



# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 18th May 2014 The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide (A)

9.30am Family Mass **Mary Coyne RIP**  
11.30am Sung Mass **The People of the Parish**  
5.00pm Quiet Mass **Mary Frank Welfare**  
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

Mon. 19th May St. Dunstan  
10.00am Bridget Carlon RIP  
Tue. 20th May St. Bernadine of Siena  
10.00am In thanksgiving for Suresh-Sahaga Mary's 10th wedding anniversary  
Wed. 21st May Feria in Eastertide  
12.00 noon John - welfare  
(Followed by Tea & Coffee)  
Thu. 22nd May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am Bernie Browne RIP  
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.20am to 12 noon)  
Fri. 23rd May Requiem Mass  
10.00am David Stileman RIP  
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)  
Sat. 24th May Our Lady  
10.00am Alisa Dunsford White RIP

## 25th May 2014 The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide (A)

9.30am Family Mass **Thomas O'Malley RIP**  
11.30am Sung Mass **Mary Coyne RIP**  
5.00pm Quiet Mass **The People of the Parish**  
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction



Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander House after the morning Masses on Sunday and the lunchtime Mass on Wednesday. Please join us and say hello!

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 the sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5.

The Lamps this Week are burning for

**Lily Aeanjo**



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**  
**£652.80 loose**  
**+ £253.00 Gift Aid**  
**= £905.80**  
**Plus £515.45 for Ecclesiastical Education**

**The Rosary is recited**  
Monday – Saturday  
before Mass  
Sundays 4pm.



### Confessions

#### Sundays –

9.00am – 9.20am,  
11.00am – 11.20am,  
4.30pm – 4.50pm

#### Saturdays –

10.30am – 11.00am.

**And at other times by reasonable request**

**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. Eze. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

## Parish Diary This Week

### TUESDAY

**No Parish Priest's Surgery Tonight**

### WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning  
Before Mass

Parent & Children's Group  
9.45am – 11.30am  
Alexander House

Tea and coffee after Mass

### THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

from after Mass until  
Benediction 12 noon  
Praying for Vocations

### SATURDAY

Confessions.

10.30am – 11.00am

### SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy during  
9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee after morning  
Masses

Rosary & Benediction 4pm

We welcome into God's Family  
**Ayden & Jasmine**  
who were baptised recently  
May God continue the good work  
he has begun.

Congratulations and best wishes to  
**Elizabeth & Roderick**  
who were married here  
last Saturday.  
May the Lord Bless them as  
they begin their new life together.

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher – Mrs Frances Robertson

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

Breakfast Club from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm

**Please note due to a technical issue with our website, we are unable to post the Newsletter on line at the moment. We hope to have this problem sorted shortly.**

### **SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?**

If this year you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more, Archbishop Peter would like to invite you to celebrate Mass with him at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark at 3pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Families are welcome too. To obtain an invitation from the Archbishop, please speak to Michael in the Parish Office or phone 020 8651 2477 or email [marriage2014@virginmedia.com](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com)

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Today 16 children from the Parish will make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at the 11.30am Mass. Please pray for the children on this most special of days. The Mass will be followed by a reception, in Alexander House, to which everyone is invited.

### **CELEBRATE TWICKENHAM**

(June 28th & 29th at Gumley House School, Isleworth)  
A lively, Catholic, faith filled weekend for the whole family - with inspiring talks and workshops, a crèche and streams for children & young adults aged 4 to 21, Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass. It's a perfect way for everyone in the family to grow in faith.  
To see the full list of speakers and activities, visit [www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/Twickenham](http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/Twickenham). It sold out in 2013 with over 500 people so book early as the children's streams fill up quickly. Call 07733 277739 and ask Angie or Pat for more information.

### **GIFT AID**

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, your next set of boxes are available now at the back of the Church. If you donate by Standing Order there are also envelopes for you for special collections. Please check your details are correct on the labels and advise the Parish Office of any changes.

### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

A reminder to those booked on our Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes, that there will be a meeting tonight in Alexander House at 6pm

If any one has any petitions or requests for candles to be lit in Lourdes, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

### **SPIRIT IN THE CITY 12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Spirit in the City is a celebration of Christian faith in the heart of London, hosted by the Catholic churches in the West End. The annual festival aims to share the Good news of Christianity, and welcomes people of all faiths, ages and walks of life in the middle of the entertainment district. It gives an opportunity to raise deeper questions about life. We are all searching for new ways to connect with God and others around us. The events feature live music, workshops, talks, opportunities for prayer, reflection and reconciliation.

Spirit in the City was born as an initiative of the local churches in 2006, as a response to the desire to share something of the Catholic faith with visitors and the West End community. The festival takes place in June over three-four days. It includes different types of prayer, talks about faith and outreach in the programme. See the poster in the Church porch for details.

### **PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY**

**Please note there will be no Parish Priest's Surgery this or next week. The next one will be on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

### **THE SVP ST. JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP**

SVP St. John Bosco Camp offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. There are 3 weeks of the camp:

For boys: 26th July to 2nd August or 2nd to 9th August

For girls: 9th to 16th August

For many details and for application forms log onto [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk)

### **PARISH LIBRARY**

Application forms to join our Parish Library are now available from the Parish Office and can also be downloaded from our Parish Website. It will be free to join the Library and borrow books. Shortly we plan to have our collection of some 2,200 books on the Parish Website. This will enable people to search the collection and availability of the book stock.

'Dear Young Friends,

Some of you have already made your First Holy Communion, and others are preparing for it. The day of my First Holy Communion was one of the most beautiful days of my life. It is the same for you, isn't it? And why is that? It's not only because of our nice clothes or the gifts we receive, nor even because of the parties! It is above all because, that day, we receive Jesus Christ for the first time! When I receive Communion, Jesus comes to live in me. I should welcome him with love and listen closely to him. In the depths of my heart, I can tell him, for example: "Jesus, I know that you love me. Give me your love so that I can love you in return and love others with your love. I give you all my joys, my troubles and my future." Do not hesitate, dear children, to speak of Jesus to others. He is a treasure whom you should share generously.

What, then, is prayer? It is a cry of love directed to God our Father, with the will to imitate Jesus our brother. Jesus often went off by himself to pray. Like Jesus, I too can find a calm place to pray where I can quietly stand before a Cross or a holy picture in order to speak to Jesus and to listen to him. I can also use the Gospels. That way, I keep within my heart a passage which has touched me and which will guide me throughout the day. To stay with Jesus like this for a little while lets him fill me with his love, light and life! This love, which I receive in prayer, calls me in turn to give it to my parents, to my friends, to everyone with whom I live, even with those who do not like me, and those whom I do not appreciate enough. Dear young people, Jesus loves you. Ask your parents to pray with you! Sometimes you may even have to push them a little. But do not hesitate to do so. God is that important!

May the Virgin Mary, his Mother, teach you to love more and more through prayer, forgiveness and charity. I entrust you to her, together with your families and teachers. Look! I have this rosary in my pocket. The rosary is like a tool that we can use to pray. It is easy to pray the rosary. Maybe you know how already; if not, ask your parents to help you to learn how. When you hold it in your hand, I would ask you to pray for the Pope, for the Church and for every important intention. And now, before I bless you all with great affection, let us pray together a Hail Mary for children throughout the world, especially for those who are sick, who are hungry and in places of war. Let us pray together: Hail Mary,...

Pope Benedict XVI, 2011