



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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3rd May 2015 The 5th Sunday of Eastertide (B) psalter week 1

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass Muriel Coussey
5.00pm Quiet Mass Joan Philbin

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

Mon. 4th May The English Martyrs
10.00am Fr. Michael Clifton
Tue. 5th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Danilo & Nancy Klaes RIP
Wed. 6th May Requiem Mass
12.00 noon Marjorie Collins RIP
Thu. 7th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Felice, Christopher & Elizabeth Gardner
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)
Fri. 8th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am The deceased members of the Connally Family
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 9th May Our Lady
10.00am Ellen McCarthy RIP

10th May 2015 The 6th Sunday of Eastertide (B) psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass The Chale Family
5.00pm Quiet Mass Therese Roberts

3pm May Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady

Parish Diary This Week

MONDAY

Farewell Mass for Fr. Clifton
Followed by refreshments

TUESDAY

Church Cleaning
After the 10.00am Mass

Parish Priest Surgery
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

No Parent & Children's Group
today

Confirmation
7.00pm
The Upper Room

THURSDAY

No Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament today
(Resumes 14th May)

SATURDAY

Confessions.
10.30am - 11.00am

1st Holy Communion Classes
10.30am - 12.00 noon
Alexander House

SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy
during 9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee in Alexander
House after the morning
Masses

May Procession in honour
of Our Blessed Lady
3.00pm

Parish Council Meeting
6.30pm
The Library



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 a sacristan.

The recommended donation is £5. The lamps this week are burning for

A private intention



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

Next Sunday at 3.00pm Our annual procession in honour of Our Lady around the grounds of the Church followed by tea & coffee in the Hall. Please make a special effort to attend

The Rosary is recited daily
Monday - Saturday before Mass

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.



Thank you for last Sunday's Collections
£617.82 loose & £208.50 Gift Aid
= £826.32

Plus £243.89 for Ecclesiastical Education

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



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP. T. 020 8546 7178

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

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.

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

On the Feast of Christ the King in 1987 Pope St. John Paul II beatified a further eighty-five English Martyrs adding to those already Canonized and beatified. Below is part of his homily on that occasion

"This feast of Christ the King proclaims that all earthly power is ultimately from God, that his Kingdom is our first and lasting concern and that obedience to his laws is more important than any other obligation or loyalty.

Thomas More, that most English of saints, declared on the scaffold: "I die the King's good servant but God's servant first". In this way he witnessed to the primacy of the Kingdom.

Today we have declared Blessed another eighty-five martyrs, each of them chose to be "God's servant First". They consciously and willingly embraced death for love of Christ and the Church. They too chose the Kingdom above all else. If the price had to be death they would pay it with courage and joy.

Blessed Nicholas Postgate welcomed his execution "as a short cut to heaven". Blessed Joseph Lambton encouraged those who were to die with him with the words "Let us be merry, for tomorrow I hope we shall have a heavenly breakfast". Blessed Hugh Taylor, not knowing the day of his death - said: "How happy I should be if on this Friday, on which Christ died for me, I might encounter death for him". He was executed on that very day, Friday 6 November 1585. Blessed Henry Heath, who died in 1643, thanked the court for condemning him and giving him the "singular honour to die with Christ".

Among these martyrs we find priests, laymen, scholars and craftsmen. Their ages ranged from twenty-four to eighty. Amongst them were a printer, a bartender, a stable-hand, a tailor, priests and religious. What unites them all is the sacrifice of their lives in the service of Christ their Lord. The priests among them wished only to feed their people with the Bread of Life and with the Word of the Gospel. To do so meant risking their lives. But for them this price was small compared to the riches they could bring to their people in the Mass.

The laymen shared the same love of the Mass. They, too, risked their lives - working together with their priests, assisting, protecting and sheltering them. Laymen and priests worked together - they stood on the scaffold and together welcomed death. Many women too, suffered for their faith and died in prison. They have earned our undying admiration and remembrance.

They gave their lives for their loyalty to the authority of the Successor of Peter, who alone is Pastor of the whole flock and for the unity of the Church - which has taught down the ages, that the Successor of Peter has the task of serving and ensuring the unity of the flock of Christ and has the role of confirming the faith of his brethren.

Over the centuries the Church in Britain has drawn inspiration from these martyrs and continues in love of the Mass and in faithful adherence to the Bishop of Rome.

In the days of the martyrs whom we honour today, there were other Christians who died for their beliefs. We can all now appreciate and respect their sacrifice. Let us respond together to the great challenge which confronts those who would preach the Gospel in our age. Let us be bold and united in our profession of our common Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.'

LOST PROPERTY

There is still a collection of lost property on a table in Alexander House. If you have left anything in the church in the last few months, please have a look for it there. Any items left unclaimed today will be disposed of

COMMON OBJECTIONS TO CATHOLICISM

A series of talks addressing popular objections to and misconceptions about the Catholic faith and how to answer them 7.30pm at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HR .

Thursday 7th May Dr. Mark Nash (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is unbiblical"

Thursday 14th May Fr. Ignatius Edet (Merton parish)

"An all-male priesthood is sexist and an anachronism"

Thursday 21st May Ms. Marie Mann (CCF Advisor) "The Catholic Church is stuck in the past"

GIFT AID

There are still a number of unclaimed Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the Church. If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme and have not collected your new set, please do so today. If you do not use the weekly envelopes but donate via direct debit, please note there are also some envelopes for you to use for special collections throughout the year.

NO PARENT & CHILDREN'S GROUP THIS WEEK

Alexander House is being used for a funeral reception on Wednesday so therefore the Parent & Children's group will not be meeting there this week.

FR. MICHAEL CLIFTON'S FARWELL

Fr. Michael, who regularly supplied for us in the past and has been a friend to our Parish for many years, is moving to a new home in East Sussex. Fr. Michael will say a farewell Mass tomorrow Monday 4th May at 10.00am. This will be followed by refreshments in the Hall.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th June – Feast of Corpus Christie

Our Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of the 11.30 am Mass. This will be led by our 1st Holy Communion Children who will then receive their certificates. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall to which all are invited.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS AS AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST.

An Evangelization Seminar, led by John Huntriss (Clifton diocese Scripture Advisor), on Saturday 16th May, 10:00am - 1:00pm at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS. All who wish to spread the Good News are invited to come to this Seminar. The CCF is by Tooting Bec tube station and there is also ample car parking. There is no charge, but please book at the CCF tel 8672 7684 or office@ccftootingbec.org.uk).



WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Dylan who was baptised here recently. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.