



St. Raphael's Church

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12th January 2014 The Baptism of the Lord (A)

9.30am Family Mass Agnes Rose Alwanger
11.30am Sung Mass Mr. & Mrs Will Martin
5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish
(No Benediction today)

Mon. 13th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mr. Martin RIP
Tue. 14th January Requiem Mass
10.00am Gino Ferritto RIP
Wed. 15th January Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00 noon The deceased members of the Swallow & Jarvis Family
(Tea and coffee is available after this Mass)
Thu. 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Lorel Collymore
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)
Fri. 17th January St. Anthony
10.00am Fr. Vincent
(A day of abstinence when Catholics must abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 18th January Our Lady
10.00am Joan Cowley RIP

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

In this first newsletter of 2014, I take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year! I pray the Lord send you all peace and happiness.

I should also like to 'Thank you' most sincerely for the cards, gifts, and the very generous Christmas offerings that I received, your intentions have been remembered at Holy Mass.

The Christmas period in the parish has been very busy! We had a wonderful Carol service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine the raffle held afterwards raised £254. this will be added to the crib offerings, and the money will be sent to our designated charity this year 'The Little Sisters of the Poor' at Vauxhall. It was also lovely to see so many people at Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Finally, we conclude our Christmas celebrations today with a party for the senior citizens of the Parish.

We also had two weddings during the Christmas period and we congratulate Ronnie & Alida, Adam & Nicola. We welcomed into God's family Nicolette, Philippa, Thomas, and Klara, who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

I look forward to a good year ahead in the parish, and I am most grateful for your kindness and prayerful support to me.

May God bless you all

Fr. Kevin.

Parish Diary

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning
9.00am

Parent & Children's Group

9.45am - 11.30am
Alexander House

Tea & Coffee
after Mass

No RCIA

(Resumes 22nd January)

No Open Door

Prayer Group

(Resumes 22nd January)

THURSDAY

No Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

(Resumes 23rd January)

SATURDAY

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and
Confessions.

10.30am - 11.00am

1st Holy Communion
Classes

10.30am - 12.00noon

Alexander House

SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy

during 9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee

after morning Masses

Rosary & Benediction

4.00pm.

The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday

before Mass

Sunday 4pm



S t. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

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



The Baptism of the Lord

Today for the Church, the season of Christmas ends.

In the 1st Reading, the prophet Isaiah describes the true servant of God and of the community. The Church has always seen here a portrait of Christ, especially in the reference to the servant as "covenant of the people and light of the nations".

The Psalm is a majestic hymn of praise to the Lord, the God of thunder and the water. It is a reminder of the use of water by God in our salvation, from creation through Noah and the Flood, the Exodus, and on to Christ's (and our) Baptism.

In our 2nd Reading St. Peter, in his sermon to Cornelius and his household (who significantly are Gentiles, not Jews), tells them about Jesus's ministry and how it began with His Baptism.

Finally in the Gospel, we hear the account of Jesus's Baptism in the river Jordan by John, who tries to dissuade Jesus, because he understood that Jesus, the sinless one, did not need Baptism, but Jesus insists. This marks the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry. This is one of the rare times in all scripture when the three persons of the Holy Trinity appear together. This reminds us that at our own Baptism we were Baptized in the name of the Three Persons of the Godhead.

Fr. David

THANK YOU

for Last Sunday's Collection

£838.69 loose + £ 203.50 Gift Aid = £ 1042.19

The counters for next Sunday are Sheila Jones & Kerry Ono

FR. DAVID & FR. CLIFTON

Would like to thank parishioners for their many kind Christmas gifts and cards. Have a happy and blessed New Year!



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!

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Fr. Kevin will hold his Tuesday night Surgery this week from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. No appointment is necessary. Please ring the bell marked St. Raphael's Cottage.

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 Sanctuary Lamps this Week are burning for

Tina & A Private Intention



We remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish 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.

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

OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB

Our Crib will be taken down during the week, so today is your last chance to leave an offering which this year will be going to the little Sisters of the Poor in Vauxhall.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Flower arrangers wanted to join our friendly team. If you like flowers and would like to come and help decorate the church, then please contact Janet Johnstone 020 8541 0342 or 07910 802773 or jjohnstoneecho@hotmail.com. You do not need to be an expert florist just keen to come once a month and enjoy arranging flowers.

Of your Charity,

Please pray for the repose of the souls

Rosmary Toole & Gino Ferritto R.I.P.

both of whom died recently.

Gino Ferritto's Requiem Mass will take place here at St. Raphael's this coming Tuesday at 10.00am

'FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS'

An evening with Lord Alton of Liverpool on Monday 20th January at 7.30pm at St. Joseph's, New Malden. The evening will begin with music from the band Ooberfule, including songs dedicated to the martyred Pakistani Catholic Shahbaz Bhatti, freedom for Burma, and World Youth Day.

At 8pm Lord Alton will give an illustrated talk on political engagement, the place of conscience, religious liberty and the right to Life, in Britain, around the world, and in countries such as North Korea, Burma, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as here at home.

For 18 years David Alton was a Member of the House of Commons and today is an independent Cross-bencher Life Peer.

See the poster in the porch for more details.

CHURCH CLEANERS

A big thank you to all those who came along before Christmas to help clean the Church. However we are desperately in need of more people to regularly help with the Church cleaning on Wednesday morning. If you can spare an hour, please come along at 9.00am. We all need to help to keep our Church beautiful and welcoming.

A GENTLE REMINDER...

Please remember it is not appropriate for anyone to consume food or drink in the Church apart from anything else, it causes a lot of extra mess which our already overworked band of cleaners has to clear up. Also could people ensure all mobile phones are switched off in Church. Thank you for your consideration.

ALEXANDER HOUSE - Our Parish Hall is available for hire for parties and other events. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.