

# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) psalter week IV

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| <b>9.30am Family Mass</b> | <b>Pro Populo</b>          |
| <b>11.30am Sung Mass</b>  | <b>Maureen Savage RIP</b>  |
| <b>5.00pm Quiet Mass</b>  | <b>Alex Josephides RIP</b> |

### No Rosary & Benediction today

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| Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup> June   | S.S. John Fisher & Thomas More       |
| 10.00am  | Rosario Aquila & Freddie Co RIP      |
| Tue. 23 <sup>rd</sup> June   | St. Etheldreda                       |
| 10.00am  | Ruth Real RIP                        |
| Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup> June   | The Nativity of St. John The Baptist |
| 12.30pm  | Winifred and Henry Hunt RIP          |
| Thu. 25 <sup>th</sup> June   | Feria in Ordinary Time               |
| 10.00am  | Sebastine Jacob Chale                |
| (No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)                             |                                      |
| Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> June   | Feria in Ordinary Time               |
| 10.00am  | Eamon Simms RIP                      |
| (A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat) |                                      |
| Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup> June   | Our Lady                             |
| 10.00am  | Margaret Simms RIP                   |

## 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 S.S. Peter and Paul (B) psalter week I

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| <b>9.30am Family Mass</b> | <b>Pro Populo</b>                            |
| <b>11.30am Sung Mass</b>  | <b>In thanksgiving - the Gardiner Family</b> |
| <b>5.00pm Quiet Mass</b>  | <b>Maura Burke</b>                           |

### Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

## Parish Diary This Week

### TUESDAY

**Parish Priest Surgery**  
5.30pm - 7.00pm  
The Parish Office

### WEDNESDAY Church Cleaning

9.00am

### Parent & Children's Group

9.30am - 11.00am  
Alexander House

### THURSDAY

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today**

### SATURDAY

**Confessions.**

10.30am - 11.00am

### Baptism Course (part2)

10.00am - 12.00noon  
Alexander House

### SUNDAY

**Children's Liturgy**  
during 9.30am Mass

### Rosary & Benediction

4.00pm

### Parish Finance Committee

6.00pm

Library

*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*

**Roberto Angelers RIP**



Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander House after the morning Masses on Sunday.

Please join us and say hello!



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

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note as usual there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during July & August. It will resume in September

## Confessions Sundays -

9.00am - 9.20am  
11.00am - 11.20am  
4.30pm - 4.50pm

## Saturdays -

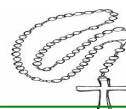
10.30am - 11.00am

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

## The Rosary is recited daily

Monday - Saturday  
before Mass



## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

### **IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Peter Sebastian, our Parish Master of Ceremonies, will be ordained a Permanent Deacon by His Grace the Archbishop at St. George's Cathedral at 12.30pm. You are most welcome to attend, however Peter needs to advise the Cathedral of numbers, so if you plan to go, please email him at [petersebastian@talktalk.net](mailto:petersebastian@talktalk.net). On the following day, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, the 11.30am Mass will be Peter's first Mass in the parish as deacon. This will be followed by our annual Parish Garden Party. This year we shall have a Hog Roast! We need your help with providing food, cash donations and help setting up and clearing up. If you have the letter attached to last weeks news letter please fill it in and return to the parish office. Or the list is on the notice board in Alexander house so you can sign up for anything you can supply. Alternatively contact Sheila 07970 212761, email [jonessheila3@sky.com](mailto:jonessheila3@sky.com)

Any cash donations should be put in an envelope marked Garden Party and handed into the office.

**Please note on that Sunday there will be no 5.00pm Mass. This will be replaced by a Mass at 5.00pm on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **THE ST. JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP**

The annual St. John Bosco summer camp will take place from the 25<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August for boys and the 8<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> August for girls. This annual event which has run for over sixty years is run by the St. Vincent De Paul Society. For more information please see the poster at the back of the Church or visit [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk)

### **OUR REPOSITORY**

We have a new range of cards for various occasions (including the ordination of Deacons) in our repository, please take a look after Mass.

### **BAPTISM COURSE**

A reminder to those booked on the June Baptism Course – the second session will take place this coming Saturday in Alexander House between 10.00am – 12.00 noon. (Please note no children to attend please) Thank you.

### **THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Parish Financed Committee will meet at 6.00pm next Sunday in the Library.

### **THE ANNUAL APF MILL HILL MISSION MASS**

Promoters, members of the APF – Mill Hill family and friends are invited to the Annual Mass at St. George's cathedral on the 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm.

### **PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY**

Fr. Kevin will hold his surgery on Tuesday between 5.30pm - 7.00pm in the Parish Office. Please note this will be the last Surgery until September.

### **S.S. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER**

Thomas More's belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost him his life.

Beheaded on Tower Hill in London, on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1535, he steadfastly refused to approve Henry VIII's divorce, remarriage and establishment of the Church of England.

Despite what the phantomist Hilary Mantel says about him in her discredited book 'Wolf Hall', More the supreme diplomat and counsellor, did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king. Henry himself realized this and tried desperately to win his chancellor to his side because he knew More was a man whose approval counted, a man whose personal integrity no one questioned. But, when Thomas resigned as chancellor unable to approve the two matters that meant most to Henry, the king had to get rid of Thomas More. He was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason. Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.

Thomas More was a good man described by those at time as "a man for all seasons," He was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man.

Four hundred years later in 1935, Thomas More was canonized a saint of God. Few saints are more relevant to our time. In the year 2000 in Pope Saint John Paul II named him patron of political leaders.

John Fisher was a man of learning, associated with the intellectuals and political leaders of his day. He was interested in the contemporary culture and eventually became chancellor at Cambridge and was made a bishop at the age 35.

In 1521 he was asked to study the question of Henry VIII's marriage. He incurred Henry's anger by defending the validity of the king's marriage with Catherine of Aragon and later by rejecting Henry's claim to be the supreme head of the Church of England.

Like Moore he was sent to the Tower of London, where he remained for 14 months without trial.

The king, further angered that the pope had made John Fisher a cardinal, had him brought to trial on the charge of high treason. He was condemned and executed, his body left to lie all day on the scaffold and his head hung on London Bridge.

Today many questions are raised about Christians' and priests' active involvement in social issues. John Fisher remained faithful to his calling as a bishop. He strongly upheld the teachings of the Church the very cause of his martyrdom was his loyalty to Rome. At the same time he was involved in the political struggles of his time. This involvement caused him to question the moral conduct of the leadership of his country. "The Church has the right, indeed the duty, to proclaim justice on the social, national and international level, and to denounce instances of injustice, when the fundamental rights of man and his very salvation demand it" (Justice in the World, 1971 Synod of Bishops).

Erasmus said of John Fisher: "He is the one man at this time who is incomparable for uprightness of life, for learning and for greatness of soul." He was canonised with Thomas More by Pope XI in 1935

### **Of your Charity,**

Please pray for the soul of

### **Ronald Barwood**

His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm.

**May He Rest in Peace**