

St. Raphael's Church

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8th January 2017 - The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

9.30am Family Mass Tilly Alwanger
11.30am Mass with Hymns Giovanni & Maria Tomassi RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

Mon. 9th January The Baptism of the Lord
10.00am Stanley Pabuba
Tue. 10th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Phillip Hill RIP
Wed. 11th January Feria in Ordinary Time
12 noon Mary Brooks RIP
Thu. 12th January St. Aelred of Rievaulx
10.00am Priest's Intention
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today
Fri. 13th January Requiem Mass
09.30am Paul Ferro RIP
Sat. 14th January Our Lady
10.00am David Stileman RIP



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

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

Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House. (The programme is now full)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Resumes next Sunday 15th January at the 9.30am Mass

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

After the morning Masses next Sunday

SUNDAY BENEDICTION

Next Sunday 15th January,

THURSDAY EXPOSITION

Resumes 19th January.

The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass



We remember in prayer, the sick and housebound of the Parish. We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.



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 Fr. Michael Clifton

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - The welfare of Eileen Pearce



Confessions

Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

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) The next meeting will be next Sunday 15th January in Alexander House after the 5.00pm Mass. Please join us for refreshments, prayer, discussion and meditation on the scriptures.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

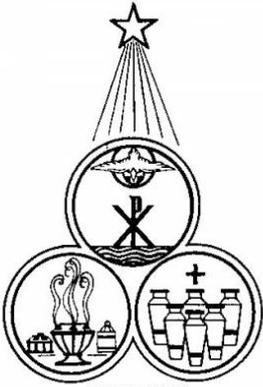
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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

The Epiphany of the Lord



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. According to medieval legends, the three wise men that came to Bethlehem in search of the infant Jesus, were named Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar. Each of them came from a different culture: Melchior was Asian, Balthazar was Persian and Gaspar was Ethiopian, thus representing the three races known to the old world. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek, meaning "to appear" or "to be shown forth" and the Epiphany signifies the first appearance of Christ to the gentiles. As the three wise men represent all the known peoples of the world, this signifies an appearance to the entire world. These three kings or wise men brought royal gifts to the divine infant - gold, frankincense and myrrh. Melchior brought gold, Balthazar brought a gold box of frankincense and Gaspar brought a flask of myrrh, a royal embalming oil. The gift of gold symbolizes the kingship of Christ, which represents our own true royal selfhood and our giving of love and service as directed and commanded by that Self. The gift of frankincense symbolizes the Godhead of Christ and our own gifts of honour and reverence to our indwelling Divinity. The gift of myrrh is a prophecy of the death and burial of the earthly body of Christ, which represents our understanding and empathy for the suffering of humanity.

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 2017, you are recommended to book them now with the Parish Office to secure the date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – A REMINDER OF ARRANGEMENTS IN OUR PARISH

Parents of Infants living in the Parish seeking Baptism should email Fr. Kevin at parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com (Please ensure you include your full postal address in the email) Fr. Kevin will then contact you to discuss. Please note all parents need to attend a Baptism Course - these are held over two Saturday mornings, approximately four times a year. Please note that completion of the course must happen prior to a date being set for Baptism.

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. Kevin before booking any dates.

Some General House Keeping

- Please help keep our Church tidy – return all Hymn Books and Mass sheets to the back of the Church when you leave Mass.
- Please always accompany all children to the toilets in the hall.
- Please switch off all mobile phones.

Thank you for your co-operation

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of **Paul Ferro** who died recently.

His Requiem Mass will be on the
13th January at 09.30am
May He Rest in Peace

Our 2016 Crib Appeal - The Catholic Children's Society



As one of the oldest Charities in the UK, The Catholic Children's Society have a long and proud history of helping those in need and providing a range of services across the diocese of Southwark. They deliver a range of counselling services in schools to pupils who may be experiencing bullying, cyber bullying, or suffering emotional turmoil. The Rainbows Bereavement Training Programme for schools allows a Parish Priest or Head Teacher to apply for a one off payment to assist a family known to them as being in immediate need of financial support and 100% of all donations made goes directly to those in need. Your contributions to this year's Crib Appeal will go to this fund and be used to help people in need living near to you. Our Crib will be taken down during the week, so if you have not had a chance to make a donation, please consider doing so today. Thank you for your kind generosity.

MONDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Christ's Baptism foreshadows our own baptism - at first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do.

However, in submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church - the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary - not for Him, but for us.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£546.36 Loose & £261.10 Gift Aid = £807.46