

# St. Raphael's Church

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## 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (B)

### Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Requiem Mass for the Dead of the Two World Wars and subsequent conflicts

11.30am Mass with Hymns Peter Stewart & Charles Yallop  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm.

Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Josaphat
10.00am	The Sheridan & Horrocks Family
12.00noon	Requiem Mass for Peter Fox RIP
Tue. 13 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
10.00am	Davis & Bromley Family
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00 noon	Illuminado Aguila
Thu. 15 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Albert the Great
10.00am	Francis Prest-McHugh
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.	
Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Requiem Mass for Patrick Flynn RIP
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Hilda
10.00am	The Sheridan & Horrocks Family

## 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - Thirty Third Sunday of the Year (B)

9.30am Family Mass Cairoli & Rooney Family  
11.30am Mass with Hymns Mary O'Callaghan  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

## CONFIRMATION-

The next session will be next Sunday at 6.00pm in Alexander House.

## 1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES -

Saturday mornings at 10.30am.

## R.C.I.A. -

Thursday evenings at 8.00pm in Alexander House.

## 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. If you are calling on behalf of someone in the hospital please call the hospital main switchboard: 0208 546 7711. The Switchboard will contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

## THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION -

£745.94 loose + £352.50 Gift Aid = £1,098.44.

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today in aid of the Archbishop's Administration Fund.



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 Dead of the Two World Wars and subsequent conflicts

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- Margaret Noronha RIP

The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- Margaret Noronha RIP

## CONFESSIONS

Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am



The Rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

There is Tea & Coffee in the hall after Mass on Sunday mornings and after the 12.00noon Mass on Wednesdays.

Please join us and say hello!

## THE ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE KINGSTON DEANERY

The annual Mass for the deceased clergy of the deanery will be held here at St. Raphael's on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

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

### Peter Fox

His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00noon

### Patrick Flynn

His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am

### Mary McDonagh

Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00noon

### John Hanafin

His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2.00pm

*May they rest in Peace*



## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

St Joseph's, our Catholic Primary School, is holding an open morning for their Reception Class for the September 2019 intake, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. Please contact the school office on 020 8546 7178 to book a place.

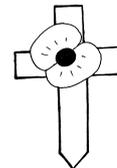
On the 11th of November 1918, Private Arthur Wrench of the Seaforth Highlanders wrote in his diary: *"I think it is quite hopeless to describe what today means to us. We who will return to tell people what war really is surely hope that 11 am this day will be of great significance to generations to come. Surely this is the last war that will ever be between civilised nations."* Sadly he was wrong - this was not to be.

It is 100 years since the Armistice was signed at the end of the First World War. However, for millions of people since then - war has not been history but a part of their daily lives.

How do we define a war? So often we hear and read about the number of deaths and injured - the length of campaigns, the number of guns and missiles and the size of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Perhaps the numbers suggest the scale of a conflict, but the statistics have little, if any, relevance to those who have lost a son, daughter, brother, sister, father or mother.

If we are ever to live in peace, it is eternally important that we remind ourselves of the dreadful cost of war. The most compelling outward sign of our remembrance is the simple red flower, the Flanders Poppy. It has become the symbol of remembrance. It has come to represent the sacrifice made by all those men, women and children who have given their lives in conflict. It began with a death of a friend in 1915 in Belgium. John McCrae was kneeling at the grave of his friend and was moved to write a poem reflecting the scene around him. He wrote:

*'In Flanders fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row.  
That mark our place and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing,  
fly scarce heard among the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields'*



It is a heart breaking reflection that there has probably never been a time when conflict has not existed somewhere in the world. In the bible the prophet Micah prophesied a future of hope, an ideal world, a world when nations come together in peace instead of war. His vision saw a time when the arms of war would be turned into farming tools and people would live in peaceful community. Jesus was born into an occupied land. The Jews were waiting for their king, the Messiah and they expected him to overthrow the Roman invaders by the traditional, violent, means - peace was not on the agenda. However, Jesus came and taught peace to the disciples and anyone who would hear him. He said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

The message that Jesus carried did not suit the Pharisees and religious leaders because it threatened the status quo and did not fit their idea of the anticipated mighty and all-conquering Messiah. So Jesus, the light of the world, died for us in an act of darkest violence. Three days later, as the Son of God, he rose again in light for us.

Peace is a precious commodity - it comes from trust, patience, tolerance and faith. It is not unilateral, it cannot be "Peace only on my terms". It is the result of mutual agreement and understanding. Peace has never been easy to achieve - it is very hard work to establish and keep the peace at any level in our society. Yet regardless of the difficulties, peace must be what we all strive for, what Micah foresaw, what Jesus taught us. The driving force for peace must come from us, it must come from our remembrance of those who have given their lives in war. It must come from those injured in conflict and for their families and loved ones. Peace will not come if we forget - it won't happen if we wait for others to work for it. It is through our vigilance, our voice and our prayers that peace and light will emerge.

The poppies that we wear today are not only to remember those from our families and community who gave their lives but for all those who died. The Poppy is our symbol of Remembrance however, let us remember through the remembering of pain and loss that there is always the light of hope, love and faith through Jesus Christ.

Here at St. Raphael's we are proud to have a memorial to those who died in the Great War. Fr. Peter Ryan, the parish priest at the time of its installation wrote the following *'...during the late war, the response of the Catholics of St. Raphael's, as indeed the whole country, was magnificent. Many became soldiers or sailors and helped either at home or abroad to bring about the victory which came in 1918. Those who were left behind worked and prayed for those of were fighting. Many died for their country and a magnificent war memorial has been erected in grateful memory of them and a Foundation Mass has been established to pray for ever for the repose of their souls...*

That foundation Mass which has been offered every year for all those who died will be celebrated today at 9.30am.

May They Rest in Peace

### OUR PARISH LIBRARY

We have a wonderful library at St Raphael's which at present is seldom used. From today the library will be open after the Sunday morning Masses and we invite you all to come and explore the wealth of spiritual reading we have available! At other times if you would like to have a look feel free to ask. Books may be borrowed, please just ensure you record the details in the logbook which will be on the side. If anyone has any suggestions or would like any advice please approach Jennie who will be happy to help.

### MORE DAMAGE!

Sadly, less than a month since they were repaired - at considerable expense, the hinges on the kitchen door in the hall have again been smashed for the third time! If anyone knows what happened to them could they please speak to Michael in the Parish Office.

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES RETREAT

The retreat for all those preparing for Confirmation is next Saturday 17th November at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, GU5 0QX. We will meet at 9:45am in the church car park and return at 5.00pm. Those picking up need to be at St. John's Seminary, Wonersh at 4.00pm. Please bring £5.00 for the fee and a packed lunch. Please pray for all our young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

On Sunday 25th November, Olivia Darby will give the next in our series of a talks entitled "Inspiring genuine solidarity in a #MeToo age" Olivia is Director of Policy and Campaigns at Wonder Foundation, a charity which seeks to empower vulnerable women, girls and communities through education, both in the UK and worldwide.

There are a number of items of lost property displayed in the Hall. If you have lost something please take a look after Mass. Any items not claimed by 19<sup>th</sup> November will then be disposed of.