



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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15th November 2015 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) psalter week 1

9.30am Family Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Sung Mass

Charles Yallop & Peter Stewart RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Angela Wooliscroft RIP

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 16th November

St. Gertrude

10.00am

In thanksgiving - The Sebastian & Chale family

Tue. 17th November

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

10.00am

Francis Gutteridge RIP

Wed. 18th November

The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul in Rome

12.00noon

David Stileman RIP

Thu. 19th November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Marjorie Collins RIP

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon)

Fri. 20th November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Angeline, Matthew and Francis Rodoricks RIP

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 21st November

The Presentation of Our Lady

10.00am

Cyril & Terry Williams

22nd November 2015 Christ the King (B) psalter week 11

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

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 next Parish Priest's Surgery this coming Tuesday from 5.30pm - 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

1st HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday in Alexander House at 10.30am

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£596.30 loose

£205.00 Gift Aid

= £801.30

And £178.47 for The Archbishop's Administration Fund.

The total direct debits for October totalled £2,370.36

There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday for the Catholic Youth Services

OUR PARENT & CHILDREN'S GROUP

Meets on Wednesdays 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 Library in Alexander House

CHURCH CLEANING

Wednesday mornings at 9.00am. Please spare half an hour and 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 are burning for

Dario Santiago Olivio

The lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

Cynthia Martin

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.



Confessions

Sundays - 9.00am - 9.15am & 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

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY 8TH DECEMBER

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Tuesday the 8th December at 7.30pm to celebrate the great feast of the Immaculate Conception and the start of the "Year of Mercy" proclaimed by Pope Francis, we will have a Latin Mass celebrated in the Extraordinary Rite. The celebrant will be Fr. Tom Lynch.

CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN

Would you like to be able to speak basic Italian? Ada Stileman one of our parishioners, holds lessons in basic Italian in the Library on Friday mornings from 10.30am – 12.00noon. A suggested donation of £1.50 is recommended, which will go towards Church Funds. For more information please call Ada on 8 399 1453.

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 27th November from 6.30pm until 9pm. There will be a great selection of clothes, gifts, jewellery, cookery items and much more including the chance to win a HP Laptop, an Apple Watch or an HD TV. Entrance is £2 for adults (including a mulled wine and a mince pie) and children under 18 are free. Please come along and join the fun.

TOWARDS ADVENT

This free 'Festival of Catholic Culture' will take place on Saturday November 28th 2015, at Westminster Cathedral Hall. The festival will be opened at 10.00am by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The day will include music from the choir of St. James' School Twickenham and a special presentation from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - come along and find out what it takes to live without owning any property, working with the poor, open entirely to whatever adventures God sends along. There will be delicious refreshments available all day - freshly-brewed coffee, home-made sandwiches, cakes, snacks. There will be a range of displays and sales, provided by Catholic groups from across Britain.

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

"COME TO THE QUIET"- ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH,

Wednesday 25th 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.

....GOD'S MERCY IS FROM AGE TO AGE

The sisters of Our Lady of Sion will be holding a weekend of prayer and biblical reflection for the beginning of the Year of Mercy for adults from 18 – 40 - at 34, Chepstow Villas, London, W11 2QZ. For more information email Sr. Anne Lee annelee222@gmail.com

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.

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS. PETER & PAUL IN ROME

St. Peter's is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at St. Peter's tomb to pray. In 319 the Emperor Constantine built a basilica on the site that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered the building of the new basilica which stands today and which took more than two hundred years to complete.

St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls stands near the Abazia delle Tre Fontane, on the site where St. Paul is believed to have been beheaded. Also built by the Emperor Constantine, it was the largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt.

Constantine's building projects enticed the first of a centuries-long parade of pilgrims to Rome. From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under "barbarian" invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the Church is built – Paul the educated and reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen and missionary to the Gentiles are the original odd couple. The major similarity in their faith-journeys is the journey's end. Both, according to tradition, died a martyr's death in Rome. Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword. Their combined gifts shaped the early Church and believers have prayed at their tombs from the earliest days.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY IN THE TEMPLE

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

It is sometimes difficult for us to appreciate a feast like this. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary - from the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches us her children. They, too, are temples of God and sanctified in order that they might enjoy and share in God's saving work.



WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Emily who was baptised here last Sunday May the Lord continue the good work he has started.