



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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22nd 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

(8th Week of Ordinary Time psalter week IV)

Mon. 23rd May Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Bernie Browne RIP

Tue. 24th May Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Kath Mulloy

Wed. 25th May St. Bede

12.00noon Denis Bolton RIP

Thu. 26th May St. Philip Neri

10.00am Lilian Engel RIP

Followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon

Fri. 27th May St. Augustine of Canterbury

10.00am Nicholas Graham

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

Sat. 28th May Our Lady

10.00am Mary Ann McConnell RIP

29th May 2016 Corpus Christi (C)

9.30am Family Mass Malcolm John Green RIP

11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo

(Followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament)

5.00pm Quiet Mass Eleanor Miller RIP

(No Rosary & Benediction)

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 - Patrick & Clare Hodge RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning

for - Bishop Elect Paul Mason

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning

for - The Holy Souls

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.

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.

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 parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com to make a convenient appointment.

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£582.02 Loose + £241.70 Gift Aid = £823.72

The standing orders for April totalled £2,179.00

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

During the 9.30am Mass today

ST. RAPHAEL'S BABY & TODDLER 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.

The Rosary is recited daily

Monday - Saturday before Mass.

Sundays at 4.00pm



Next Sunday 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.

VISIT TO THE BROMPTON ORATORY

Deacon Peter has arranged a guided tour of Brompton Oratory for parishioners and Kingston University students & staff this Wednesday 25th May at 4.00 pm, followed by Choral Vespers, Benediction and Mass. The Oratory is a magnificent neoclassical 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 - contact details on newsletter header.

THE SVP ST. JOHN BOSCO SUMMER CAMP

The camp provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting, activity packed camping holiday. The camp is inspired by the life and work of St. John Bosco and St. Vincent de Paul. John Bosco was an Italian priest who worked with young people who were orphans or who had left difficult family situations and ended up on the streets. He believed that there was no such thing as a bad child, only bad circumstances and he worked hard to give children a place to play and to learn to trust again. St. Vincent de Paul also sought to provide opportunities for those who were not underprivileged and both saints did this with their Christian faith at the centre of their lives.

In the same spirit, we welcome children to the camp from all backgrounds to an environment where they are respected and encouraged - so that they discover new talents in themselves.

We are a Catholic camp and Mass or a Communion service is held each day. Children and helpers are encouraged to attend. All children are required to attend Sunday Mass.

The site is set in over forty acres of Essex countryside and is owned and maintained by SVP volunteers. Children stay in tents, in groups of seven or eight and the entire week is taken up with a full programme of planned and supervised activities.

Applications for Camp 2016 are now open.

Boys camp Week 1 (Ages 8 – 13)

23 July – 30 July

Boys camp Week 2 (Ages 8 – 13)

30 July – 6 August

Girls Camp (Ages 9 – 12)

6 August – 13 August

For more information see the notice in the porch or visit www.svpboscocamp.org.uk/home

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 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.

DINNER DANCE IN AID OF A PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY POLAND

St. Joseph's Parish Hall on Saturday 11th June 6:00-10:00pm. Reception with sparkling wine and canapes, three course dinner with coffee and petit fours, Dancing to follow. £30 per person to book your ticket please contact Dymphna at demenezes@talktalk.net or Mobile 07775163693

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Annie Charlotte O'Brien who died recently.

Her funeral service will take place here at St. Raphael's on Thursday 2nd June at 11.30am.

May She rest in Peace

Today we celebrate the "Feast of God." The Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our Catholic faith.

As we hear in our first reading today, God created us and loves us as our Father. He is also the Son who came into our world to share his life with us. Finally God is the Holy Spirit who gives us new life as children of God and causes the Trinity to dwell in our hearts.

One way to think about it is that we all make the Sign of the Cross every time we pray. Christians have been doing that since the time of the apostles. So what are we really doing when we make that sign? We are expressing our faith in the Trinity and our faith that the Trinity was revealed by Jesus on his Cross. We touch our head and we say, "In the name of the Father" - because he is the first person of the Trinity and our Creator. Then we touch our hearts and we say, - "and of the Son." This reminds us that God the Son proceeds from the Father and came down from heaven to the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Then we touch our shoulders, moving from left to right as we say, "and of the Holy Spirit." We do this because God the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son - and in his love the Holy Spirit fills us, body and soul, with the life of God.

We are all created in the image of God. That means that you and I — every one of us — are created in the image of the Most Holy Trinity. In the image of the God who is Love. So the Trinity tells us the meaning of our lives. It tells us that we are made to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity. We are made to live a divine life in this world, as children of God, as temples of the Holy Spirit.

This is the basic reality of our Christian lives. Jesus said that if we love him and keep his commandments, that God will come — the Trinity — to make his home within us. St. Paul tells us we are the temples of the living God and that is true. God is dwelling in each us by his grace! But are we aware of it? Are we living this truth?

So this great feast today challenges us to examine ourselves. This feast calls us to really believe this and to really live with a greater awareness of this beautiful reality — of the Blessed Trinity's presence within us.

The mystery of the Trinity means that we have access to God — all the time. No matter where we are, what we are doing, or who we are with — God is with us. We can talk to God all day long. No matter how softly we speak, he still hears us. We can turn to him for help, for inspiration, all the time. It is so beautiful that we can talk to God as our loving Father - that we can walk with Jesus as our brother - that we can live by the light and the gifts of their Spirit of love.

Let us pray for the help of Our Blessed Lady. Mary was the first person in whom the Trinity came to dwell — when the Father asked her to become the Mother of his Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. So let us us ask her to help us to grow in our devotion to the Blessed Trinity.

The Most Rev. José H. Gomez Archbishop of Los Angeles

A REASONABLE FAITH – TWO TALKS BY SEBASTIAN MORELLO FROM THE CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

'The Marriage of Faith and Reason' - Thursday 9th June

'Atheism and the Death of Reason' - Thursday 16th June

Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral. 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE ANNUAL PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The annual procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place around the streets of Hampton Wick next Sunday at 5.00pm. See the poster in the porch for details.

GIFT AID

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, could we remind you that you must be a U.K. taxpayer and the amount of tax you pay each year must exceed the amount you donate via Gift Aid. If you would like a statement showing your donations for the tax year, please speak to Michael in the Parish Office who will be happy to produce one for you.



Congratulations to Ethan, Sophia & Jacob who were Baptised recently here at St. Raphael's.
May God continue the good work he has started.