

St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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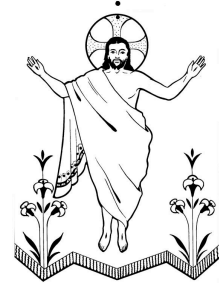
27th March 2016 Easter Sunday (C)

7.00pm Easter Vigil (Saturday)	Joan Stevenson RIP
9.30am Family Mass	Alexander Raphael RIP
11.30am Sung Mass	Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Mrs. Byrne

(No Confession or Rosary & Benediction today)

Mon. 28 th March 10.00am	Monday in the Octave of Easter Patricia van der Linden RIP
Tue. 29 th March 09.30am	Tuesday in the Octave of Easter Dora Weller RIP
Wed. 30 th March 10.00 am	Wednesday in the Octave of Easter Ayala Carvajal RIP
Thu. 31 st March 10.00am	Thursday in the Octave of Easter Sylvia Dainty RIP
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)	
Fri. 1 st April 10.00am	Friday in the Octave of Easter In reparation for abortion
Sat. 2 nd April 10.00am	Saturday in the Octave of Easter Eileen Tull RIP

**Please note
Mass on
Tuesday is at
9.30am and on
Wednesday at
10.00am**



Happy Easter

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter. May you all experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord

God Bless You.

Fr. Kevin

3rd April 2015 The 2nd Sunday of Easter (C) - Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30am Family Mass	Reginald Henry Mollentze
11.30am Sung Mass	Ena & John O'Sullivan RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Pro Populo

3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions



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

Matthew, Angeline & Francis Rodricks RIP



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 daily
Monday - Saturday before Mass
Sundays at 4.00pm

Confessions

Sundays -

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

Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am

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. Julian his number is 8942 2178. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection

Loose £655.01 loose + £239.00 Gift Aid = £894.01

EASTER OFFERINGS

The collection taken all Masses today is your personal offering to Fr. Kevin our Parish Priest. 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.

FRIDAY PENANCE 1ST APRIL

As all the days during the Easter Octave are treated as Solemnities, we are not asked to abstain from eating meat next Friday the 1st April.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil:

Danusia Vaz Ennis & Gavin Bradley
(Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Communion)

Gareth Wakefield
(Reception into the Church, Confirmation & Holy Communion)

Zenaid Richards
(Confirmation & Holy Communion)

Danny Hoare
(Confirmation)

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP. T. 020 8546 7178

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

EASTER - THE CROSS AND THE CANDLE

A cross is held up at the entrance of the nave and the priest sings "This is the Wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the world," The cross is brought to the centre of the church and the same is repeated and again before the Altar and we come up to venerate the cross that brought us salvation. We come up to give our burdens to the One who hung on the cross for us.

A large candle is brought into the darkened church. It's light illuminates the church. In the same three places where the cross was held, the priest sings out, "Light of Christ," and we respond, "Thanks be to God." The One who hung upon the cross has brought light to a world suffering in darkness and Jesus Christ the Eternal Word of the Father, killed in his humanity, has risen from the dead and we have risen with Him. We have risen from the stranglehold of sin and evil, we have risen from the empty promises of materialism and from the idolatry of selfishness. We have risen to a new life, the life of baptism, the life of Jesus Christ, the life of the Trinity, the life of Easter. We are the Easter people - we have received the resurrected life of the Lord.

Possessing the Life of Christ mandates that we strengthen the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Life. The Lord has called us out of this darkness and death and given every one of us the ability to make His Presence real for others. Sometimes people will say that they live to go to heaven - that is not enough. We must also live to know God, to love God and to serve God in this life. We live to give the world an experience of the Lord. We live to be the followers of Jesus Christ now. We live to bring a little piece of heaven to earth.

The three places where the cross was revealed and the three places where the Light of Christ is proclaimed are in a real sense two aspects of one act. Joining the suffering Christ on the Cross results in living in His Light.

All of us are in pain in some way or other. However, instead of focusing on ourselves, we unite our pain to that of Jesus - if we like him, make our concern the welfare of others - then our own suffering, can, through the grace of God lead us to care for those hurting more than us. This is how our union with the Lord on the Cross becomes our union with His new life - His resurrection. Good Friday and Easter Sunday are manifestations of God's Love for us and our love for God.

The world needs us to live for the Lord. The world is in such darkness that it continually attacks people of faith. That same world needs to see in our faith the way out of darkness. The world needs to experience Jesus Christ. It needs to be all about Him, everything that matters in life must reflect His Presence - anything that does not - is empty, shallow and dark - with Him there is Light and Life.

The cross and the candle unite sacrificial love to eternal life. We pray today for the courage to bring His life to others. For that is what it means to be an Easter people.

ALEXANDER HOUSE RE DECORATION

Alexander House is being repainted during April. This will mean that there will be no Children's Liturgy, Tea & Coffee or Parent & Toddler group during April and access to the Hall will be very restricted. Thank you for your co-operation.

OF YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of

Denis Curtin

who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be here on Monday 4th April at 11.30am

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

NEXT SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

From the diary of a young Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition - that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. However in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone - especially the greatest sinners. During the course of Jesus's revelations to Saint Faustina He asked that the Sunday after Easter should be dedicated to the Divine Mercy. This Feast, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope St. John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina in April 2000.

We will hold the Divine Mercy Devotions here at St. Raphael's next Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm

GIFT AID BOXES

If you are member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use the weekly envelopes, please collect you new set from the back of the church today. These can be used from the 10th April.

LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

A social group for young Catholics in the diocese meets every month. Our next drinks evening is on Saturday, 2nd April from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19 7NE. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242

JOEL COMMUNITY SERVICES - VACANCY

The Joel Community are looking to recruit a Fundraiser. 15 hours a week including occasional evenings and some weekend work. £25,000 (pro rata) depending on experience. Please email: beckymills@joelcommunityservices.org.uk for more information and an application form. Closing date: Saturday 16th April

OUR LENTEN PROJECT 2015

Lenten project collection boxes - Please return your Lenten Collection Boxes to the Sacristy or Parish Office next week.

Céad Míle Fáilte

£400 was raised at the recent Irish Coffee morning.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who donated and made such a friendly & wonderful event. The cake raffle was won by Kate Freeman.

(Margaret Dixon)

Totals raised to date

Ash Wednesday Collection	£234.12
Donations	£ 179.90
Carvery Lunch	£ 547.32
Mother's Day Flowers	£125.10
Cake Sale	£176.19
Bingo & Sandwich Lunch	£246.00
Lent Collection Boxes	£ 56.35
Sponsored Walk	£540.00
Parents & Toddlers	£ 30.00
St. Patrick day at Margret Dixon	£400.00
Gift Aid	£ 89.87
Total to date	£2,625.45