

St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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11th March 2018 - 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday (B)

9.30am Family Mass Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Mass with Hymns Winifred & Henry Hunt RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Jonell Lobo RIP

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Mon. 12th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Maria Gibney RIP
Tue. 13th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Maude & Robert Jackson
Wed. 14th March Lenten Feria
12.00 noon Gill Taylor
Thu. 15th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Una Hunter RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon.
Fri. 16th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Mabel Ezechial RIP
Followed by Stations of the Cross
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 17th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Bob Gilmour RIP

18th March 2018 - 5th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday (B)

9.30am Family Mass Denis Curtin RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Patrick & Claire Hodge

Stations of the Cross 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

- Francis & Anne Carey RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- Mary Hosie RIP

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

- The work of the Joel Community



We remember in prayer, the sick and housebound of the Parish.

We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &

4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

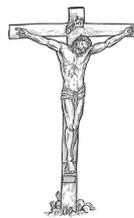
The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass



THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£783.96 Loose & £355 Gift Aid = £1,138.96



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent - Sundays at 4.00pm & Fridays after Mass

If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius, his number is

0208 546 4633

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

GETTING MARRIED

Please remember that all Catholics must give at least six months notice to get married. This gives time for all the relevant marriage paperwork to be completed and any dispensations that are needed, to be issued. Please contact

Fr. Michael before booking any dates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Saturday - 10.30am Alexander House

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 9.30am Mass.

RCIA

Thursday - 7.30pm in the Parish Library.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

After the morning Masses today.

"ST RAPHAEL'S LITTLE CHERUBS"

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Mondays at 10.30am in Alexander House.

The group are appealing for more volunteers to help to set up and clear up. If you could spare a couple of hours on a Monday or would like more information please email straphaelslittlecherubs@outlook.com

There will be a 2nd collection today for Easter Flowers. Please be as generous as you can Thank you



EASTER OFFERINGS

The collection taken at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday is your personal offering to, our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael. This collection forms part of his income to support his personal needs and expenses during the year ahead. Easter Offering envelopes are available for your use at the back of the Church.

(If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please use the special envelope in your packet.) Thank you for your kind and generous support.

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We shall have the Divine Mercy Devotions here at St. Raphael's. The afternoon will begin at 3.00pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Prayers, Confessions & Rosary. Concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.45pm'



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

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

W. stjosephsprimary.net/

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

**ST. RAPHAEL'S 2018 LENTEN PROJECT
- THE JOEL COMMUNITY NIGHT SHELTER
SOME EVENTS FOR OUR LENTEN PROJECT**

TODAY **Sunday 11th March – Cake Sale** in the Hall after Mass – buy a cake for your mother on Mother's Day.

Next Saturday **Saturday 17th March – Céad Míle Fáilte** – All are welcome to celebrate St Patrick's Day at Margaret Dixon's home, 40 Fassett Rd, for Irish coffee & homemade Irish treats from 11.00am - 2.00pm.

Next Sunday **Sunday 18th March – Adult's Film Night** – 'The Gospel According to St. Matthew' ('Il vangelo secondo Matteo') directed by Pier Paolo Pasolini. This classic 1964 film, in Italian with subtitles, was described by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano as 'the best film on Christ ever made'. With stunning black-and-white photography, an eclectic soundtrack and using a cast of non-professionals who voice dialogue drawn directly from scripture. Tickets cost £8.00 and include a light supper of Lasagne with tea & coffee. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets on sale today in the hall after the morning masses, from the sacristy after the 5.00pm and from the Parish Office.

Saturday 24th March – The St. Raphael's Ramblers 6 mile river walk – See below.

Diana Hillier's 56 mile sponsored walk. During Lent Diana is walking 56 miles – in stages. If you would like to sponsor her, please see her at the back of the Church after Mass.

Thank you to those who arranged and supported our children's film afternoon £100.00 was raised
Thank you also to David Kennedy for his fascinating talk on Alexander Raphael last Sunday £222.00 was raised on the evening.
This bring our grand total so far to £670.36

CONFIRMATION

'Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For by the sacrament of Confirmation the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.' Catechism of the Catholic Church, ref. 1285.

To assist parents in preparing their children for confirmation - the parish will, after Easter, be starting a programme of preparation. The first session for both parents and candidates will be Sunday April 22nd at 6pm and every fortnight thereafter during term time. Parents of children between 12 and 18 whose children have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should complete a form available from the sacristy and return it before Easter. For further details speak to Subash or Dymphna de Menezes after the 9:30am Mass or email demenezes@talktalk.net

*Today is Mothering Sunday.
Let us all remembers our mothers
today, say a prayer for them and
thank God for them*

**Please Pray for the Repose of
The Soul of Beryl Simms.**
Her Requiem Mass will be
on the 27th March at 12.00noon

We have reached the half way stage of our Lenten journey, which is the 4th Sunday of Lent. This Sunday has a special Latin name of Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a command to be joyful. Our time of waiting and fasting is approaching an end. We are more than halfway this period of penance and self-denial and the sombreness of this season will soon be over. More importantly the celebration of our redemption, our liberation from sin and death is almost here. Without the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, there is no hope, no forgiveness and no heaven. So the Church reminds us to rejoice because, in three short weeks, we will once again experience the life-giving mysteries that saved our souls and redeemed the world.

In the Gospel today, we encounter Nicodemus. He is intrigued by Jesus, he likes what he hears, he wants to know more however he is also afraid. Nicodemus is a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. He is a man of status in the Jewish community, he has some power and prestige because of his position. He does not want people to see that he is learning from Jesus - he definitely does not want people to think he is a follower he is afraid he will loose face.

Nicodemus is not ready yet - he still hides and does not want anyone to know that he believes in Jesus. In a couple of years, when Jesus is crucified, he will be one of the brave souls who cares for the body of Christ and places it in the tomb. After the resurrection, he will become a martyr for Christ, unashamed to be counted as a disciple of Jesus. Do we not sometimes resemble Nicodemus in his timid and frightened state? Many of us are intrigued by the promise and beauty of our catholic faith. But we are also afraid worried about what people might think if we were vocally Christian, unapologetically Catholic? And so we sneak around spiritually like Nicodemus. We are covert Christians, non-offensive, sanitized, might we even say sterile? We pray where no one sees us. We do not dare confront people who mock or misunderstand our Faith. We worry so much about not offending that we compromise the truth that Jesus brought us by his suffering and death. Jesus tells Nicodemus that He has come into the world to save the world and anyone who believes in Him will not be condemned. Our faith, by its very nature, is meant to be shared with other people. If it is alive and healthy, it cannot be kept to oneself. If we truly think that following Christ is what brings salvation as well as joy, peace and fulfilment - how can we keep quite when it comes to talking to other people about the gospel?

TWO TALKS FOR LENT AT THE CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION IN TOOTING. -

20 Mar - Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross.
13 Mar - Almsgiving with Pierpaolo Finaldi.
For more information on these and other events at the Centre for Catholic Formation, please see the poster in the porch or visit <https://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk>

THE ST. RAPHAEL'S RAMBLERS 6-MILE RIVER WALK. On Saturday 24th March at 10.45am there will be a 6 mile sponsored walk in aid of Our Lenten Project. If you would like to take part in the walk please contact either Nuala on tel. 8 390 2048 or Angela tel. 8 547 9978 angela@casacombe.com If you would like to sponsor the group please complete the tear off slip below and hand it into either the Parish Office or Sacristy with your money. Dog walkers welcome! Thank you.

I would like to sponsor the walk on the 24th March
Either £ (Insert amount) per mile or £ (Insert amount) total amount
Name Tel number
Address



If you are a member of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please tick this box