



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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20th July 2014 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Psalter week IV

9.30am Family Mass Fr. Kevin
11.30am Sung Mass Ena O'Sullivan RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish

Mon. 21st July St. Laurence of Brindisi
10.00am John Henry Sexton RIP
Tue. 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene
10.00am The McCarthy & White Family
Wed. 23rd July St. Bridget
12.00 noon The deceased members of the Swallow & Jarvis Family
Thu. 24th July Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Fr. Pierre Jesbaed RIP
Fri. 25th July Requiem Mass
10.00am Marion Coughlan RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 26th July S.S. Joachim & Anne
10.00am Fr. Dominic RIP

27th July 2014 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass The People of the Parish
11.30am Sung Mass Rita & Denis Sumner RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass The deceased parents of Miss Hamerton Fraser

If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before the Blessed Sacrament either for Yourself, a loved one or for a special intention please contact either the Parish Office or the sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5. The Lamps this Week Are burning for



Ena O'Sullivan RIP

Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander House after the morning Masses on Sunday. Please join us and say hello!



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

As usual, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the months of July & August.

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

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Ford. Who died recently May He Rest in Peace

The Rosary is recited

Monday – Saturday before Mass



Confessions

Sundays –

9.00am – 9.20am,
11.00am – 11.20am,
4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays –

10.30am – 11.00am.

And at other times by reasonable request



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 £494.86 + £268.50 Gift Aid = £763.36 and £520.20 for The Apostleship of the Sea. There will be a 2nd Collection next week for 'A Day for Life'

We welcome into God's Family **Amelia** who was baptised recently. May God continue the good work he has begun.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher – Mrs Frances Robertson

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

Breakfast Club from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm

A DAY FOR LIFE

Next Sunday we celebrate 'A Day for Life' a day dedicated to celebrating the dignity of Life from conception until natural death. There will be a 2nd collection to help support the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Life related activities supported by the Church. There are some post cards giving more information about this at the back of the Church.

TAKE A STAND EVENT:

"Go make disciples of all nations"

Following on from our deanery participation in the 2013 World Youth Day in Rio De Janeiro, join TAS for an exciting event taking place at St. Joseph's Church, New Malden, on July 26th. 5:30-9:00 with Mass at 6:00. There'll be food, fun, praise & worship, a chance to chat about aspects of our faith and meet new friends! All those post-Confirmation to twenties welcome! For more info: facebook.com/teamtakastand; teamtakeastand@gmail.com; teamtakeastand.com

BI-CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

The Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass of thanksgiving to celebrate the bi-centenary of the birth of St. John Bosco, at 2.00pm at on Saturday 20th September at St. George's Cathedral.

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped make last Sunday's Garden Party such a great occasion.

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Please note there will be no Parish Priest's Surgery this week.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES

On Sunday the 10th August there will be another cycle race through Kingston. The Portsmouth Road will be closed from 7.30am till late into the evening that day and there will be no vehicular access to the Church on that day. (There will be pedestrian access) Please take this into account when coming to Sunday Mass that day

FILL A BACKPACK FOR MARY'S MEALS

Kate Freeman is seeking interested people in joining her in filling a Backpack with educational items for poor children in various parts of the world- this is part of the 'Mary's Meals Project'. Please contact Kate for more information on 0208 287 1028 or 07757 031310

FAITH MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

Monday 4th - Friday 8th August at Worlingham A five-day course of talks about the Faith for 16-35 year olds, daily Mass, discussion & social time. To book and for more information go to www.faith.org.uk.

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

The Catholic Church in England and Wales has issued a useful pamphlet on how to plan your, or a loved one's, funeral. Copies are available in the Parish Office.



Saints Joachim and Anne - parents of Our Blessed Lady

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, through his foster father St. Joseph, tracing his ancestry to show that he is the culmination of great promises. However we know nothing factual about Our Blessed Lady's parents except that they existed. Even the names *Joachim* and *Anne* come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people, however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many

generations of prayerful persons. She was steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Although Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come. They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

"The family is the foundation of society. In it the various generations come together and help one another to grow wise and to harmonize personal rights with the other requirements of social life" (Vatican II, *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 52).