



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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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)

(9th Week of Ordinary Time psalter week I)

Mon. 30th May Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass today

Tue. 31st May The Visitation of Our Lady

09.30am Mary Weller RIP

Wed. 1st June St. Justin

12.00noon Angela & Ernest Taylor - 30th wedding anniversary

Thu. 2nd June S.S. Marcellinus & Peter

10.00am Joan Perira RIP

(No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

11.30am Funeral Service - Annie Charlotte O'Brien

Fri. 3rd June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

10.00am In reparation for abortion

Followed by the act of consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat. 4th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.00am Anthony Ferritto RIP

5th June 2016 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass Francesca Poulter & The Bernie Family

11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo

5.00pm Quiet Mass Mary Weller RIP

(No Rosary & Benediction)

Please note no Mass on Monday.
Mass on Tuesday at earlier time of 9.30am

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 - The intentions of the Waller Family

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning

for - Our 1st Holy Communion Children

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning

for - In thanks giving to St. Anthony

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

£655.05 Loose + £227.00 Gift Aid = £882.05

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



Today is the feast of Corpus Christi. Our annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of the 11.30am Mass This will be Followed by refreshments.

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

This Friday is the feast of the Sacred Heart as the feast is a solemnity, the church does not ask us to abstain from eating meat on this day.

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

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE PASSAGE HOMELESS SHELTER

The Passage are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in their kitchen during our breakfast and lunch services for homeless people. Duties will include serving food and drink, helping to prepare food, tidying and washing up. They are looking for a regular weekly commitment. If you are interested please get in touch by emailing volunteering@passage.org.uk or by telephoning 0207 592 1863. Full details for these and other roles can be found on their website www.passage.org.uk/volunteering.

LATIN MASS – FEAST OF S.S. PETER & PAUL

Wednesday 29th June is the Solemnity of S.S. Peter & Paul and is a Holy Day of Obligation. On the eve of the feast – Tuesday 28th at 7.30pm Fr. Tom Lynch will celebrate a Latin Mass here in the Extraordinary Form. This Mass will fulfill your obligation. (Mass on the 29th will be at 10.00am & 7.30pm as usual)

OUR LADY OF KNOCK IRELAND

Many thanks to Margaret and Declan Dixon who have enrolled the parish in the Friends Association at Knock shrine. We will be remembered at Holy Mass at the shrine for the year ahead. The card is on the notice board in the porch for you to view.

DAMAGE TO THE HALL

Sadly just a month after the Parish paid over £6,000.00 to have Alexander House repainted, the walls of the Hall after last weekend were covered with scuffs, hand prints and scratches to the paintwork – photos of the damage are available in the Parish Office for those who would like to view them! It would seem that, as all the marks are low down, they are caused by children and the scratches by tables and chairs being pushed against the walls. Despite numerous appeals it would seem that some parents seem unable to supervise their children properly in the hall and allow behavior that one would assume would not be tolerated in their own homes. If this situation continues then we will be forced to look again at the way we use Alexander House.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of

Annie Charlotte O'Brien.

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

& Gina Maranca

Her funeral service will take place at Kingston Crematorium on the 1st June at 3.40pm .
May they rest in Peace

Corpus Christi

All of us together form the Church. Who is the centre or head of the Church? Jesus is the centre. How is Jesus most present to us? in the Blessed Sacrament. Today's celebration of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, is the feast of the very centre and heart of the church, the centre and heart of our faith and the centre and heart of our parish, the centre and heart of the lives of each of us, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Some find it difficult to believe that bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus, this is understandable - we do not see any change in the bread or wine. There is no difference in the taste - the bread still tastes like bread and the wine still tastes like wine. It is going against logic to say that the bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus despite no change in appearance. With our intellect we can understand that God must be keeping the universe together, that God is the origin of everything, but reason will only take us so far. We need to add faith to our reason and intellect. As St. Paul says, 'In the Christian life we go by faith and not by sight' (2 Cor 5:7). We need to be humble and open to God performing a miracle every day in this church, the miracle of the Eucharist. Can we be humble enough to add faith to our intellect and reason, to admit that intellect by itself does not provide all the answers and that God can perform miracles every day making it possible for bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Jesus - while keeping the same appearance? When we submit to God we will not lose anything, we will gain everything.

As a symbol of our love for Jesus we will carry him in procession today. It is also a symbol of Jesus's love for us. We cannot carry Him through every street or road in our parish but nevertheless we know that Jesus is with us and loves us, his blood is poured out for us and his body broken for us.

As He passes you in the Blessed Sacrament adore him and thank him for all that he has done for us unworthy sinners. Ask him for whatever healing you need. Adore him, love him and ask him for help - he is waiting for you. Remember the words of the consecration at Mass, "This is my Body which will be given up for you....This is my blood which will be poured out for you..."

May Jesus in the Eucharist always be the very centre and heart of the Church, the centre and heart of our faith, the centre and heart of our parish and the centre and heart of the lives of each of us.

**O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.**

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT PAUL MASON

Please pray for Fr. Paul Mason as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination which take place this Tuesday. All are invited to attend the ordination Mass which starts at 12noon however, you are asked to be seated by 11.30am. The Mass will be followed by a reception which all are invited.

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 today at 5.00pm. See the poster in the porch for details.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Friday 3rd June reopening on Tuesday 14th June.



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