



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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29th November 2015 1st Sunday of Advent (C) psalter week I

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

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 30 th November	St. Andrew
10.00am	The Holy Souls
Tue. 1 st December	Advent Feria
10.00am	Margaret Rice
Wed. 2 nd December	Advent Feria
12.00noon	Holy Souls
Thu. 3 rd December	Requiem Mass
11.30am	June Bendall RIP
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)	
Fri. 4 th December	Advent Feria
10.00am	In reparation for abortion
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Sat. 5 th December	Our Lady
10.00am	The Holy Souls

Please note no 10.00am Mass today

6th December 2015 2nd Sunday of Advent (C) psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass	Raymond, Diana, Tony & Monica Hamel Smith & Fernand
11.30am Sung Mass	Kelly Dagleish RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

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 are burning for

Josie & Jack Morgan RIP
the Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

The sick and housebound

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.



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

Fr. Kevin will hold his surgery this coming Tuesday between 5.30pm - 7.00pm. This will be the last one until the new year.

1st HOLY COMMUNION Saturday in Alexander House at 10.30am

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£738.23 loose

£351.50 Gift Aid

= £1,089.73

plus £ 220.85

For the Catholic Youth Service

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

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.



Confessions

Sundays -

9.00am - 9.15am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am

CHURCH CLEANING

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

ADVENT - WAITING

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus' which means "arrival". It is a time of waiting for the arrival of Christmas, the coming of Jesus to earth when he was born as a baby at Bethlehem two thousand years ago and waiting for the Lord to come again.

This waiting is different than the usual way we wait. It is not like the waiting we experience when we go to the doctors office and sit in the waiting room reading old magazines or playing on our phones, doing nothing that is constructive and being bored.

Waiting for the Lord demands that we make the best use of the time we have before He comes. How do we use our time? How do we wait for Him? So much of our time is wasted. We sit in front of the television or a computer for hours - now, there is nothing wrong with relaxing but we need to accomplish more with our lives than watching television or playing video games. When the Lord comes, we will have to show Him how we used the time He gave us.

The wait for Christmas is just a glimpse of the real waiting - as we wait for the Lord to come again. So we are told to stay awake and wait for the Lord and when the wait is over, what will we have to show for our lives? Will we stand before the Lord and say, "I was planning to come closer to you Lord and spend every day talking to you in prayer, but I just didn't get round to it." Will we say, "I had always wanted to do things for others without seeking any form of thanks or payment from this world, but I was too busy doing other things." Or will we say, "Lord, you know that while I waited I tried my best to serve you in others. You know that while I waited I talked to you every day."

If our wait is one of action, one of service and one of prayer - then when the Lord comes again at the end of our time or the end of the world, we will be found, as St. Paul says, blameless and holy before God at the coming of the Lord Jesus and His Holy Ones.

May our lives be lives of actively waiting for the Lord.

PASTORAL LETTER

This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from His Grace, Archbishop Peter. Additional copies are available from the back of the Church. It is also available on the Parish Website.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS

The Christmas Stamps are now on sale at Post Offices, but if you want religious ones you have to ask for them otherwise you will be giving the non religious Christmas ones! This is important otherwise the Post Office and those who encourage secularism will say that there is no call for religious stamps at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The collection taken at all Masses on Christmas Day is your personal offering to Fr. Kevin our parish priest. This collection forms part of his income to support his personal needs and expenses during the year ahead. Christmas Offering envelopes are available for your use at the back of the Church. (If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please use the special envelope in your packet.)

Thank you for your kind and generous support.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY 8TH DECEMBER THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Tuesday the 8th 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 at 7.30pm we will have a Latin Mass celebrated in the Extraordinary Rite. The celebrant will be Fr. Tom Lynch.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES

'A Marriage Encounter Weekend' is an opportunity for a husband and wife to deepen and renew their relationship. Many couples in this diocese have been enriched by such a weekend. Here is your opportunity to join them: next February 13/14 there will be a Marriage Encounter weekend (not residential) in Purley. More details from Philip & Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or by email: marriage2014@virginmedia.com

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.

LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

We are a social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Our next get-together is on Saturday, 5th December at 7.30pm, in the back-bar of The Alexandra Pub, Wimbledon, SW19 7NE. Please feel free to come along. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242.

2ND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS & FLOWERS

There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday to pay for the flowers and other decorations for the Church over Christmas.

A REMINDER

Please note all posters and leaflets for display must be presented to the Parish Priest for consideration. Thank you.

St. Raphael's Parish
Carol Service

Sunday 20th December at 6.15pm
Followed by mulled wine
& mince pies

All are welcome



Of your Charity, please pray for the
repose of the souls of
Michael Gerald Burke,

His funeral service will take place at Kingston Crematorium
on the Wednesday at 3.00pm
and
June Bendall,
Her Requiem Mass will be here on the Thursday at 11.30am
May they Rest In Peace.