



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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23rd March 2014 The 3rd Sunday of Lent (A) Psalter Week III

9.30am Family Mass **The Mollentze & Humphreys Families**
11.30am Sung Mass **The People of the Parish**
5.00pm Quiet Mass **Alice & Edward James Barnes**
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Mon. 24th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Joan Stevenson RIP
Tue. 25th March The Annunciation
10.00am Alice & Jim Barnes RIP
7.30pm Priest's Intention
Wed. 26th March Requiem Mass
12.00 noon Bridget Caines RIP
(Followed by Our Lenten Hunger Lunch)
Thu. 27th March Lenten Feria
10.00am The deceased members of the Kwa Family
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.20am to 12 noon)
Fri. 28th March Lenten Feria
(Mass preceded by Stations of the Cross at 9.00am)
10.00am Cesare Orindi RIP
(We welcome year 6 from St. Joseph's School to Mass today)
(A day of abstinence when Catholics must abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 29th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Eamon Flynn (Welfare)

30th March 2014 The 4th Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday (A) Psalter Week IV

9.30am Family Mass **Simone Bouheben RIP**
11.30am Sung Mass **Janetta Hammerton Fraser RIP**
5.00pm Quiet Mass **The People of the Parish**
4.00pm Stations of the Cross



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

Fernando Machad De Oliveiro 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
£587.58 loose + £225.50 Gift Aid
= £813.08

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.

The Rosary Is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass



Parish Diary

TUESDAY

Parish Priest's Surgery
5.30pm - 7.00pm
The Parish Office

Pilates

7.00pm - 8.30pm
Alexander House

Lenten Evening Mass 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning
Before Mass

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

Hunger Lunch after Mass
Alexander House

Open Door Prayer Group
7.30pm Church

RCIA

7.30pm

The Library

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross
9.00am

Year 6 from St. Joseph's School at Mass today

SATURDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.
10.30am - 11.00am

1st Holy Communion Classes
10.30am - 12 noon
Alexander House

SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy during
9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee Alexander House after the morning Masses

Stations of the Cross
4.00pm

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

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

We welcome into God's family, Oscar, who was baptised last Sunday. May God continue the good work he has begun.

LENT 2014
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Sunday at 4.00pm. and Friday at 9.00am
TUESDAY EVENING MASS
Ideal for workers at 7.30pm

GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Today a missionary group from 'Bethlehem Nativity' will visit us to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made from olive wood from the Holy Land in aid of poor Christian families there. Please come into the hall after Mass and have a look.

PARISH LIBRARY

Application forms to join our Parish Library are now available from the Parish Office and can also be downloaded from our Parish Website. It will be free to join the Library and borrow books. Although not yet open for borrowing, people are most welcome to visit the Library next Sunday after the morning Masses. Shortly we plan to have our collection of some 2,200 books on the Parish Website. This will enable people to search the collection and availability of the book stock.

REPOSITORY SHOP

Our Repository Shop is now open in Alexander House. We have a wide selection of Holy Communion cards, Statues, Rosaries and other gifts. Come along after Mass and have a look! Thank you to those who have volunteered to help man the shop, we do need more help please after the 11.30am Mass.

SOLDIER TO SAINT - FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 7pm **ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL, NEW MALDEN.**

Rise Theatre will be bringing to life the inspirational story of St. Alban, Britain's first Christian martyr. Be immersed into the gritty world of London 2020 where religious expression has been made illegal. John Alban is an ordinary soldier whose life is about to change forever. As Christians are forced into hiding and rioting hits the streets, John strikes an unlikely friendship with a fugitive priest – a friendship that could cost him his life.

SENSE AND NONSENSE ON 'ASSISTED DYING'

An Assisted Dying Bill to legalize assisted suicide is currently before Parliament. There is often confusion about what 'assisted dying' means. The Bishops' Conference has compiled a briefing note, which explains simply, and clearly what the issues are, and what the Church says about this.

It can be downloaded from the website www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide-information

Of your charity, please pray for the Soul of
Bridget Mary Caines who died recently.
Her Requiem Mass will be this Wednesday at 12noon.
May She Rest in Peace

Alexander House

Our Parish Hall is available for rent for children's parties baptism parties, meetings and other events. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

OUR 2014 LENTEN PROJECTS **Mary's Meals & The Kingston Foodbank.**

Well done to Blaize for organising last Saturdays '**Games Workshop Battle**' in Alexander House £70.00 was raised. Thank you to Becky and Emma for organising the '**Sweets in the Jar**' competition £82.00 was raised. Molly O'Callaghan was the lucky winner.

Our '**Hunger Lunch**' this week raised £54.00 thank you to Sheila for making the soup and those who helped serve and set up the hall.

Céad Míle Fáilte - St Patrick's Day Irish Coffee £403.50 was raised. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who donated and made such a friendly & wonderful event. The cake raffle was won by Rena Clerkin. A pair of sunglasses was left behind, if they are yours please contact Margaret. Thank you.

TOTAL RAISED TO DATE
£913.30 = A WEEK'S WORTH OF MARY'S
MEALS FOR 182 CHILDREN!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Today

Kingston Breakfast Run

Wayne Mooney & Declan Dixon are planning to do the Whole Foods Market Kingston Breakfast Run (8.2 miles) today. If you would like to sponsor them and did not get a donation envelope last week, there are some available at the back of the Church. Please hand these in with your weekly collection, or to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Next Sunday

Mother's Day Cake Sale

Calling all bakers. Can you bake something for our cake sale next Sunday? If so please bring your contribution along before either the 9.30 or 11.30 mass or ring Sheila for alternative arrangements. If you can help with selling the cakes on the day, after either of the masses please contact, for 9.30am Mass, Kate on 07757 031310, or for 11.30am Mass, Sheila on 07970 212761.

Quiz Night - Sunday 6th April

Tickets are now available for our famous Quiz Night, and will be on sale after the Sunday masses, or from the Parish Office. This is a very popular event but we have a limited amount of tickets, so book early to avoid disappointment! Adults £7.00 Children £5.00

Teams should consist of no more than 8 people. Come as a team or join a team on the night.

A selection of breads and cheeses will be provided for each table, but feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks. Wine will be available for a donation.

If you have any suitable items that can be used as raffle prizes please take them to the office. All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Film Night – Saturday 12th April

'Karol' a biography of Blessed John Paul II)

Hunger Lunch's

A simple lunch of soup and bread every Wednesday after the 12.noon Mass in Alexander House. Suggested donation of £3.00 would be gratefully received.

DONATIONS FOR THE KINGSTON FOOD BANK

Don't forget that on Sunday 6th April we will be collecting various items for the Food Bank. Copies of the shopping list are available at the back of the Church.