



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am Family Mass James Powell's welfare  
11.30am Mass with Hymns The Holy Souls  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

**(1.00pm 1st Holy Communion Mass - No Rosary & Benediction Today)**

Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> May St. Matthias  
10.00am Celia Dawson  
11.15am Requiem Mass for Baby Maria Elaine Hannon RIP  
Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am Mark Dixon  
Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> May St. Simon Stock  
12.00 noon Jacob Ezekiel RIP  
Thu. 17<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am The Fox family & The Holy Souls  
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.  
Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> May Pope St. John I  
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)  
10.00am Veda Lee  
Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> May St. Dunstan  
10.00am Denis Curtin RIP

## 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Pentecost Sunday (B)

9.30am Family Mass Vernon Freeman  
11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Thomas O'Malley  
**Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Mass

## CONFIRMATION-

The next Confirmation session will be next Sunday between 6.00pm - 8.00pm. in Alexander House.

## 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 **0208 546 4633**.

If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

## LITTLE CHERUBS -

Toddler playgroup on Mondays. Join us in Alexander House from 10.30am till 12.00noon We offer loads of fun toys, activities, singing, coffee, tea, snacks and above all, lots of friendly faces. For all ages from young babies to pre-schoolers. Term time only.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE -

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the Parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am - 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form to attend the course.

## TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS -

Please join us in Alexander House after Sunday and Wednesday morning Mass for tea & coffee.

*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*  
*- Our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Children*

*The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for*  
*- In gratitude*

*The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for*  
*- For a special blessing*



**Confessions**  
**Sundays** 9.00am - 9.20am  
& 4.30pm - 4.50pm  
**Saturdays**  
10.30am - 11.00am



The Rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays

**Thank you for last Sundays collection**  
**£710.35 loose & £288.00 Gift Aid**  
**= £998.35**

**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today for**  
**World Communications day**



## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows us the early Church as she elects the man whom God called to take the place of Judas in the college of the Apostles. Matthias, on whom the choice falls, receives a mission which Peter defines in these words: "One of these men... must become a witness with us to his resurrection", the resurrection of Christ. In this way Peter sums up what it means to be part of the Twelve - it means to be a witness to Jesus' resurrection. The fact that he says "with us" brings us to realize that the mission of proclaiming the risen Christ is not an individual undertaking - it is to be carried out in common, with the apostolic college and with the community.

The Apostles had a direct and overwhelming experience of the resurrection; they were eyewitnesses to that event. Thanks to their testimony people came to believe in the risen Lord.

We too, today, base our faith in the risen Lord on the witness of the Apostles, which has come down to us through the mission of the Church. Our faith is firmly linked to their testimony, as to an unbroken chain which spans the centuries, made up not only by the successors of the Apostles, but also by succeeding generations of Christians. Like the Apostles, each one of Christ's followers is called to become a witness to his resurrection, above all in those places and situations where forgetfulness of God and human disorientation are most evident.

If this is to happen, we need to remain in the risen Christ and in his love, as the First Letter of Saint John has reminded us: "He who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him"

Jesus had repeated insistently to his disciples: "Abide in me... Abide in my love". This is the secret of the saints - abiding in Christ, joined to him like branches to the vine, in order to bear much fruit and this fruit is none other than love.

#### **ST RAPHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH GOLF SOCIETY**

We are starting an exciting new society for those interested in playing golf. This is open to all parishioners who enjoy the game, there are no handicap limitations. We aim to play from time-to-time at Richmond Park Golf Club from 4.00pm on various Saturdays and relax in the '19th' hole bar after the game. Participants will be able to play either 9 or 18 holes. Our first round of golf will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The cost will be £14.40 per person. Those parishioners interested in participating please e-mail Tom Morrell at [straphaels.golf@gmail.com](mailto:straphaels.golf@gmail.com).

***Of your Charity, please pray for the  
Repose of the souls of -***

***Baby Maria Elaine Hannon***

*Whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated this coming  
Monday at 11.15am.*

***Rosa Pardhanani***

*Her requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday  
the 21<sup>st</sup> May at 12.noon.*

***Olga De Navarro***

*Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
May at 11.15am.*

***May They Rest in Peace***

This afternoon 22 Children from our Parish will make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion – this will be one of the most important days in their lives. Please pray for the children today that they will always have a great love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please also pray for their families and our devoted team of Catechists who have worked so hard in preparation for today's celebration. The children will return in their finery on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> June – the feast of Corpus Christi. On that day they will attend the 11.30am Mass then lead the Parish procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament around the grounds of the Church. This will be followed by a parish lunch to which all are invited.

#### **VACANCY AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Nursery Nurse required at St. Joseph's Primary School. Hours from 8.30am - 3.30pm – 30 hours a week Term time For further information visit [www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk)

#### **NEXT SUNDAY - BEDDING PLANT SALE**

There will be a sale of bedding plants at the church after all masses next Sunday. 10% of all profits will be donated to church funds. Plants include - Ivy Leaf Geraniums, Zonal Geraniums, Calibrachia, Verbena, Felicia, Bacopa Fuchsia and various vegetable plants – all at very reasonable prices!

#### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, Fr. Julian will celebrate a mass in celebration of the silver jubilee of his ordination to the sacred priesthood. This will be followed by a reception in the garden. Please keep the date free – more details to follow nearer the time.



Congratulations to Lottie-Mae who was Baptised recently at St. Raphael's. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.

## **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

QUENCH YOUR SPIRITUAL THIRST

#### **\*NEW\* MONTHLY FAITH TALKS**

St Raphael's launches a new monthly event: "Theology on Tap". Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall in Alexander House over a glass of wine or other refreshment.

**The first event will be from 6pm-8pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>  
May when Deacon Peter will speak about  
'The Role of the Permanent Deacon  
in the life of the parish.'**

All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs.

Details of future events will be announced in due course and will aim to be scheduled for the last Sunday in each month. Please save the dates!