



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A) psalter IV

9.30am Family Mass Henry Gramstadt RIP  
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Mina Cawley

3.00pm Annual Procession in Honour of Our Blessed Lady around the grounds of the Church followed by Benediction.

Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am Benny Lawlor RIP  
Tue. 9<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am Michael, Paul & Mary McLoughlin RIP  
Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
12.00 noon Ethel Shore RIP  
Thu. 11<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am George Stephens RIP  
**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today**  
Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am Hugh Francis Nolan & Irene Polniak RIP  
Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> May Our Lady of Fatima  
10.00am Jannett Hamerton Fraser, her parents & brother RIP

## 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A) psalter I

9.30am Family Mass Joan Pereira RIP  
11.30am Mass with Hymns Pro Populo  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Teresa Roberts RIP  
(1.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass - candidates, families and friends only please)  
**No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today**

## APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email Fr. Kevin to make a convenient appointment.

[parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com](mailto:parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com)

## 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. Julius, his telephone number is - **0208 942 2178**. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

## CHURCH CLEANING

Every Wednesday at 9.00am - please come and help keep our church looking beautiful for Our Lord.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House. (The course is now full)

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sundays during the 9.30am Mass

## KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC SOCIETY.

Meets in the Parish Library after the 5.00 pm Mass For more information, please contact Deacon Peter.

## THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£463.16 loose + £352.78 Gift Aid = £815.94  
Plus £185.09 for the up keep of St. George's Cathedral.

There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday for the Ecclesiastical Education -the training of our future priests.

## GIFT AID

There are still a number of unclaimed Gift Aid Envelopes at the back of the Church - If you have not picked up your new set, please do so today.

*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 - John, Frank and Gregory Cullen*

*The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for - Michael Pearson*

*The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - Mary Russell RIP*



**The Rosary is recited**  
Monday - Saturday before Mass



There will be Tea & Coffee after the 9.30 & 11.30 Masses today, please join us in the Hall and say hello!



## 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

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

The 13th May is the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. Between 13<sup>th</sup> May and 13th October she appeared six times to Lucia 9, her cousins Francisco 8 and his sister Jacinta, 6. This all happened against the backdrop of the First World War and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into six decades of oppression under militant atheistic governments. Our Lady, appeared as 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun'. Lucia asked her where she came from and she responded, "I come from Heaven." The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta, would be taken to Heaven very soon but Lucia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart. In the last apparition on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, the woman revealed her name - "I am the Lady of the Rosary." 70,000 people had turned out to witness the last apparition, following a promise by Our Lady that she would show them a great miracle to prove that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the validity of the apparitions. By 1930, the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have now been approved by the whole Church as authentic.

The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century - if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world and that the trials may be averted.

Our Lady of Fatima revealed three prophetic "secrets". The first two of which were revealed earlier and refer to the vision of hell and the souls languishing there, the request for an ardent devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the prediction of the Second World War. Finally the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communist totalitarianism.

The third "secret" was not revealed until the year 2000 and referred to the persecutions that humanity would undergo in the 20<sup>th</sup> century - "The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer and various nations will be annihilated". The suffering of the popes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century has been interpreted to include the assassination attempt on Pope St. John-Paul II in 1981, which took place on May 13, the 64th anniversary of the apparitions. The Holy Father attributed his escape from certain death to the intervention of Our Lady: "... it was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path and in his throes the Pope halted at the threshold of death."

Three Popes have visited Fatima - Pope Paul VI, Pope St. John-Paul II went several times and Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Francis will be there for the 13th May this year.

What is the central meaning of the message of Fatima? Nothing different from what the Church has always taught - it is, as Cardinal Ratzinger later Pope Benedict the XVI has put it, "the exhortation to prayer as the path of "salvation for souls" and likewise, the summons to penance and conversion." "If our hearts are open to God, purified by contemplation of God, they are stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The "Yes" of Mary has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Saviour into the world—thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually. He has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this - "In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33).

Perhaps the most well known utterance of Our Lady to Lucia during the apparitions at Fatima was her confident declaration that - "My Immaculate Heart will triumph" - The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

### **THIS AFTERNOON WE WILL HOLD OUR ANNUAL PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR BLESSED LADY.**

The whole of the month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Please join us today at 3.00pm for this public act of devotion to her.

### **OUR PARISH CORPUS CHRISTIE PROCESSION.**

Will take place on Sunday **18<sup>th</sup> June** following on from the 11.30am Mass

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living in the Parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am – 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office to enquire about places.

### **SPIRIT IN THE CITY**

The annual 'Spirit in the City' festival around Leicester Square will take place this year during the weekend 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> June. See the poster in the porch or visit [spiritinthecity.org](http://spiritinthecity.org) for more information.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Please note - we have a long backlog of Mass intentions and unfortunately no free slots until the end of June. If you have specific dates for Masses during the course of the year, please book them now with the Parish Office so that we can try to accommodate you. When booking a Mass please use the special envelopes available at the back of the church. Also, please note the diocese recommends a donation of £10 for a Mass offering.

### **MARY'S MEALS BACKPACK APPEAL**

Once again the parish is supporting "Mary's Meal's". The completed backpacks cost approx. £20 each. If anyone has clothes (in good condition) that their children/grandchildren have grown out of & would like to donate that would be great. We need shorts & tee-shirts for boys aged 4 to 12 years old & dresses / skirts & blouses for girls aged 4 to 12 years old. The 'packing day' will be Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. For more information, please contact Kate on 0775 703 1310

### **SURVIVE-MIVA. OUR LENTEN PROJECT FOR 2017**

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this year's appeal. A cheque for **£4,665.36** was sent to Survive-Miva this week.

The final breakdown of the money raised was as follows

- 2nd Collection on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	£ 671.52
- Cake Sale	£ 116.40
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration	£ 434.50
- Quiz Night	£ 328.00
- Mother's Day Flowers	£ 100.00
- Film Night	£ 280.00
- Sponsored Walk	£1,590.00
- Collection Box's & Donations	£ 615.19
- Raffle	£ 214.00
- Guess the Weight of The Easter Egg	£ 32.00
- Gift Aid on various parts of the above	£ 283.75

Thank you for your generosity.