



St. Raphael's Church

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14th January 2018 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am Family Mass Eleanor & Alex Miller RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Elaine & Barry Kitchin

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 15th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Jimmy Russell

Tue. 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Sean Sullivan

Wed. 17th January St. Anthony
12 noon Private Intention - In thanksgiving

Thu. 18th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Scholastica Ezechial RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Fri. 19th January St. Wulstan
10.00am Denis Curtin RIP

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

Sat. 20th January St. Fabian
10.00am Adela Balinska RIP

21st January 2018 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am Family Mass Berni & Martin Families & Francesca Poulter
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Elaine & Barry Kitchin

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

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

- Eleanor Cook in thanksgiving

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- For the sick of the Parish

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- In thanksgiving for a favour received

Confessions
Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

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

We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.



The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£802.57 Loose &
£245.20 Gift Aid
= £1,047.77

The standing orders for December totalled
£2,197.00

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. Julius, his number is **0208 546 4633**

If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

GETTING MARRIED

Please remember that all Catholics must give at least six months notice to get married (whether here at St. Raphael's or anywhere else) This gives time for all the relevant marriage paperwork to be completed and any dispensations that are needed, to be issued. Please contact Fr. Michael before booking any dates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Resumes today during the 9.30am Mass.

RCIA

Meets on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Parish Library. For more information contact Deacon Peter whose details are on the Newsletter header.

Next Sunday

at the 11.30am Mass we will welcome **Ye Yuan** into the Church as he receives the Sacraments of Initiation

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

After the morning Masses today.

SUNDAY BENEDICTION

Resumes today at 4.00pm.

"ST RAPHAEL'S LITTLE CHERUBS" MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The group will resume this coming Monday 15th January at 10.30am in Alexander House. For more information or if you would like to help, please email straphaelslittlecherubs@outlook.com

STUDENT CATHOLIC SOCIETY

The Student Catholic Society meets at Kingston University every Tuesday at 6.30 pm at the Penrhyn Rd Campus and every Sunday at St. Raphael's after the 5.00 pm Mass. For details please contact Deacon Peter (see newsletter header) who is also available for one-to-one



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.

T. 020 8546 7178 E. office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

“Speak Lord, your servant is listening”

Today's readings are all about being called and answering calls. All of us receive calls from the Lord. Sometimes, like the disciples in the Gospel, we recognize the Lord's call and follow Him. Sometimes, we try to ignore his calls - we might be afraid of what He is going to ask of us. He might demand something more than we want to do or give. Maybe we think we are too busy and we would rather deal with Him later. Maybe we hope if we ignore the call for long enough, we will not have to deal with it at all. However the sad truth is if we don't respond like Samuel in today's first reading, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening," we might miss our opportunity to do His will.

Blessed Cardinal Newman wrote the following -

“God has created me for some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission. I may never know exactly what that mission is in this life. I shall be told it in the next. I have a part in a great work. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing”.

What is our calling? The general answer is simple - we are called to know, love and serve God. But how are each of us called to serve God? The answer to this question is a mystery, the mystery of our lives which will only become clear when we respond to God's call. Let us ask the Lord today for the grace to hear his call in our lives and have the courage to answer Him - "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

PARISH BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the Parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be held next Saturday 20th January from 10.00am – 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form to attend the course.

SPUC (THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION UNBORN CHILDREN)

Today we will have an appeal at all Masses on behalf of SPUC. SPUC was founded in 1967 to oppose the abortion bill being debated in Parliament at the time. That bill would go on to become the 1967 Abortion Act.

Tragically, more than 8.4 million unborn children have lost their lives in Britain because of this Act. Abortion is the biggest killer of children in the world today. SPUC works to protect human life at the national and local level and to build a society free from abortion.

As well as fighting abortion, they also campaign against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals - such as euthanasia and embryo abuse.

The society aims to affirm, defend and promote the existence and value of human life from the moment of conception until natural death and to defend and protect that life, whether born or unborn. They base all their work on the principles of natural justice - it is wrong to kill innocent human beings and everyone should be treated equally - that all human beings are people with rights, that children deserve special protection and care and the weakest in society must be protected by the law. Please be as generous as you can.

“ADOREMUS”

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Bishops of England and Wales are organising a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool this coming September. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in London 1908.

As part of the preparation for this, the Archbishop is setting up a committee of lay people to help develop the practice of Eucharist Adoration throughout the diocese. An information meeting for those who are interested in being part of this committee is being held on 3rd February at the Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting and each parish is asked to send representatives to this meeting including at least one young adult. If you would be interested in representing our Parish, please speak to Fr. Michael.

VACANCIES AT

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL PURLEY.

The Governors of Thomas More Catholic School in Purley are seeking to appoint the following -

A Headteacher to start in September. Deadline for applications is the 15th January.

A Head of R.E. to start 1st May. Deadline for applications is the 22nd January.

For more information visit <http://www.tmore.org.uk>

£1,000 TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO DUBLIN FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

From the August 21st -26th, the World Meeting of Families will take place in Dublin. The highlight of the meeting will be a visit by Pope Francis. The event will include talks and workshops, events for young people and activities for children - exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances plus daily Mass.

Why not plan a visit now, perhaps as your annual holiday? A £1,000 bursary is being offered to enable a family to do so. A condition is that after the event you would share the fruits of your experiences with your local parish or school and other people. The deadline is January 31 so time is of the essence. To find out more, contact Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond now on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

VISIT TO THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF RENEWAL

Subash and Dymphna de Menezes have arranged a visit to the Franciscan Friars of Renewal in Canning Town on Saturday 20th January. The Friars have a special charism to young people to whom this trip is particularly suited and we plan to have a question and answer session asking about their vocation followed by a shared lunch. If you want to learn more about the Friars there is a documentary on YouTube called 'Bronx to Bradford'. If you are interested please speak to us after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday or email at demeneses@talktalk.net.

BROKEN CRIB FIGURE

Back in November last year, a gentleman took home one of the bambinos from a crib set, that was for sale in the hall, to repair. Could he kindly contact Michael in the Parish Office about its return. Thank you.

Thank you for £838.56, which was collected at our crib over Christmas. A cheque was sent to the 'Friends of the Holy Land' This week.