



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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4th March 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

9.30am Family Mass Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Mass with Hymns Nita Aikiviades (Welfare)
5.00pm Quiet Mass Jonell Lobo RIP

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Mon. 5 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Wander Mary Isherwood RIP
Tue. 6 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Anne Davis RIP
Wed. 7 th March	Lenten Feria
12.00 noon	Roy Christie RIP
Thu. 8 th March	Lenten Feria (St. John of God)
10.00am	Peter Bingham-Daly RIP

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

Fri. 9 th March	Lenten Feria (St. Francis of Rome)
10.00am	Ethel & William Larkin RIP

Followed by Stations of the Cross
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 10 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Britain - its future and its peoples

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

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
- Ena O'Sullivan
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- John O'Sullivan
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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent -
Sundays at 4.00pm
& Fridays after Mass

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£732.48 Loose
& £409.00 Gift Aid
= £1,141.48

The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday
before Mass



Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am



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

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

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

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

Tonight **Sunday 4th March – 'From Madras to Surbiton, Alexander Raphael, unbeaten champion, 1775 – 1850'**

A talk by local historian David Kennedy on the founder of our Church Alexander Raphael. 6.00pm a glass of wine & nibbles followed by the talk at 6.30pm a suggested donation of £5.00.

Next Saturday **Saturday 10th March – Mother's Day Flowers & Cards.** We will be making flower arrangements and cards for Mother's Day on Saturday 10th March between 12.00noon and 1.00pm. Please come and join us, all welcome, children to be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served. Suggested donation £5.

Next Saturday **Saturday 10th March – Spring into Spring** our Supper Dance. We need some good raffle prizes for the night, if you have any suitable items, please bring them to the Sacristy or Parish Office. We also need some volunteers on the day, if you can help please contact Michelleriverbanks@gmail.com or tel. 8 549 7555

Next Sunday **Sunday 11th March – Cake Sale** in the Hall after Mass – buy a cake for your mother on Mother's Day. Any donations of cakes will be gratefully received. Please bring them to the hall before the morning masses.

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

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 sponsored walk to Hampton Court. If you would like to sponsor her, please see her at the back of the Church after Mass.

Auction of Artwork.

A parishioner has kindly donated a pair of paintings for us to auction at the Supper Dance next weekend. The paintings are on display in the Hall. If you would like to make a bid for them, please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

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



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Beryl Simms.

Her Requiem Mass will be here at St. Raphael's on 27th March at 12.00noon

In today's gospel we hear the account of Our Lord cleansing the temple - driving out the traders and moneylenders.

A temple is a building dedicated to God. However it is more than that. It is a dedicated sacred space unlike all others, in which we enter in order to be with God – it is God's house, not a theatre, lecture hall or auditorium. It is a holy place where we encounter God. The flickering sanctuary lamps are a signal telling us that the Eternal One, the risen Christ dwells in this space. We therefore, ought to conduct ourselves reverently in this space. We genuflect to the Real Presence of Christ dwelling here in the tabernacle. Out of respect, men remove their hats. We respect those who are praying and we conduct ourselves in ways that are not ordinary. This is an extra-ordinary space - an extra-ordinary building that is God's house, a temple of the Lord.

All of this helps to explain the angry and violent reaction of Jesus when He entered the Temple in Jerusalem and found it being treated more like a shopping mall, or a bank. Whenever anything sacred, is desecrated it is a slap in God's face. To corrupt that which is holy is a terrible and personal insult to God. The corruption of the Temple's sanctity caused Jesus to blaze out in anger.

But the reality is that the temple is more than simply a church building. Each one of us is a temple that is purpose-made. Because of our baptism each one of us is a temple of the Holy Spirit, brought into being and designed by God for a purpose - namely making Him present to others, especially when they enter into who we are. Each one of us here is a walking, living temple in which God is made present and available to others. What sort of trafficking goes on inside our temple, inside the temple that we are? What sorts of activities are being carried on inside us? Lent is given to us each year so that we might examine, change and clean up what is happening inside of our selves – our temple.

SPRING INTO SPRING

Celebrate the coming of spring and raise money for our Lenten Project. Come to **St. Raphael's' Supper Dance, in our beautiful hall and garden on Saturday 10th March from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**



Tickets are £30 per person, to include – on arrival a glass of sparkling wine with canapés.

Main course, dessert, tea and coffee (other refreshments available). Dance to all your favourite tunes.

Have a great night out, while supporting our Lenten Project - **The Joel Community Night Shelter.**

Invite your friends and make up a table of 8. Tickets are available in the hall after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses and from the sacristy after the 5.00pm Mass. Also available from the Parish Office - tel 8 541 4999 or staphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com. Please let us know when booking if you have any special dietary requirements.

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