



St. Raphael's Church

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24th June 2018 - 12th The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (B)

9.30am Family Mass Joan & Charles Pereira RIP

11.30am Mass with Hymns Esme Mills in thanks giving for her 100th birthday
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm

Mon. 25th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Mary Davis RIP
Tue. 26th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Peggy and Anthony O'Neil RIP
Wed. 27th June Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00 noon Anne Davis RIP
Thu. 28th June St. Irenaeus
10.00am Maurie Smith, Allan and Joyce Dumphy RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.

Fri. 29th June S.S. PETER & PAUL
10.00am Brian Crowley RIP
7.30pm Missa Pro Populo

Sat. 30th June The First Martyrs of Rome
10.00am Jane Park's recovery

1st July 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018 (B)

9.30am Family Mass Miriam Richards RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Sarah de Souza RIP

No Sunday Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- we resume in September

A Holy Day of
Obligation
when
Catholics are
bound to
attend Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -
During the 9.30am Mass

CONFIRMATION-

The next Confirmation session will be next Sunday 1st July 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 -

Meet on 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 next Saturday 30th June from 10.00am - 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office by Monday 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.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -

There will be Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon and on Thursday Morning. We will then have a break until September.

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

- Alan Park & Family

The at Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- Jane Park's recovery

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



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

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£727.53 loose + £333.92 Gift Aid = £1,061.45



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.

T. 020 8546 7178 E. office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

W. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Jesus said, "Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist" (Mt 11:11). Each year on June 24 the Church honours the birth of John by reflecting on his unique role as the precursor of Jesus. A solemnity is the most significant feast the Church can establish. While other saints are remembered with feast days to remember their deaths, St. John the Baptist, is honoured with solemnities to recall both his birth and his death.

Normally, when a saint's feast day or solemnity falls on a Sunday, it is superseded by the Sunday liturgy. However, this solemnity is one of the exceptions. If it occurs on the Lord's Day, the prayers, readings and psalms associated with the solemnity of John are not replaced by a different Sunday liturgy.

The solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the Church's oldest celebrations going back to the fourth century. June 24 was chosen as the date for the solemnity because Scripture tells us that John was conceived six months before Jesus. Presumably, then, John was born about six months before Christ and Christ's nativity was celebrated on Christmas Eve, 24th December. This is the time of the winter solstice when the days begin to get longer. The 24th June is around the time of the summer solstice when the days get shorter. In the gospel we read how John responded to those who asked if he was the messiah, he tells them he is not - he is the one to go before him as a witness. 'He must grow greater, I must grow less.'

John was the herald of Christ, "a voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord". But he was also much more. He provided a model of heroic holiness. He publicly condemned hypocrisy and immorality, calling all to repentance. He challenged the greed and materialism of his day and followed a life of poverty, simplicity and selflessness that inspired not only his contemporaries, but also the later pioneers of Christian monasticism.

Wherever John went, he was surrounded by vast crowds and followers, some thinking he was the Messiah. Yet he did not take advantage of these people - rather, he told them clearly that he was not who they thought he was and that they must experience a conversion of heart in preparation for the Messiah.

When Jesus began His ministry, John sent his disciples to Jesus and then faded into the background, humbly accepting his diminishing role. John's message to the people so many years ago was that the Lord's coming was imminent, so we must be prepared. On the solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist - are we prepared are we ready for his second coming?

'THE GIRL WHO MET THE LADY - HOW A 14 YEAR-OLD GIRL CHANGED THE COURSE OF CHURCH HISTORY'

A talk by Adam Simon, author of 'Bernadette of Lourdes - Pilgrimage into the heart of Jesus' - at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hampton Court Way, Thames Ditton KT7 0LP, this coming Monday, June 25th at 7.45pm. Young people are especially welcome (and will receive a blessed rosary on the night). A good preparation for anyone going to Lourdes this summer and a fascinating insight into the miraculous events in the Pyrenees 160 years ago this year.

THE ST. JOHN BOSCO CHILDRENS' SUMMER CAMP AT ALDHAM ESSEX.

An activities camp with a Catholic ethos from 21st July – 4th August for boys and from the 4th August – 11th August for girls. For children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk> For any enquiries then please email the boys camp at boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk

THE PASSAGE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in central London, by attending The Passage Annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 13th July from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. There will be a raffle and charity auction.

Tickets are available from Eventbrite passage-garden-party-2018.eventbrite.co.uk or call The Passage 020 7592 1856. It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage."

LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

A social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242. Our next social evening is on Saturday, 7th July from 7.30pm at The Junction, Clapham Junction SW11 1SA.

FEAST OF S.S. PETER AND PAUL

Friday is the feast of S.S. Peter and Paul. It is a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are bound to hear Mass.

Masses will be at 10.00am & 7.30pm. On that day we will have the annual collection for Peter's Pence which goes directly to the Holy Father to support the various charities he promotes around the world.

As Friday is a Solemnity, the Church does not ask us to abstain from eating meat on this day!

VACANCY

Ten Ten is a Catholic charitable organisation that uses drama to speak to the hearts and minds of young people in schools throughout the UK. They are looking for a schools' facilitator to lead sessions on "Relationship and Sex Education" using films created by Ten Ten. This is a fixed-term, part-time role with an attractive salary and benefits. For more information, please visit: www.tententheatre.co.uk/recruitment. Deadline is Monday 2nd July.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

At the beginning of July Fr. Julian will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.

To mark this event, on Friday 6th July there will be a special celebration Mass for Fr. Julian in the Church at 7.30pm - followed by a Garden Party. Please keep the date free! **Should you wish to contribute to a presentation to Fr. Julian – there will be people outside Mass next Sunday to collect any donations. You can also hand donations into the Parish Office or Sacristy in an envelope marked "Fr. Julian's Silver Jubilee" by the 4th July**



FR JULIAN SHURGOLD – 24 JUNE, 6.00PM

Tonight 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.