

St. Raphael's Church

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HOSPITAL

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

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 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

Confessions

Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

18th March 2018 - 5th Sunday of Lent (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

Mon. 19th March St. Joseph
10.00am Steven Barlow
Tue. 20th March Lenten Feria
10.00am The deceased members of the Morrell Family
Wed. 21st March Lenten Feria
12.00 noon Jannett Hamerton Fraser, her parents & brother RIP
Thu. 22nd March Lenten Feria
10.00am Mary Weller RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon.
Fri. 23rd March Lenten Feria
10.00am Sydney Cudmer RIP
Followed by Stations of the Cross
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 24th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Private Intention

25th March 2018 - Palm Sunday (B)

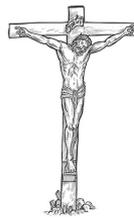
9.30am Family Mass Tony Wilson RIP
(The 9.30am Mass begins in the rear garden of Alexander House with the blessing of Palms and the procession to the Church)
11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Joan Stevenson RIP

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
- Pope Francis
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- A Private Intention
The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- In thanks giving



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
During Lent -
Sundays at 4.00pm
& Fridays after Mass

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

£960.32 Loose &
£289.00 Gift Aid = £1,249.32
Plus £310.11

for Easter flowers.

The Standing Orders for February
Totalled £2,132.00

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



The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass

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



**ST. RAPHAEL'S 2018 LENTEN PROJECT
- THE JOEL COMMUNITY NIGHT SHELTER**

SOME EVENTS FOR OUR LENTEN PROJECT

**TODAY Adult's Film Night 6.00pm
in Alexander House - '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, which can be brought at the door, cost £8.00 and include a light supper of Lasagne with tea & coffee.

Next Saturday **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 all those who arranged, helped and supported our Parish Supper Dance, including those who donated raffle prizes and the paintings for the auction. An amazing profit of £1,585.20 was raised - this included £100.00 for the art auction and £200.00 for the raffle.

Thank you also to those who baked and brought cakes at the sale last Sunday which raised £202.49

Finally thank you to those who supported the Mothers Day Flowers and Card making event, which raised £95.00

This bring our grand total so far to £2,589.98

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 demeneses@talktalk.net

CHAIRS IN THE PRIVATE PEW

If you bring extra chairs from the Hall into the Private Pew for Mass, as a curtsey, ensure these are returned to the Hall afterwards. It is not acceptable to expect others to return them for you. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Congratulations to Oliver who was baptised recently here at St. Raphael's. May God continue the good work he has started.

Today, you will notice the purple cloths draped over the crucifixes and some of the statues in the Church.

This old custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the extra penitential aspect of this last part of Lent, which is commonly referred to as 'Passontide'. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all it's glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to seeing, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The solemn unveiling of the cross on Good Friday emphasize Jesus' death on the Cross on that day and the unveiled holy images which are again revealed for the Easter Vigil, mark the end of the penitential season, the joy of Easter and the Resurrection.

Just as the Church simplifies the sanctuary in these last weeks of Lent in order to focus on the penitential aspect of the season, we can also simplify our lives, heart and souls during these last weeks of lent.

As Jesus hid his glory during his Passion, may we too not only hide, but try to rid ourselves of our pride and sinfulness in order to prepare ourselves to focus on and honour his Passion and then glory in his resurrection.

ST. JOSEPH

On Monday we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment - he was a "just" man. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

This just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God - in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple. Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the Holy Family was like every other family and the circumstances of life for them were like those of us all.

"He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures.

Namely, his divine Son and Mary.

He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord' (St. Bernardine of Siena)

On this special day we remember, in our prayers, the children and staff of our Parish School - St. Joseph's.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Child's trampoline, 8 ft. in diameter, in good condition. However, may need a new protective guard net, (slight damage near the top of one pole). Telephone Christine on 0208 399 4297 for more information.

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