



St. Raphael's Church

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7th January 2018 - The Epiphany of the Lord

9.30am Sung Mass The Collini Family
11.30am Mass with Hymns Peter El Khoury RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo
No Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament Today

Mon. 8th January The Baptism of the Lord
10.00am Lua Clarke RIP

(The end of Christmastide)

Tue. 9th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Anne Evans RIP

Wed. 10th January Feria in Ordinary Time
12 noon Stan Conley RIP

Thu. 11th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am The Altar Society

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

Fri. 12th January St. Aelred of Rievaulx
10.00am Alex & Eleanor Miller RIP

Sat. 13th January St. Hilary
10.00am Bill Edwards RIP



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

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 - The welfare of Pope Francis

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - In thanksgiving for a favour received



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.



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.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION
£726.41 Loose & £309.33 Gift Aid = £1,035.74

and your generous Christmas Offerings

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 next Sunday 14th January at 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.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

After the morning Masses today.

SUNDAY BENEDICTION

Resumes next Sunday 14th January.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION

Resumes this Thursday 11th January. Following the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at noon - praying for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and Religious Life.

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

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



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

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This great feast brings to a perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

The Epiphany shows us our Incarnate God in a new light at Christmas. It was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize the 'Word Made Flesh' but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus and hear him.

'On the feast of the Epiphany, as we recall Jesus' manifestation to humanity in the face of a Child, may we sense the Magi at our side as wise companions on the way. Their example helps us to lift our gaze towards the star and to follow the great desires of our heart. They teach us not to be content with a life of mediocrity, of "playing it safe", but to let ourselves be attracted always by what is good, true and beautiful... by God, who is all of this, and so much more! They teach us not to be deceived by appearances, by what the world considers great, wise and powerful. We must not stop at that. It is necessary to guard the faith. Today this is of vital importance: to keep the faith. We must press on further, beyond the darkness, beyond the voices that raise alarm, beyond worldliness, beyond so many forms of modernity that exist today. We must press on towards Bethlehem where, in the simplicity of a dwelling on the outskirts, beside a mother and father full of love and of faith, there shines forth the Sun from on high, the King of the universe. By the example of the Magi, with our little lights, may we seek the Light and keep the faith. May it be so.' - Pope Francis

PARISH BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the Parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be on 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have a long waiting list for Mass Intentions – particularly for Sunday Masses. If you have any specific dates for any Masses in 2018, you are recommended to book them now with the Parish Office to secure the date.

SPUC (THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN)

Next Sunday, 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.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eileen Granger** who died recently.
May She Rest in Peace

Our 2017 Crib Appeal - The Friends of the Holy Land



The Christmas season ends on Monday with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and our Christmas Crib will be taken down during the week – so today is your last chance to contribute to our Crib Appeal.

This year, the money collected at our Christmas Crib will be donated to the 'Friends of the Holy Land'. This is a non-political Christian charity supporting

the Christian population of the Holy Land – helping them to develop a resilient and enduring Christian community.

Seventy years ago, Christians made up 29% of the population of the Holy Land. Today, they account for less than 2% - without our support, the Holy places of the Bible, the birthplace of Christianity, will become cultural museums with no Christian presence at all.

Living as a Christian in today's Holy Land is challenging. There are travel restrictions, water shortages, limited access to medical or social care and poverty – not to mention the increasing fear of violence and persecution.

Please be as generous as you can to support this worthy cause.

VACANCY AT THE JOEL NIGHT SHELTER

The Joel Community night shelter is looking for an organized and enthusiastic Grant and Community Fundraiser to join its staff team. The role is part-time at a salary of £22-24k p.a. pro rata. This is a role for raising funds through grant applications and local campaigns. The jobholder will also work closely with the Supporter Relations Coordinator to generate funds from local businesses and other organizations. See www.joelcommunityservices.org.uk or email the community at info@joelcommunityservices.org.uk for a job application pack. The Application Deadline is 16th January. Interviews will be held on 23rd January.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please email the Parish Office at straphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.