



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 Christ the King (B) psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass	Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass	Rita Sumner RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Maura O'Sullivan RIP

### Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	St. Clement
10.00am	Anne Thomas RIP
Tue. 24 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Andrew Dũng - Lạc & Companion Martyrs
10.00am	Cyril & Terry Williams
Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Catherine of Alexandria
12.00noon	Joseph Fox - Welfare
Thu. 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Holy Souls
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)	
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Rev. Fr. Rudolph McElroy RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Our Lady
10.00am	Evelyn & Stacy Stanghoaght RIP

## 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (C) psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass	Illuminado Aguila
11.30am Sung Mass	Kelly Dagleish RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Pro Populo

### Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

**Tea & Coffee** after the 9.30am morning Mass today. Please join us and say hello.



There will be **Children's Liturgy** today during the 9.30am Mass.

### PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

There will be no surgery this week, the next one will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December between 5.30pm -7.00pm (This will be the last one this year)

### 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION & ANCHOR COURSE

Saturday in Alexander House at 10.30am

### Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£751.53 loose  
£295.39 Gift Aid  
= £1,046.92

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today for the Catholic Youth Services

### OUR PARENT & CHILDREN'S GROUP

Meets on Wednesday mornings in Alexander House from 9.30am -11.00am

### R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A. group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Alexander House Library.

### CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN

takes place in the Library on Friday mornings at 10.30am - suggested donation of £1.50

### CHURCH CLEANING

Wednesday mornings at 9.00am. Please spare half an hour to come and help.

*If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before either the Blessed Sacrament or on Our Lady's Altar 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 and the Lamp on Our Lady's Altar are burning for  
Rev. Fr. Maurice  
Nicholas RIP*

### The Rosary is recited daily

Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sunday



**HOSPITAL:** If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julian. (His number is 0208 942 2178) If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

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



### Confessions

#### Sundays -

9.00am - 9.15am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

#### Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am

### 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.

## CHRIST THE KING

Today's liturgy invites us to fix our gaze on Christ, the King of the Universe. The beautiful prayer of the Preface reminds us that his kingdom is "...a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace". The readings we have listened to show us how Jesus established his kingdom. How he brings it about in history and what he now asks of us. He brought about his kingdom through his closeness and tenderness towards us. He is the Shepherd, of whom the Prophet Ezekiel spoke in the First Reading. These verses are interwoven with verbs which show the care and love that the Shepherd has for his flock - to search, to look over, to gather the dispersed, to lead into pasture, to bring to rest, to seek the lost sheep, to lead back the confused, to bandage the wounded, to heal the sick, to take care of, to pasture. All of these are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is truly the great Shepherd of the sheep and the protector of our souls.

After the victory that was his Resurrection, St. Paul explains how Jesus advanced his kingdom. In the First Letter to the Corinthians, he says: "For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet". The Father, little by little, subjects all to the Son and at the same time, the Son subjects all to the Father. Jesus is not a King according to earthly ways - for him to reign is not to command, but to obey the Father, to give himself over to the Father, so that his plan of love and salvation may be brought to fulfilment.

The Gospel teaches what Jesus's kingdom requires of us. It reminds us that closeness and tenderness are the rules of life for us also and that on this basis we will be judged. This is the great parable of the final judgement in Matthew 25. The King says: "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world - for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. The righteous will ask him, when did we do all this? He will answer them - Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me".

The starting point of salvation is not the confession of the sovereignty of Christ, but rather the imitation of Jesus' works of mercy through which he brought about his kingdom. The one who accomplishes these works shows that he has welcomed Christ's sovereignty, because he has opened his heart to God's charity. In the twilight of life we will be judged on our love for, closeness to and tenderness towards our brothers and sisters. Upon this will depend our entry into, or exclusion from, the kingdom of God: our belonging to the one side or the other. Through his victory, Jesus has opened to us his kingdom. But it is for us to enter into it, beginning with our life now, by being close in concrete ways to our brothers and sisters who ask for bread, clothing, acceptance, solidarity. If we truly love them, we will be willing to share with them what is most precious to us, Jesus himself and his Gospel.

May we not allow ourselves to be distracted by other earthly and fleeting interests. And may Mary, our Mother and Queen of all Saints, guide us on the way to the kingdom of heaven. Amen. - **Pope Francis**

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St. Raphael's Parish Carol Service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6.15pm

## THE PARISH COUNCIL

Meets this evening at 6.00pm in the Library.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the great feast of the Immaculate Conception and the start of the "Year of Mercy" proclaimed by Pope Francis, we will have Mass at 10.00am followed by refreshments in the Hall. In the evening we will have a Latin Mass celebrated in the Extraordinary Rite. The celebrant will be Fr. Tom Lynch.

## THE PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE RELICS OF BLESSED JACINTA & FRANCISCO

The National Pilgrim image of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Blessed Jacinta & Francisco will be at Our Lady & St. Peter's Church, Victoria Drive, Wimbledon on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December. See poster in porch for details.

## THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, NEW MALDEN 'CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING'

The Holy Cross School, Sandal Road, New Malden, is having a 'Christmas Shopping Evening' on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm until 9pm.

**A MUSICAL MEDITATION ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST**  
Performed by the Schola Cantorum of St. Joseph's Church New Malden. Music by Tallis, Duruflé, Marenzio, Holst & MacMillan. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm. Free entrance with a retiring collection.

## STUDENTS – CATHOLIC SOCIETY

Deacon Peter Sebastian holds a weekly prayer and discussion group at Kingston University every Wednesday, 6.00pm – 7.00pm. All students are welcome. He also holds a pastoral hour for students and university staff every Wednesday from 5.00pm – 6.00pm and every Thursday from 8.45am - 9.30 am after Morning Prayer at 8.30 am. All these meetings are held at Kingston University, "The Quiet Room" (PRMB0032), in the Faith Centre, Ground Floor, Main Building Penrhyn Road Campus. For details, contact Deacon Peter on 07921 667679 or e-mail [deaconpetersebastian@gmail.com](mailto:deaconpetersebastian@gmail.com)

**"COME TO THE QUIET"- ST. RAPHAEL'S CHURCH**  
This coming Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm - 8.00pm St. Raphael's with Kingston University student Catholic Society has organised an evening of prayer, music and reflection led by the Franciscan Sisters of Mary - an invitation to take some time out of our busy lives to be still before God. All are welcome.

## THE BACK GARDEN

Please note the back garden is now closed until the spring so that the gardeners can treat the lawn and prepare the flower borders for next year. Children are free to use the front garden provided they are properly supervised by their parents at all times.

## DIOCESAN FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Diocese is looking to recruit a new Financial Secretary. For more information and to apply please visit the Diocesan website [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk).

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**June Bendall,**  
who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be here at  
St. Raphael's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.30am  
May She Rest In Peace