



St. Raphael's Church

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21st January 2018 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Family Mass **Berni & Martin Families & Francesca Poulter**

11.30am Mass with Hymns **Kristiaan Corner-Munroe RIP**
5.00pm Quiet Mass **Missa Pro Populo**

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 22nd January St. Vincent
10.00am John Gibney RIP
Tue. 23rd January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Peter Freeman
Wed. 24th January St. Francis de Sales
12 noon Krysia Dabrowka RIP
Thu. 25th January The Conversion of St. Paul
10.00am Mabel Ezechial RIP
(No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)
1.00pm Requiem Mass for John Leslie Westwood RIP
Fri. 26th January S.S. Timothy & Titus
10.00am The deceased members of the Weadick family
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 27th January St. Angela Merici
10.00am Kate Freeman

28th January 2018 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Family Mass **Missa Pro Populo**
11.30am Mass with Hymns **The Munroe family**
5.00pm Quiet Mass **In Thanksgiving**

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
- For Minerva & Horeius and the Wolf Family
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- For Minerva & Horeius and the Wolf Family
The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- In thanksgiving for favours received by the Wolf Family



The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass

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.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£837.92 Loose & £301.07

Gift Aid

= £1,138.99

Plus £313.17

For SPUC

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

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.

Today

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.

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

Mondays 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 consultation.



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Our readings today give us a clear message that we must change our ways. All of us get stuck in patterns of behaviour that are not helpful in living lives completely in Christ – perhaps laziness or a fear of changing because of what others might think, or an addiction to something that is harmful to us or - finally, perhaps pride that does not allow us to admit we are on a wrong path.

Jonah, who resisted God for all kinds of reasons, chiefly, because he did not want to preach repentance to a people that he did not like. God is able to make us do His will although normally he invites us rather than forcing us. For Jonah, God finally forces him to do His will and Jonah begins preaching, hoping that the people will not listen to him. They do and they change their ways and Jonah is upset. We can have the same feelings as Jonah towards others at times, hoping that they won't be faithful, hoping that they will reject the word of God, hoping that they will ultimately reject God or just fail—because we do not like them.

The Gospel also teaches us that we need to change. Jesus invites his first followers to come with Him. Jesus invites us to follow Him as well. We need at some level to have this personal encounter with the Lord, even though it will not be in the same way as these earlier followers who were able to touch Him, to hear Him, to see Him, in the flesh. We walk by faith -yet we are still called by faith, to touch Him, to hear Him and to see Him. In order to do this, we must change. The change we need, is to live by faith and to touch by faith and to see by faith. It is not an easy change, because the world around us does not want us to believe, to touch or to see.

May Jesus Himself touch our hearts today so that we may touch Him. May Jesus Himself open our eyes today so that we may see Him. May Jesus Himself come into our hearts today to strengthen our faith.

THE SISTERS OF ST. ELIZABETH

Next Sunday we welcome the Sisters of St. Elizabeth to the Parish. These sisters are from an order in Minsk, Belarus where they run an orphanage and a psychiatric hospital. The sisters will talk at the end of Mass about their work and then you will have a chance to purchase some of the beautiful Icons and other religious objects the sisters produce and sell to help fund their work. You can find out more about the sisters by visiting <http://obitel-minsk.by/en/>

“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.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

*Dear Father Michael,
Thank you for forwarding your Parish's Crib offerings of £836.56, which we received recently. Your support for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land will make a real difference.*

Last year the crib offerings enabled us to make a very significant increase to the number of Christian families benefiting from our support programme and quite importantly, to offset the adverse effect of exchange rates. Please thank all your parishioners who contributed to this generous collection. Their prayers and financial help are very much appreciated by the Christian families and individuals who receive help from FHL.

Yours sincerely,

Jen Hill,

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION IN TOOTING.

Faith & Art Series

30th January - The Adoration Of The Lamb by Jan Van Eyck
27th February - The School Of Athens by Raphael
20th March - Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross

The Three Pillars of Lent

20th February - Prayer with Sebastian Morello
6th March - Fasting with Mark Nash
13th March - Almsgiving with Pierpaolo Finaldi

For more information on these and other events at the Centre for Catholic Formation, please see the poster in the porch or visit <https://www.ccftootingbec.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 31st 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

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. There will be a 2nd Collection to support the work the church does to promote racial justice.

**Please note the Parish Office will be closed
from Thursday 25th January
until Monday 5th February**

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of
John Leslie Westwood
whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on
Thursday at 1.00pm
Constance Marie Cramer
whose funeral took place last week
May They Rest In Peace