



St. Raphael's Church

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15th January 2017 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Mass with Hymns The Gardiner Family
5.00pm Quiet Mass Alan Mundow RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Helena Coulson

Tue. 17th January St. Anthony
10.00am Bill Edwards RIP

Wed. 18th January Feria in Ordinary Time
12 noon Scholastica Ezechical RIP

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

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

Fri. 20th January Pope St. Fabian
10.00am Adela Balinska RIP

A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat

Sat. 21st January St. Agnes
10.00am Priest's Intention

22nd January 2017 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9.30am Family Mass Clifford D'Souza RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Kristiaan Corner-Munroe RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com to make a convenient appointment.

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 **8 942 2178**.

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

CHURCH CLEANING

Every Wednesday at 9.00am – please come and help keep our church looking beautiful for Our Lord.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Our First Holy Communion Classes continue on Saturday mornings at 10.30am in Alexander House. (The programme is now full)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Resumes today during the 9.30am Mass in Alexander House

RCIA

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

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

There will be Tea & Coffee after the two morning Masses today. Please join us and say hello.

SUNDAY BENEDICTION

Our Sunday Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament resumes this afternoon at 4.00pm

THURSDAY EXPOSITION

Our Thursday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes this week following the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 12noon.

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 – Alan Mundow RIP

The Lamp at Our Lady's Altar is burning for - Nora, Pats & Eileen O'Sullivan

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning - In thanksgiving



The Rosary is recited

Monday – Saturday
before Mass and on Sunday's at 4.00pm

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.



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

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

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Octave (8 days) of prayer for Christian Unity begins on Wednesday. It is only through prayer and the grace of the Holy Spirit that Christians will be united. This is something we must all pray for.

During his visit to The United Kingdom, Pope Benedict XVI met the Archbishop of Canterbury, here is part of his address.

"It is not my intention today to speak of the difficulties that the ecumenical path has encountered and continues to encounter. Those difficulties are well known to everyone here. Rather, I wish to join you in giving thanks for the deep friendship that has grown between us and for the remarkable progress that has been made in so many areas of dialogue during the forty years that have elapsed since the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission began its work. Let us entrust the fruits of that work to the Lord of the harvest, confident that he will bless our friendship with further significant growth.

The context in which dialogue takes place between the Anglican Communion and the Catholic Church has evolved in dramatic ways since the private meeting between Pope John XXIII and Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher in 1960. On the one hand, the surrounding culture is growing ever more distant from its Christian roots, despite a deep and widespread hunger for spiritual nourishment. On the other hand, the increasingly multicultural dimension of society, particularly marked in this country, brings with it the opportunity to encounter other religions. For us Christians this opens up the possibility of exploring, together with members of other religious traditions, ways of bearing witness to the transcendent dimension of the human person and the universal call to holiness, leading to the practice of virtue in our personal and social lives. Ecumenical cooperation in this task remains essential and will surely bear fruit in promoting peace and harmony in a world that so often seems at risk of fragmentation.

At the same time, we Christians must never hesitate to proclaim our faith in the uniqueness of the salvation won for us by Christ, and to explore together a deeper understanding of the means he has placed at our disposal for attaining that salvation. God "wants all to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4), and that truth is nothing other than Jesus Christ, eternal Son of the Father, who has reconciled all things in himself by the power of his Cross. In fidelity to the Lord's will, as expressed in that passage from Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy, we recognize that the Church is called to be inclusive, yet never at the expense of Christian truth. Herein lies the dilemma facing all who are genuinely committed to the ecumenical journey.

In the figure of John Henry Newman, who is to be beatified on Sunday, we celebrate a churchman whose ecclesial vision was nurtured by his Anglican background and matured during his many years of ordained ministry in the Church of England. He can teach us the virtues that ecumenism demands - on the one hand, he was moved to follow his conscience, even at great personal cost and on the other hand, the warmth of his continued friendship with his former colleagues, led him to explore with them, in a truly eirenic spirit, the questions on which they differed, driven by a deep longing for unity in faith. Your Grace, in that same spirit of friendship, let us renew our determination to pursue the goal of unity in faith, hope, and love, in accordance with the will of our one Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."



Our 2016 Crib Appeal - The Catholic Children's Society

Thank you for £501.61 which was donated at the crib this year. This will be sent to the 'The Catholic Children's Society'

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC SOCIETY

St. Raphael's is the Catholic Parish Church for the University and students and staff are most welcome at all our Masses and other events in the parish. Deacon Peter is the Catholic Chaplain to the Kingston University Catholic Society and he is available to help and support all students and staff. (See above for his contact details) They meet on Sundays after in Alexander House after the 5.00pm Mass. Please join us for refreshments,

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£551.94 Loose + £320.23 Gift Aid = £872.17

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE

This year Wimbledon College is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. In celebration, a new book "Wimbledon College: The First 125 Years" has been published. To find out details of how to order the book and more about the anniversary please visit www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/125

LONDON CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

- January and February 2017

Come and join in a Walk discovering your Catholic history in London! All welcome. No need to book – just turn up!

Tuesday 17th January - For King and Country, a look at Westminster and St. James. Meet 2.00pm, steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest tube: Victoria

Tuesday 24th January - Smells and Bells, exploring London's Catholic culture over centuries. Meet 2.00pm steps of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. Nearest tube: Charing Cross

Tuesday 31st January - The King's Good Servant, walking in the footsteps of St. Thomas More. Meet 2.00pm, steps of the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas More, Cheyne Row, Chelsea. Nearest tube: Sloane Square, then walk/bus along the Kings Road.

Tuesday 7th February - Lift up your heads, O gates! A City walk. Meet 2pm on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. Nearest tube: St. Paul's.

The Walks are led by Catholic author Joanna Bogle.

More information from our website: www.catholichistorywalks.com

We invite a donation of £5 per person, £3 for the shorter St. Thomas More walk. Students, Unemployed, Senior Citizens: contribution according to your means. Children (under 16) accompanied by a full-paying adult: free. (Max 3 children per adult). Priests, Religious, Seminarians - free. (However, to keep numbers manageable please do not turn up in groups of more than three).

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Thursday 26th January