



St. Raphael's Church

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5th March 2017 - 1st Sunday of Lent (A) psalter I

9.30am Family Mass Ovinia Pinkerton RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Bill Woolliscroft RIP
Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Mon. 6 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Lina Cairoli RIP
Tue. 7 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	William & Ethel Larkin RIP
Wed. 8 th March	Lenten Feria
12.00 noon	Peter Bingham-Daly RIP
Thu. 9 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Martin Maugham - welfare
Fri. 10 th March	Lenten Feria
9.00am	Stations of the Cross
10.00am	Priest's Intention
(A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Sat. 11 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Priest's Intention



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday at 4.00pm
Friday at 9.00am
Please join Us

12th March 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Lent (A) psalter II

9.30am Family Mass Thalia Lees RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass David Stileman RIP
Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email Fr. Kevin to make a convenient appointment.
parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com

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. Julius, his number is **8 942 2178**.
If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

CHURCH CLEANING

Every Wednesday at 9.00am - please come and help keep our church looking beautiful for Our Lord.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House.
(The programme is now full)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sundays during the 9.30am Mass

RCIA

Meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Parish Library. For more information contact Deacon Peter whose details are on the Newsletter header.

The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass



*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
- Martin Maugham - welfare
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- Fr. Michael Clifton RIP*

*The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- Jack & Josephine Morgan RIP*

Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

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

£549.80 Loose &
£339.80 Gift Aid
= £889.60
Plus £113.35 for the Poorer Parishes of the Diocese

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

After the 9.30am Mass today.

IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE DURING LENT

Deacon Peter will be showing a film on prayer after the 9.30am and 5.00pm Masses in the Upper Room, Alexander House, today and next Sunday. It will be particularly helpful for our Lenten journey.

TOUR OF ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Anglican Chaplain to Kingston University and Deacon Peter have organised a privileged tour of St Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday 8 March, 1.15 pm to 5.45 pm. All parishioners are most welcome. Please contact Deacon Peter (see newsletter header) for more information

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR. MICHAEL CLIFTON

Fr. Michael requested his Requiem Mass be celebrated here at St. Raphael's

Monday 27th March

7.00pm Reception Fr. Michael's body into the Church followed by a Vigil Mass (As per Fr. Michael's wishes this will be celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite)

Tuesday 28th March

11.00am Requiem Mass
Celebrated by Archbishop Peter Smith
Followed by a private burial in his family plot in Hearn Bay, Kent.

May His Soul Rest in Peace



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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**PARISH LENTEN PROJECT FOR 2017
IN AID OF SURVIVE-MIVA**

Survive-Miva is a Catholic lay Association, based in Liverpool, which provides grants to fund essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas and for the Church's pastoral care in inaccessible places across Africa, Asia and Latin America. To find out more visit www.survive-miva.org.

Today we welcome Gabriel Herbert, from the charity, to the Church to speak at all masses about their work and we will have a 2nd collection to launch our appeal.

Lenten project collection boxes - Available after Mass today - especially for children, use them to put you spare pennies in.

**SOME EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S PROJECT
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Grand Lenten Raffle Tickets on sale next week

- In Alexander House after the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses, Michael in the Sacristy at the 5.00pm Mass and from the Parish Office during the week.

Cake Sale - Next Sunday morning

St. Patrick's Day - Céad Míle Fáilte. All are welcome to celebrate St Patrick's Day at Margaret Dixon's home, 40 Fassett Road, for Irish coffee & homemade Irish treats on Friday 17th March from 10.00am till 2.00pm.

Quiz Night - Tickets on sale today - In Alexander House after the 9.30am Mass. From Dinah at the back of the Church after the 11.30am Mass, Michael in the Sacristy at the 5.00pm Mass and the Parish Office during the week. The quiz is on Sunday the 19th March after the evening Mass - teams of up to six. Adults £6.00, children £4.00. Bring your own nibbles and drink.

Mothers' Day Flowers - Saturday 25th March in the Hall.

Sponsored Walk - See below to sponsor the team

Guess the weight of the giant Easter Egg - Draw after the Easter Vigil. Tickets on sale next week

If you have any other ideas about a project you would like to organise and run in aid of the project, please speak to Fr. Kevin or the Parish Office.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of
LINA CAIROLI
who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be here at St. Raphael's on the 15th March at 9.30am
May She Rest in Peace

REPOSITORY CARDS

We have a new selection of cards in our Parish repository - including Mass Cards - St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter cards. Please take a look after Mass.

**HEAD TEACHER VACANCY AT ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Governors invite applications to our Parish Primary School. The successful candidate for this rewarding post will be an inspirational leader and committed Catholic. He/she will work closely with the governing body and parish to help us achieve excellence and promote Catholicity. The application form link may be found in the Information Pack that is available at <http://bit.ly/2m1q1Cj>
Closing date: 9.00am on 13th March.

We have now begun the great season of Lent. Our Opening Prayer at Mass today says "*Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection and teach us to reflect it in our lives.*" The whole purpose of Lent is beautifully summarised in that prayer - to understand the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus and to live that out in our own lives. Lent helps us do precisely that, a time for deepening the understanding of our Christian faith, a time for reflection and renewal, a time to make a fresh start. In the First Reading today, Moses speaks to the Israelites at the end of their forty years wandering in the desert and he prepares them for their new life in the Promised Land. That is what the Lent is meant to do for us also - a new beginning. Often, we prefer to stay with the known and the familiar, even though it does not give us great satisfaction. We can settle into a routine kind of Christianity that goes on basically unchanged from year to year. It is not very inspiring but we stick with it rather than risk the unknown that radical conversion can bring. The forty days of Lent correspond to Jesus' own forty days spent in the desert, which we hear about in today's Gospel. For him, it was a period of preparation for his coming mission. At the end of the forty days, Jesus had three encounters with the Devil who tried to tempt him. The final sentence of the Gospel say: "*The devil left him to return at the appointed time.*" The battle with evil was not over for Jesus. It will occur again and again at various stages in his life, right up to and especially at those last hours in the garden and on the Cross. For us, too, the battle against evil never ceases. The selfishness, the greed, the anger and hostility, the jealousy and resentment - above all the desire to have rather than to share, to control rather than to serve will continually dog us. Our only success in life can be what we achieve in building - not palaces or empires but in building a society that is more loving and just, based on the message of Jesus, a message of truth and integrity, of love and compassion, of freedom and peace. That is why we need this purifying period of Lent every year. If, in past years, we let it go by largely unnoticed, let this year be a little different. Let it be a second spring in our lives. Let it mean something in our discipleship with Christ.

SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF OUR LENTEN PROJECT. On Saturday 8th April we shall be having a sponsored walk to Hampton Court and back (6 Miles in total) in aid of Our Lenten Project. If you would like to take part in the walk please contact either Nula on 0208 390 2048 or Angela on 0208 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. Thank you.



I would like to sponsor the team walking to Hampton Court
Either £ (Insert amount) per mile or £ (Insert amount) total amount

Name
Address

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