



St. Raphael's Church

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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

Mon. 25th January The Conversion of St. Paul
10.00am Mabel Ezechial RIP

Tue. 26th January SS. Timothy & Titus
10.00am Krysia Dabrowka RIP

Wed. 27th January St. Angela Merici
12.00noon Iluminado & Rosario Aguila

Thu. 28st January St. Thomas Aquinas
10.00am Elaine Arnold 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. 29th January Feria
10.00am Roger Fall RIP

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

Sat. 30th January Our Lady
10.00am Michael & Ruth Real RIP

31st January 2016 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) psalter week IV

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass Peter El Khoury
5.00pm Quiet Mass Bill Woolliscroft RIP

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 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.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

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

Confessions

Sundays – 9.00am – 9.15am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm
Saturdays – 10.30am – 11.00am

The Rosary is recited daily

Monday – Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sunday



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.



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 **Mark Dixon**
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for **Fr. Kevin***

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



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

Thursday - After the 10.00am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12noon **Sunday** – 4pm

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£677.24 loose & £203.84 Gift Aid = £881.08. The Standing Orders for December totalled £2,204.00
2nd Collection today to support the cause of 'Racial Justice'

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.

BISHOP HENDRICKS – PARISH VISITATION

Today we welcome Bishop Hendricks to the Parish. The Bishop is making a Parish Visitation of the Parish. 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 finally celebrate the 5.00pm Mass.

OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to our Crib Appeal this year which was to support 'The Friends of the Holy Land. £792.07 was donated at the crib and £74.44 was raised by the raffle which gives us a grand total of £866.51

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - PRAYER & STUDY DAY

Saturday 30th January, 10:30am – 4:00pm, at the Centre for Catholic Formation, See poster in the porch for more information or tel. 020 8672 7684.

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.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

This is the first of two important messages about sick and retired priests and the **Clergy Support Fund Campaign** which is being launched to support them. A priest will normally retire from full time parish ministry when he reaches 75 years of age. Many continue to work in some form of ministry. When a priest resigns from his parish ministry or a full time ecclesiastical appointment, the Diocesan Finance Office establishes his likely income and needs on an individual basis and ensures he has sufficient financial resources to afford the necessities of life, live in properly heated and adequately maintained accommodation and can pay for some recreation and travel. There are currently 69 retired priests in our diocese and this number is expected to increase to about 93 by 2018. The costs of supporting them are currently met by the Diocese, partly through an annual contribution from each parish, however the increase in numbers will create more pressure on these costs. A summary of costs, income and shortfall over five years is given below:

Year	2014	2018
Estimated no. of retired priests	69	93
Estimated income	£495,000	£495,000
Estimated expenditure	£1,297,000	£1,477,000
Shortfall	£802,000	£982,000
Cumulative shortfall over 5 years		£4,505,000

Archbishop Peter Smith has therefore identified the need to continue to support sick and retired priests as a major priority for our Diocese. There will be more news about this campaign in next week's newsletter.

THE CROSS OF THE LORD HAS BECOME THE TREE OF LIFE FOR US

There are some very beautiful stickers to display on your car windscreen at the back of the Church. They depict a crucifix superimposed on the 'Tree of Life'. They are free, please help yourselves.

Of your Charity

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of
William Walsh,

his Requiem Mass will be here on the
1st February at 11.30am and

Mabel O'Neil,

her Requiem Mass will be here on the
5th February at 11.30am

May They Rest in Peace

SURPLUS SANTA

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. £74.44 was raised which will be added to our Crib appeal.

The lucky winners were

1st Prize - Blue 185

2nd Prize - Pink 39

3rd Prize - Pink 146

All the prizes have now been claimed.



PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

The next Parish Priest's Surgery will be on 2nd February between 5.30pm – 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

1ST CONFESSIONS

Next Saturday our 1st Holy Communion children will make their 1st Confessions. Please say a prayer for them on that day.

On Monday we celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. His 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. However he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all that 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.