy, because she bore in her womb the very Face of divine mercy, Jesus and has given us his Mother, who joins us on our pilgrimage through this life, so that we may never be left alone, especially at times of trouble and uncertainty."

The Pope reflected on the lines of an ancient hymn: "Hail Mother of mercy, Mother of God, Mother of forgiveness, Mother of hope, Mother of grace and Mother full of holy gladness. "In these few words, we find a summary of the faith of generations of men and women who, with their eyes fixed firmly on the Blessed Virgin, have sought her intercession and consolation. While the idea of "forgiveness" is misunderstood in the modern world, it is critical in the Christian faith, "A person unable to forgive has not yet known the fullness of love. Only one who truly loves is able to forgive and forget. At the foot of the Cross, Mary becomes for all people the mother of forgiveness, as she follows in the example of her Son who forgives those who are killing him. For us, Mary is an icon of how the Church must offer forgiveness to those who seek it.

The Mother of forgiveness teaches the Church that the forgiveness granted on Calvary knows no limits. Neither the law with its quibbles, nor the wisdom of this world with its distinctions, can hold it back. The Church's forgiveness must be every bit as broad as that offered by Jesus on the Cross and by Mary at his feet. There is no other way. Forgiveness is the true antidote to the sadness caused by resentment and vengeance. Forgiveness brings peace and serenity by freeing the heart from resentment.

Let us, then, pass through the Holy Door of Mercy knowing that at our side is the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who intercedes for us,"

Let us allow her to lead us to the rediscovery of the beauty of an encounter with her Son Jesus. Let us open wide the doors of our heart to the joy of forgiveness, conscious that we have been given new confidence and hope, thus make our daily lives a humble instrument of God's love."

BISHOP HENDRICKS – PARISH VISITATION

Next weekend - Saturday 23rd and Sunday the 24th January, Bishop Hendricks will make a visitation of the Parish. if you would like to speak with Bishop Paul privately he will be available between 2.00pm – 3.30pm on the Saturday. Please speak to Fr. Kevin who will arrange an appointment for you over that weekend.

The Bishop will celebrate and preach at the 9.30am Mass then join parishioners in the Hall for coffee. He will then preach at 11.30am Mass and again meet parishioners in the Hall after Mass and then celebrate and say the 5.00pm Mass.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES

A Marriage Encounter weekend is an opportunity for a husband and wife to deepen and renew their relationship and many couples in this diocese have been enriched by such a weekend. The next weekend will be on the 13th – 14th of February in Purley. More details from Philip & Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477

Of your Charity

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Alan Mundow. His Requiem Mass will be here on Tuesday at 10.00am
May He Rest in Peace

SURPLUS SANTA

Buy a raffle ticket to win a hamper and help to boost our Crib Appeal total! Tickets will be available after the 9.30a.m. Mass today in the hall. Only 20p a ticket! Due to your generosity over this Christmas period and mindful of his waistline! the contents of the hampers have been donated by Fr. Kevin.



BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course will be held on 13th / 20th February from 10.00am - 12 Noon in the upper room Alexander House. Please make your application to attend the course with Fr. Kevin.

POLITE NOTICE – BICYCLES

Please ensure all bicycles are stored in the racks outside the church. We have ample spaces in the racks, which were installed at great expense. Bicycles should not be brought into the Hall. Thank you for your co-operation.

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Tuesday night between 5.30pm – 7.00pm in the Parish Office.