



St. Raphael's Church

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19th January 2014 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Psalter Week II

9.30am Family Mass Kristiaan Corner-Munroe RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Fr. Vincent
5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish
4pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 20th January St. Fabian
10.00am Adela Balinska RIP
Tue. 21st January St. Agnes
10.00am Fr. Vincent
Wed. 22nd January St. Vincent
12.00 noon Joannes Gibney RIP
(Tea and coffee is available after this Mass)
Thu. 23rd January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Rose Ezechiel RIP
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.20am to 12 noon)
Fri. 24th January St. Francis de Sales
10.00am Krysia Dabrowka RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics must abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 25th January The Conversion of St. Paul
10.00am Mabel Ezechiel RIP

26th January 2014 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Psalter Week III

9.30am Family Mass Francis Rodricks RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Eddie & Diana Hillier
5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish
4pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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 the sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5. The Lamps this Week are burning for



Dense & Justin

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



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

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.

THANK YOU

for Last Sunday's Collection
£564.19 loose
+ £ 308 Gift Aid
= £ 872.19

Parish Diary TUESDAY

Parish Priest's Surgery
5.30pm - 7.00pm
The Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning
Before Mass

Parent & Children's Group
9.45am - 11.30am
Alexander House

Tea & Coffee after Mass
Alexander House

Open Door Prayer Group
7.30pm Church

RCIA

7.30pm
The Library

THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
from after Mass until
Benediction 12 noon
Praying for Vocations

FRIDAY

We welcome the Children
from year 4 of St. Joseph's
School to Mass today

SATURDAY

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Confessions.
10.30am - 11.00am

1st Holy Communion Classes
10.30am - 12 noon

SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy during
9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee Alexander
House after the morning
Masses

Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm

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St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

Breakfast Club from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm



The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday
before Mass
Sunday 4pm

Today's Mass: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

By Fr. David Gibbons, Centre for Catholic Formation

The First Reading: Isaiah is himself a prefiguring of Jesus Christ, as the servant of God who will restore the people of God (the "tribes of Jacob") and be the light of the nations.

Psalm: the earliest Christians understood this psalm as a prophecy about the coming of the Messiah, which foreshadows the self-offering of Jesus Christ.

Second Reading: this is the beginning of a sequence of *Second Readings* taken from St. Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth. The greeting, used many times by St. Paul, is the basis for the second form of the greeting said by the Priest at the beginning of Mass, *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel: John the Baptist testifies to Jesus as the Lamb of God and as the Messiah, who has been anointed by the Spirit. The Invitation to Communion at Mass ("*Behold the Lamb of God ...*") directly quotes these words of the Baptist. These are familiar words and images, but one could spend a long time pondering their meaning.

MARK CROSS COLLEGE REUNION

A reunion open to all past students of St. Joseph's College, Mark Cross, is being held on the 19th March at the Amigo Hall (adjacent to St. George's Cathedral at 11.30am. For more information, please contact Sean Dunne at seandunne@yahoo.co.uk

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

St. Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Saviour.

One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfilment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labour and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday the 22nd January until Monday 3rd February.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generous Crib Offerings which, including the raffle held after the Carol Service, amounted to £800. Which we have sent to the 'Little Sisters of the Poor' at Vauxhall.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

Are looking to appoint a part-time Religious Education Adviser to help develop responses to issues facing R.E. in schools and colleges; to build relationships with diocesan colleagues, the National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisers (NBRIA), relevant government officials and others.

The role will be based in the Eccleston Square office in London but may require travel to other areas within England and Wales. The role will be based on 0.5 FTE (17.5 hours per week) although with some flexibility.

For further information please contact: Eileen Williams on ewilliams@catholiceducation.org.uk
Closing date for applications is 14th February.

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Tuesday night from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. No appointment necessary. Please ring the bell marked St. Raphael's Cottage.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all those who helped in anyway with last Sunday's Senior Citizens' New Year's Party. It was a great success and much appreciated by all those who attended.

AN EVENING WITH LORD ALTON

Please note the evening with Lord Alton that was due to be held at St. Joseph's Church, New Malden on the 20th January has been postponed until Monday 12th May.

MUSICAL EVENING

You are invited to a Musical Evening on Saturday February 1st commencing at 7.45pm in Our Lady Immaculate's Parish Hall, Tolworth (duration about 1 hour) featuring Michael Bevan, piano and John Stratford, tenor. Tickets will be available at the door, price £5. Under 16s free. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. All proceeds will go to LIFE charity.

VACANCY

The Joel Community trust are seeking to appoint a Night Shelter Manager who would manage the operational aspects of a 10 -14 bed night shelter fully staffed by volunteers and work collaboratively to meet our guests' needs holistically, linking them with physical, emotional and spiritual support. In particular to work closely with Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH). For more information, please email:

info@joelcommunitytrust.org.uk

**WE WELCOME THE CHILDREN FROM YEAR 4
FROM ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TO MASS ON
FRIDAY AT 10.00AM**