



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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26th July 2015 Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (B) psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass	Bridie Kirby
11.30am Sung Mass	God's health & protection
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Prop Populo

(No Benediction today)

Mon. 27th July	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Peter Bernard RIP
Tue. 28th July	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Gerald Hanafin RIP
Wed. 29th July	St. Martha
12.00noon	David Stileman RIP
Thu. 30th July	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Matt Walsh RIP
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)	
Fri. 31st July	St. Ignatius of Loyola
10.00am	Carmel Walsh's Intention
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Sat. 1st August	St. Alphonsus Liguori
10.00am	Timmy Curtin RIP

2nd August 2015 Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (B) psalter week II

(SATURDAY NIGHT) 5.00pm Quiet Mass	Pro Populo
9.30am Family Mass	Agnes Lucy & Alexander D'souza RIP
11.30am Sung Mass	Una Annett RIP

(No Sunday Evening Mass or Benediction today)

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT NEXT SUNDAY

The annual 'Prudential Ride London' Event will be taking place next Sunday 2nd August. Once again there will be road closures around Kingston and Surbiton, including the Portsmouth Rd. There will therefore be no access to the Car Park, no parking along the Portsmouth Road and some of the river roads. This will cause major disruption again to those driving to Mass. To help alleviate this, there will be no 5.00pm next week. This will be replaced by a Mass at 5.00pm on Saturday.

Tea & Coffee after the Sunday morning Masses will resume on Sunday 13th September.



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 a sacristan.

The recommended donation is £5. The lamps this week are burning for the

Campion Family

The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass



Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£515.24 loose & £217.90 Gift Aid = £733.14

There will be a 2nd collection today in aid of 'A Day for Life'

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. (His number is 0208 942 2178) If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

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



Congratulations and best wishes to

Sandra & Christopher who were married here yesterday. May the Lord bless them as they begin their new lives together.

Confessions

Sundays -

9.00am - 9.15am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am

And at other times by reasonable request.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th / 16th August

In the Diocesan calendar this Feast is being celebrated on **Sunday 16th August**.
In our parish we will have a **Morning with Mary on Saturday 15th August**.

The format for the celebration will be as follows: -

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass

**10.45am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament with Benediction
(Confession will be available during Adoration)**

12.00 Noon Angelis & Rosary with procession in the garden

12.30pm Lunch in the garden – please bring a picnic.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

Application forms for next year's 1st Holy Communion Course are available from the sacristy after Mass today. The closing date for application forms to be returned is the **20th September**.

DANGEROUS TREE

Following a recent inspection by a tree surgeon, we have been advised that there are some dead branches on the ash tree in the back garden. These could fall and injure someone without notice. We are waiting for the tree surgeon to come back to us with a date when he can remove the dead wood. In the meantime, I am afraid for safety sake, we have to close off the back garden. Could parents please take special care that their children are supervised to ensure they do not access this area.

Thank you for your co-operation.

NEWSLETTER DURING AUGUST

This will be the last full Newsletter until Sunday the 6th September. During August a reduced sheet with Mass times and intentions will be issued. Any important news will be announced at the end of Mass and will be posted on the Parish Website.

OF YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the soul of
Mary Druhan
who died recently.

Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday
4th August at 11.30am.
May She Rest in Peace



**Please turn off your
Mobile phone whilst in
Church Thank you**

Don't forget! –

-No 5pm Mass next Sunday

- Extra Mass 5.00pm on Saturday

A DAY FOR LIFE

The Church's Guide to End of Life Decisions

“How great a lie ...to make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!” - Pope Francis

Kathleen, a much-loved grandmother, collapsed at home one Saturday morning and was rushed to hospital. Early signs pointed towards a stroke. The doctors talked about the next twenty-four hours being critical, it seemed like Kathleen might not even survive. The priest was called and Kathleen received the anointing of the sick. Doctors were talking about brain damage and whether interventions might be possible. Suddenly the family was faced with big questions. What would Kathleen want and how could the Church help guide any decisions? How do we accept death when it comes and cherish life while we can?

There have been remarkable medical and technological advances so that the chronically ill can receive life-saving treatments. We can be truly thankful for such advances and yet, at some time or other we will all die. These same advances have led to more complex decision making about appropriate treatment.

At the end of life, there are two thoughts which can help guide us all - The first is that we love life. Every person is loved by God and every life is a precious gift never to be destroyed or neglected. It is wrong to hasten or bring about death. God will call us in his good time.

The second is that we accept death. This means there is no obligation to pursue medical treatment when it no longer has any effect or, indeed, harms the patient, or where the risks or burdens of the treatment outweigh the likely benefits.

We need to prepare to face life-threatening crises. Ideally these difficult and important decisions need to be faced with others – our spouse, our siblings, our extended family members. The family, after all, should be the privileged place where mutual support and understanding occurs.

Some times difficult decisions need to be made and the views of family and experts are needed. But in such situations these two questions can guide us - “is this decision loving life?” and “is this decision accepting the inevitability of death?”

Depending on the situation we should seek ways to answer yes to both, as life itself is a gift from God and death but the gateway to new life with Him.

The second collection today helps fund the crucial work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, formerly the Linacre Centre. As well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and every condition. This is a Catholic academic institute that engages with the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. It brings to bear on those questions - principles of natural law, virtue, ethics, the teaching of the Church and seeks to develop the implications of that teaching for emerging fields of practice.

The Centre engages in scholarly dialogue with academics and practitioners of other traditions. It contributes to public policy debates as well as to debates and consultations within the Church. It runs educational programmes for, and gives advice to, Catholics and other interested healthcare professionals and biomedical scientists.