

# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014 The Most Holy Trinity (A)

9.30am Family Mass  
11.30am Sung Mass  
5.00pm Quiet Mass

David Stileman RIP  
Jim Lancy & Dave Goff  
The People of the Parish  
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

(The 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)

Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Richard of Chichester
10.00am	Elizabeth Stephens
Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00 noon	Peter El Houry RIP
(Followed by Tea & Coffee)	
Thu. 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Fernand de Verteul RIP
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.20am to 12 noon)	
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Alban
10.00am	Diana de Verteul RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> June	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
10.00am	Ray Hamel-Smith RIP

## 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 Corpus Christi (A)

9.30am Family Mass  
11.30am Sung Mass  
5.00pm Quiet Mass

Mary Sebastian RIP  
The People of the Parish  
John Richard Cullen RIP  
3pm Corpus Christi Procession



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

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 Ellen Turk RIP & Rita Fox RIP



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  
**£571.40 + £245.10 Gift Aid = £816.50**

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today for 'The Catholic Trust for England and Wales.'

### 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

**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.

## Parish Diary This Week

### TUESDAY

No Parish Priest's Surgery this week

Pilates  
7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Alexander House

### WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning  
Before Mass

Parent & Children's Group  
9.45am - 11.30am  
Alexander House

Tea and coffee after Mass

### THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
from after Mass until  
Benediction 12 noon  
Praying for Vocations

### SATURDAY

Confessions.  
10.30am - 11.00am

### SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy during  
9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee after Morning  
Masses

3pm Corpus Christi Procession

We welcome into God's Family **Kimberley & Mabel** who were baptised recently. May God continue the good work he has begun. Congratulations and best wishes to **Louise & Edward** who were married here last Saturday. May the Lord Bless them as they begin their new life together.

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

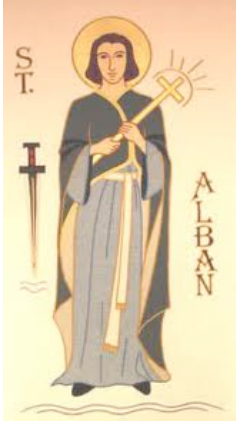
Breakfast Club from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm

### The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday  
before Mass  
Sundays 4pm.



## ST. ALBAN PRO MARTYR OF BRITAIN



On Friday, we shall celebrate the Feast of St. Alban, our first English martyr. St. Alban was a pagan soldier in the Roman Army stationed in Verulamium, modern day St. Albans. His exact background is unknown, but popular tradition declares him a native Britain.

The venerable Bede says he lived during the religious persecutions of the Emperor Diocletian around the year AD30.

During these dangerous times Alban sheltered a priest named Amphibalus and was so struck by his devotion and blameless life that he became a Christian. The local governor hearing about the priest sent soldiers to arrest him. Alban, seeing them arrive, threw the long cloak of the priest over his own head and shoulders and presented himself to the soldiers as the priest. He was arrested and brought before the governor. When the cloak was removed, it was revealed that he was not the priest the governor ordered Alban to sacrifice to the pagan gods or to suffer death. St. Alban steadfastly refused to do so.

Then the governor asked, who he was "I am Alban and if you desire to know what is my religion, I shall tell you - I am a Christian and am bound by Christian obligations." Then the governor said, "If you wish to enjoy eternal life, sacrifice to the great gods." Alban replied, "The sacrifices you offer are to no avail." The governor ordered Alban to be scourged, hoping to shake his faith. But he bore the pain patiently and joyfully for our Lord's sake.

When the governor saw that he could not change Alban's will, he ordered him to be put to death. On his way to his execution, on 20th June, the martyr had to cross a river. There, St. Bede said, "He saw a multitude of people of every age and rank, the crowd was so large he could not cross the bridge. Then Alban, eager to accomplish his martyrdom, went down to the stream and as he drew near, it dried up, making a way for him to pass over." He was led up a hill outside the town, covered with flowers, followed by a large crowd.

However, when the time came, the executioner refused to kill him. He threw down his sword and confessed himself a Christian. Another man was detailed to carry out the execution and both Alban and the Christian executioner were decapitated together.

St. Alban's body was buried in the adjoining cemetery. When Christianity was legalized by the Emperor Constantine, not long afterwards, a church was built over his tomb which became the Abbey of St. Albans. The town being later re-named in his memory.

Interestingly, our founder Alexander Raphael was M.P. for St. Albans. He decided to build for the Catholic of St. Albans an exact replica of St. Raphael's dedicated to the martyr. Unfortunately he died before the church was completed and the unfinished building was sold to the Church of England. It then became known as 'Christ Church' Anglican Church. Although, no longer a place of worship, the building can still be seen in Verulam Road. The exterior is identical to our own Parish Church.

## ST. RAPHAEL'S SUMMER

### GARDEN PARTY

SUNDAY - 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> June is the feast of Corpus Christi. We shall have our annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the grounds of the Church at 3.00pm

#### CAKE SALE

There will be a cake sale on Sunday 29th June after the morning masses. As usual we are calling all bakers to bake as many cakes as you can, and for all cake lovers to buy all the lovely home made cakes. Any queries please ring Sheila (07970 212761) or Kate (07757 031310). All proceeds to go towards the Parish Garden Party on 13th July.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Parish Committee tonight at 6.00pm in the Parish Office

#### NEWSLETTER ONLINE

Please note due to a technical issue with our website, we are unable to post the Newsletter on line at the moment. We hope to have this problem sorted shortly

#### THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Archbishop will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> August. For more information please see the poster in the porch.

#### A DAY WITH MARY

There will be 'A Day with Mary' at Our & St. Peter's Church, Victoria Drive, Wimbledon on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. The day will commence at 10.00am with Mass and finish with Benediction at 4.00pm.

#### DIFFERING NEEDS

A diocesan Day for celebrating the love of God for all, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 12:00 noon to 4:00pm, at The Friars, Aylesford, ME20 7BX. Sensory prayer, art & craft workshops, celebratory music, praying the Rosary, open air Mass, opportunities to meet new friends, entertainment, a beautiful setting. All are welcome.