



# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Pentecost Sunday (C)

9.30am Family Mass Mark Dixon

11.30am Sung Mass Raymond, Diana, Tony & Monica  
Hamel - Smith & Fernand de Venteuil

5.00pm Quiet Mass Michael Duffy

(1.00pm 1st Holy Communion Mass - Pro Populo)

No Rosary & Benediction today

(The end of Easter tide - 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time psalter week III)

Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> May St. Simon Stoke

10.00am Margaret Clifford RIP

Tue. 17<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Sarah O'Kane RIP

Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> May St. John I - Pope

12.00noon Jenny Holder RIP

Thu. 19<sup>th</sup> May St. Dunstan

10.00am Vernon Freeman

No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today

Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> May St. Bernardine of Siena

10.00am Catherine Curtin's Intentions

A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> May Our Lady

10.00am Mary Hosie RIP

## 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 Trinity Sunday (C)

9.30am Family Mass Thomas O'Malley RIP

11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo

5.00pm Quiet Mass David Stileman RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

The Tuesday parish surgery is now suspended. If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email him [parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com](mailto:parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com) to make a convenient appointment.

## Thank you for last Sunday's Collections

£599.52 Loose + £291.00 Gift Aid = £890.52

Plus £111.06 for World Communications Day

## 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 8 942 2178. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

## CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN

takes place in the Library on Friday mornings at 10.30am - suggested donation of £1.50 towards Church Funds.

## KINGSTON UNIVERSITY

### CATHOLIC STUDENT SOCIETY

Deacon Peter is available to students and staff of the University for one-to-one consultation by appointment, either at the University or at St. Raphael's Church. He is also available for drop-in consultation at the University Faith Centre, Penrhyn Road Campus, Faith Adviser's Office, every Wednesday, 5.30pm - 7.00pm Contact details on newsletter header.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

No Children's Liturgy today

## PARENT & CHILDREN'S GROUP

Meets on Wednesday morning in Alexander House from 9.30am - 11.00am

## CHURCH CLEANING

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

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 - Eileen Tull RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for - Kate Nesbette's Intentions

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - Joe Lynch's Intentions

## Confessions

Sundays - 9.00am - 9.20am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays - 10.30am - 11.00am

## The Rosary is recited daily

Monday - Saturday

before Mass.

Sundays at 4.00pm



We remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish. We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.

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



Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> May is the feast of Corpus Christi. Our annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of the 11.30am Mass on that day.

Followed by refreshments.

This afternoon 24 children from our Parish will make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, please remember them in your prayers. Congratulations to all of them for all their hard work and study over the last months. Many thanks to our three catechists - Ginette, Kate and Chuzzy. Thank you also to all those who have helped with this afternoon's mass, as well as the refreshments afterwards.

The children will return to the church in their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion finery to lead our Corpus Christi Procession on the 29<sup>th</sup> May. Our First Holy Communion is one of the holiest and most important occasions in our life. It is the first time that we receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

*"The Eucharist is such a great gift. That's why going to Mass is so important. Going to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us and it makes us one with the Father. How beautiful! The Eucharist is more than just a mere feast. It's a way to remember Jesus' Passover, a mystery that's central to our salvation. But when we talk about 'remembering' that doesn't mean that it's just a memory. It means that every time we celebrate this Sacrament we become part of the Mystery of His Passion, Death and Resurrection. The Eucharist is the peak of God's Salvation.*

*Dear friends, we don't ever thank the Lord enough for the gift He has given us in the Eucharist! It is a very great gift and that is why it is so important to go to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass, not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us. In this Eucharist - we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the richness of it."*

Pope Francis

### THE ANNUAL MARTYRS' WALK

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June Assemble at 1.30pm for 2.00pm at St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate, Holborn, junction with Old Bailey (near St. Paul's tube station) to Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place. The walk concludes at 4.00pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Tea.

### VISIT TO BROMPTON ORATORY FOR GUIDED TOUR AND SUNG VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. PHILIP NERI

Deacon Peter has arranged a guided tour of Brompton Oratory for Kingston University students and staff on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00 pm, followed by beautiful Choral Vespers and Benediction. Parishioners of St. Raphael's and the other Kingston Deanery parishes are also welcome. The Oratory is a magnificent neo-classical church and the home of priests dedicated to the colourful saint, Philip Neri. There is no charge for the guided tour though you may wish to make a small donation. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Peter (see newsletter header for contact details).

### EUROPEAN REFERENDUM DEBATE.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, St. Paul's Church, Alexandra Road, KT2 7SF. 6.30pm refreshments, 7.00pm - 8.30pm Confirmed speakers are James Berry M.P. and Baroness Susan Kramer. Open to all, of any faith or none.

### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY AT THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

'Celebrating who I am, unique and beautifully designed' Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 12.00 noon - 4.00pm at The Friars, Aylesford For more information contact the Centre for Catholic Formation on 020 8672 7684.

### TAP IN THE LADIES' TOILETS

Unfortunately, one of the taps in the Ladies' toilets has been broken. Please do not use this basin until it is has been repaired. On Sunday there were several unaccompanied children playing in the toilets. For their own safety, please ensure that all children are supervised by an adult, particularly in Alexander House.

### SPIRIT IN THE CITY

This annual event that publicly celebrates our Catholic Faith in the heart of London, is taking place this year from the 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June. This year's celebration is entitled the 'Festival of Mercy', Please see the poster in the Church Porch for details.

### THREE TALKS ON THE HISTORY OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Frederick W. Paine, one of our most popular local Funeral Directors have organised three fascinating talks about the history of funerals.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

'Frederick W Paine - Service the community in war & Peace'

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

'The Brookwood Necropolis Railway'

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

'The Cemeteries of South London'

See the notice in the porch for more information.

### A REASONABLE FAITH - TWO TALKS BY SEBASTIAN MORELLO FROM THE CENTER FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

'The Marriage of Faith and Reason' - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June

'Atheism and the Death of Reason' - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Amigo Hall, St. Georges Cathedral. 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

### P.A.C.T. - CAN YOU HELP PRISONERS & THEIR FAMILIES?

You are invited to come & see the opportunities for you to volunteer to help those in prison, prisoner's families, and ex-offenders. The Catholic prison charity 'P.A.C.T. (Prison Advice & Care Trust ) works in several prisons across London and relies heavily on volunteers to help those in need. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June - drop in any time between 9.30am - 1.00pm to St. George's Cathedral, Amigo Hall. For more information contact Tom: Thomas.Brindle@prisonadvice.org.uk or call 0203 031 6869

### PARISH BREAKFAST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR YOUNG PILGRIMS TO ATTEND 'WORLD YOUTH DAY' IN POLAND

Cecilia and Anastasia would like to thank everyone who came to the World Youth Day breakfast and also those who gave donations. We made £547.03 which has greatly helped towards our costs for our pilgrimage to Poland. Please keep us in your prayers as you are in ours.



Congratulations to Evan who was Baptised recently here at St. Raphael's. May God continue the good work he has started