



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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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

Mon. 26th May St. Philip Neri
 10.00am Alex Josephides RIP
 Tue. 27th May St. Augustine of Canterbury
 10.00am Caroline Brady RIP
 Wed. 28th May Feria in Eastertide
 12.00 noon Una Hunter RIP

(No Tea & Coffee today)

Thu. 29th May Feria in Eastertide
 10.00am Terry George RIP
 (No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

Fri. 30th May Feria in Eastertide
 10.00am Jim Larkin RIP
 (A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 31st May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
 10.00am Sundeep Patel RIP

1st June 2014 The Ascension of the Lord (A)

9.30am Family Mass **Fr. Vincent**
 11.30am Sung Mass **Rita & Denis Sumner RIP**
 5.00pm Quiet Mass **The People of the Parish**
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

Mon. 2nd June SS. Marcellinus & Peter
 10.00am Peter El Khoury RIP
 Tue. 3rd June St. Charles Lwanga & Companion Martyrs
 10.00am Camela Ferritto RIP
 Wed. 4th June Feria in Eastertide
 12.00 noon Lucia de Verteul RIP

(Followed by Tea & Coffee)

Thu. 5th June St. Boniface
 10.00am The deceased members of the Nary & Stanley Families
 (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.20am to 12 noon)

Fri. 6th June St. Norbert
 10.00am Fernand de Verteul RIP
 (A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 7th June Our Lady
 10.00am Alison Nary RIP

8th June 2014 Pentecost Sunday (A)

9.30am Family Mass **The Berni & Martin Family & Francesca Poulter**
 11.30am Sung Mass **The People of the Parish**
 5.00pm Quiet Mass **Mary Weller RIP**
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction



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

This Newsletter covers 2 weeks the next edition will be on the 8th June

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from 23rd May until 2nd June

Please note there will be no Parish Priest's Surgery until Tuesday the 3rd June

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection (25th May)

£660.67 loose

+ £274 Gift Aid

= £934.67

There will be a 2nd collection today for world Communications

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 are burning for the week beginning Sunday 25th May for

Joe R.I.P.

The Lamps are burning for the week beginning Sunday 1st June for

The Champion Family



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

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

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

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

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

On Sunday of last week, 16 of our children made their 1st Holy Communion. It was a beautiful celebration. My thanks to the Catechists, Musicians & Choir, Servers, Sacristans, Welcomers, Cleaners and decorators of the Church and all those who prepared a wonderful buffet reception in the Hall and who cleaned up after the event!

We pray that our children continue to grow stronger in the faith.

May God bestow his peace and blessing upon you all.

Fr. Kevin

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 21st 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

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.

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 - 2nd August & 2nd - 9th August

For girls: 9th - 16th August

For details and for application forms log onto 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.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

From September volunteers are needed to join a rota to keep the Parish's thriving Baby and Toddler Group going. Please contact Therese Bryan (trez99@hotmail.com) if you could spare a couple of hours once or twice a month."

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday the 22nd June is the feast of Corpus Christi. We will have our annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the grounds of the Church at 3.00pm

DIFFERING NEEDS. A DAY AT AYLESFORD FOR CELEBRATING THE LOVE OF GOD FOR ALL

Sunday 6th July 2014 (12.00 noon to 4.00 pm) At the Friars at Aylesford Priory. All are welcome, entry is free. The day will include Sensory Prayer, Art & Craft Workshops, Celebratory Music, Praying the Rosary, Open Air Mass, Entertainment. Here is an opportunity to meet new friends in a beautiful setting. Please see the poster in the porch for further details.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Come and enjoy discovering our Catholic Heritage

Sunday 22nd June

The Martyrs' Walk - starts 1.30pm at St. Sepulchre's Churchyard, near the Old Bailey. We walk along the route taken by Catholic Martyrs, who died for the Faith in the 16th and 17th centuries, finishing at Tyburn Convent with Benediction, Confession and Tea.

Wednesday 2nd July

Meet 5.30pm on the steps of Westminster Cathedral (the Cathedral is dedicated to the Precious Blood), We will walk along the river to the Church of the Most Precious Blood at London Bridge. July is traditionally the month dedicated to honouring the Precious Blood.

No need to book - just turn up! We will walk whatever the weather.

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

Following the success of our appeal for donations to the food bank during Lent, we have decided to collect food once a quarter for the foodbank. The next date for collection will be on Sunday 1st June, boxes will be available on that day in Alexander House to take any contributions you may wish to make. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food. At present they particularly need tinned fruit, long life fruit juice, fruit squash, long life milk, coffee and instant custard.

Please note we will only be collecting food on the 1st June and that will be delivered to the foodbank on that day, so we cannot accept donations before or after that day.

REPOSITORY- CHURCH SHOP

First Holy Communion gifts and cards for are on sale in the Repository along with many other items and gifts. The shop is open after Mass on Sunday Morning. At other times please speak to Michael in the Parish Office or Kate in the Sacristy.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM MARY'S MEALS

'On behalf of Mary's Meals, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your donation of £3,512.42 which you raised during Lent. We are so grateful for your support.

Every child has their own story to tell about the difference a simple meal makes to them.

Mercy Chanje, from Malawi, is just one young life to have benefitted from the generosity of supporters like you. Although only 13 years old she has already faced numerous hardships in her life. She is HIV positive and with both parents infected with the virus, she moved in with her grand parents along with her four siblings. Every day after school Mercy has to carry heavy baskets of fruit to the market to sell a task she knows would be impossible on an empty stomach. In spite of what she has to endure, Mercy has been determined to pursue her goal of becoming a nurse.

Thank you for the vital part you are playing in being able to offer hope to children like Mercy in many countries all over the world. You are not only filling empty stomachs, but are also providing an escape from poverty, giving children and their communities a lasting hope for the future.

Thank you for giving this precious gift.'