



St. Raphael's Church

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18th 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.

Mon. 19 th November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Denis Curtin RIP
12.00noon	Requiem Mass for Mary McDonagh RIP
Tue. 20 th November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Erlis Freeman RIP
Wed. 21 st November	The Presentation of Our Lady
12.00 noon	Memorial Mass for Anne Perks RIP
2.00pm	Requiem Mass for John Hanafin RIP
Thu. 22 nd November	St. Cecilia
10.00am	In thanksgiving
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.	
Fri. 23 rd November	Pope St. Clement
10.00am	Alan Marshal
Sat. 24 th November	St Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companion martyrs
10.00am	Peter Fox RIP

25th November 2018 - Christ The King (B)

9.30am Family Mass Alfonso Cairoli
11.30am Mass with Hymns Henry & Annie McGarry RIP
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 today 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 COLLECTIONS -

£778.59 loose + £480.00 Gift Aid = £1,258.59.

Plus £233.10 for the Archbishop's Administration Fund.

There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday for the Catholic Youth Service.

THE PARISH COUNCIL -

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council this evening at 6.00pm in the Library.

LOST PROPERTY -

Today is your last chance to claim any of the items of lost property displayed in the Hall. If you have lost something please take a look after Mass. Any items not claimed today will be disposed of.



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

- Marie Sellwood

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- The Holy Souls

The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- In thanksgiving

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 28th November at 7.30pm.



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

T. 020 8546 7178 E. office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

W. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe



Congratulations to Aoife who was baptised recently here at St. Raphael's. May God continue the good work he has started.

The message we must learn from today's gospel is that we must always be ready to face our judgement for we know not the day nor the hour when we will be called from this life. When or how this world will end is of no great importance to us. What is important is that we shall leave this world and our eternity will depend on how we have lived and how we die. We all know that we must die someday. We are strangers and pilgrims on this earth and no sane person among us will try to deny this and yet, many of us are so immersed in the things of this world that we forget or try to forget that we must leave this world soon. This is very natural - life is a precious gift and as our earthly life is the only one of which we have experienced therefore our every inclination is to hold on to it at all costs.

However we have God's word that our death is not the end of life but rather the beginning of the true life that will never end. As the liturgy says in the Mass for the Dead : "Life is changed (by death) not taken away." Our death is the doorway through which we pass into the unending life. The years on earth are a gift of God to enable us to earn the infinitely greater gift, which in his loving mercy he has prepared for us.

God in his mercy is calling on each one of us to be ready when our call comes. We can do nothing about the when or the where of that call, but we can do much about the state of our relationship with God when death comes. Aided by God's grace we can ensure that all will be well with us. We cannot avoid a sudden death, but we can avoid an unprepared death by striving always to live in peace with God. This does not mean that we must be always on our knees praying and that we must take no interest in the things and the joys of this world - far from it, God wants us to use the things of this world, however to use them so that they will not hinder us on our journey.

A very practical way to see how we stand in relation to God and to the things of this world, is for each one of us to ask ourselves today : "How would I fare if I were called to render an account of my life tonight?" If, to our dismay, we find there are things which we have to be put right then let us start now - we may not get another chance to make peace with God and our neighbours

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

NEW PARISH E-MAIL

Please note the Parish and Fr. Michael have new email addresses, this is to help us to conform with the new Data Protection Act.

For the Parish Office - please delete = straphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com and use = surbiton@rcaos.org.uk

For Fr. Michael - please delete = parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com and use = michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk

'SLEEPING BAG CONCERT'

Musicians of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames present a 'Sleeping Bag Concert' in aid of the Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness - Winter Night Shelter. On Saturday 1st December at 2.00pm in the Kingston United Reformed Church Eden Street. Free admission however monetary donations or winter sleeping bags (but not duvets, eiderdowns or blankets) are welcome. For more information go to www.kcah.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness have been running a Night Shelter called The Haven, every night since 24th September 2018. It has so far provided much needed help - they currently see 25-30 individuals staying with them every night. They offer a welcoming space, a listening ear, something to eat, community, lots of teas and coffees and a safe place to rest – for people who would otherwise have no other choice but to sleep on the street. They also advise their guests to visit their advice surgery which has resulted in ten Night Shelter guests being housed since they opened the shelter. To be able to continue running the project, they are however in need of more volunteers. There will be a training day on Saturday 24th November at 11.00 at St. Peter's Church, Nobiton. If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers, please go to eventbrite.co.uk/e/kcah-night-shelter-volunteer-training-tickets-52519974658?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete
Thank you for your support!

Please find below a link to the latest Newsletter from St. Joseph's School

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=15RT1fCZkKVZEgJp6AT15i-1qqYuTyvFQ>

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Next Sunday 25th November, Olivia Darby will give the latest 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.

'CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS'

This year the Doxa Deo Community Church are, again, running 'Christmas Lunch on Jesus'. This year they aim to fund, pack and deliver 1000 hampers to families in need across South West London - covering both Kingston and Merton boroughs. You can find details of how you can be involved by visiting www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk It is an ambitious project and they need to raise £30,000 to make this happen. The cost of a hamper is £30 and contains everything for a great family Christmas celebration - Turkey, trimmings, veg, pudding, biscuits and festive treats. They are encouraging families to consider sponsoring a hamper so that another family can enjoy a meal together.

They are inviting people to help pack the hampers on Friday 21st December at Tolworth United Reformed Church from 10.00am – 2.00pm. and deliver the hampers from Saturday 22nd December. Volunteers can sign up on the website.

VACANCY

St Joseph's our Catholic Primary School are looking to recruit a Nursery Nurse for their Nursery Unit. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/1014513?src=client>

OUR PARISH LIBRARY

Fr. Michael has appointed Jennie Clark as our Parish Librarian Jennie will be opening the library on Sunday mornings after Mass. If you wish to use the library during the week or have any other enquiries please contact her (jenniec2210@gmail.com, 07463 894901) and she will be happy to help. If you have not already done so, please visit the library and explore the wealth of spiritual reading we have available!