



St. Raphael's Church

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10th June 2018 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am Family Mass Eamon Hickey RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass The Roberts & Woolliscroft Family

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm

Mon. 11th June St. Barnabas
10.00am Robert Estall RIP
Tue. 12th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Juana Capili & Sylvia Dainty
Wed. 13th June St. Anthony of Padua
12.00 noon The deceased members of the Wilson family
Thu. 14th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Andrelina de Silva Kayall
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.
Fri. 15th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am The Sheridan, Bromley & Horrock families
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 16th June St. Richard of Chichester
10.00am Elizabeth Stephens

17th June 2018 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9.30am Family Mass Patricia Van de Linden RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns In thanksgiving - the Del Rosario family
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 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 Brennan Family
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- The Holy Souls
The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- In thanks giving to St. Anthony

Confessions
Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am
& 4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays
10.30am - 11.00am



The Rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Mass

CONFIRMATION-

The next Confirmation session will be next Sunday 17th June at 6.00pm in Alexander House.

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, his number is

0208 546 4633.

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

LITTLE CHERUBS -

Our Toddler playgroup **will not meet this week** - they resume next Monday in Alexander House from 10.30am till 12.00noon. We offer loads of fun toys, activities, singing, coffee, tea, snacks and above all, lots of friendly faces. For all ages from young babies to pre-schoolers. Term time only.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE -

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the Parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be held on Saturday 30th June from 10.00am - 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form to attend the course.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS -

Please join us in Alexander House after Sunday and Wednesday morning Mass for tea & coffee.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£767.39 - loose + £366.06 Gift Aid = £1,133.45

There will be a 2nd collection today for the "Catholic Trust for England & Wales". The Trust supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference - departments, agencies and offices. This collection helps supply the Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.



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

After Lent, the Easter season and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one. Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning and he does this at a later time, in private.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells the crowd that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God."

A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition - just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray - "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

PARKING IN RIVERSIDE CLOSE

Fr. Michael has received an email from a resident in Riverside Close – with a photograph of a car parked across their drive on Sunday morning. Although we could not say for certain that it belonged to a parishioner coming to Mass - it is very likely that it was. Could parishioners who park in Riverside Close please take special care not to block our neighbours' driveways.

***Tonight* – A MUSICAL EVENING – IN AID OF 'LIFE'**

You are invited to a concert of classical and modern music featuring Michael Bevan (piano) and Nicholas Armour (baritone) tonight at 6.30pm in Alexander House.

The concert will last approximately one hour and light refreshments will be available afterwards. Admission is free. There will be a retiring collection for 'Life' which provides practical help and support to vulnerable mothers and their babies.

THE CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

The Centre for Catholic Formation will be 50 years old this summer and as part of our celebrations, a lecture series has been arranged. The next talk will be about J K Chesterton, Given by Canon John Udris on the 14th June. On the 19th June Dr Pia Matthews will speak on Disability Theology. To book your place tel. 8672 7684; email: office@ccftootingbec.org.uk.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to everyone involved with last Sunday's Corpus Christi celebrations.

- Thank you to the people who worked so hard this week polishing our brass votive candle stands – they look beautiful!

VACANCY AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking for a Nursery Nurse to join our supportive and friendly staff. If you are interested in our vacancy, further details can be found on our website: www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk (vacancies). Visits to the school are encouraged. The closing date for applications is 13th June

SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE - HEALING MASS

There will be a Mass of healing on Saturday 23rd June at 2.00pm in the Sons of Divine Providence, Chapel of Our Lady of Westminster, 25 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4HB.



FR JULIAN SHURGOLD – 24 JUNE, 6.00PM

On Sunday 24 June, Fr Julian Shurgold will give a talk entitled "That's history!". Fr Julian is a lecturer in Church history at St. John's Seminary in Womersley, as well as being resident in St. Raphael's parish. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a glass of wine with nibbles from 6pm. The event will finish by 8pm.

FUTURE EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES

Please save the following dates in your diaries for future Theology on Tap events:

29 July – Dr Matthew Ward

19 August – Dr Gavin Jarvis

30 September – Fr Michael Lovell