



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Christ The King (C) psalter II

**9.30am Family Mass** Pro Populo  
**11.30am Sung Mass** The deceased members of the Mosey Family  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass** The deceased members of the Woolliscroft & Roberts families

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

Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. The Presentation of Our Lady  
10.00am K.W. & C.Y. Ling RIP  
Tue. 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. St. Cecilia  
10.00am Iluminado Aquila RIP  
Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. St. Clement  
12 noon Y.F. & C.Y. Choi RIP  
Thu. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. SS. Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companion Martyrs  
10.00am Caroline Elliott RIP  
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon  
Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. St. Catherine of Alexandria  
10.00am The Holy Souls  
A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat  
Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Our Lady  
10.00am Peter Houghton RIP

## 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (A) psalter I

**9.30am Family Mass** Pro Populo  
**11.30am Sung Mass** Eugenia Choi  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass** Ethel Percival RIP

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

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 Holy Souls

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for – Joseph

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - Francis

### Children's Liturgy

During the 9.30am Mass

### Confessions Sundays

9.00am – 9.20am & 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.



### APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email [parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com](mailto:parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com) to make a convenient appointment.

### HOSPITAL

If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius, his number is **8 942 2178**.

If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

### CHURCH CLEANING

Every Wednesday at 9.00am – please come and help keep our church looking beautiful for Our Lord.

### THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£546.56 loose + £302.43 Gift Aid = £848.99  
plus £ 153.89 in aid of the Archbishop's Diocesan Administration Fund.

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today in aid of the Catholic Youth Service

### Tea & Coffee

after the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses today.  
Please join us and say hello.

### KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC SOCIETY

St. Raphael's is the Catholic Parish Church for the University and students and staff are most welcome at all our Masses and other events in the parish. Deacon Peter is the Catholic Chaplain to the Kingston University Catholic Society and he is available to help and support all students and staff. (See above for his contact details)The students of the Catholic Society meet every week after the 5.00 pm Mass at St. Raphael's. Please join us for refreshments, prayer, discussion and meditation on the scriptures.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House.  
(The programme is now full)

### RCIA

Meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Parish Library  
(For more information contact Deacon Peter whose details are on the Newsletter header)

### The Rosary is recited

Monday – Saturday before Mass and on Sunday at 4.00pm

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

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



## CHRIST THE KING

The feast of Christ the King causes us to meditate on the Second Coming of Christ, the last Judgment, and the end of the world. There have always been kings and dictators who have dreamed of world-wide dominion and kingdoms that would last forever. Some have come

close - Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, Caesar Augustus, Stalin and Hitler to name but a few. Despite all their machinations, pretensions and self-glorifying monuments, the great rulers of the earth all proved mortal like anybody else. They had their day in the sun only to disappear. Their kingdoms, too, ultimately passed away. There is another thing that these people had in common—they jealously guarded their glory, sharing it with no one. Their ascent to power was made over the backs of others and they did not hesitate to eliminate any and all rivals.

The feast of Christ the King celebrates the fact that there is one who is remarkably different. He came to serve all, even His enemies. He truly was a Son of Man with a vulnerable human nature. However he was also truly the Son of God - not in some mythological sense, like the Pharaohs or the Caesars.

Rather than killing His opponents He forgave them. Rather than dominating His subjects He exalted them and called them not servants, but friends.

Though He died, like other kings, it was for a different purpose - he died willingly to save His people. His death was not a result of a battle lost or a plan gone awry but of a glorious victory planned before the world began. He, unlike them, rose in glory and then ascended to his father in Heaven.

From here he will return and suddenly things will be seen as they truly are. His coming will sweep away ambition, vanity and pretensions. Much of what now appears important will look very empty. No longer will oppression be allowed to stand and the innocent will finally be liberated from those who victimize them.

The Church instituted the feast of Christ the King during bleak days, when fascist and communist clouds were darkening the earth with their ominous shadow. The feast serves as a reminder to us that we know the end of the story and should not be fooled by those who strut, bully and gloat. They will soon be gone and He will be here soon. How soon no one knows!

## CONFIRMATION 2017

We will be joining Our Lady Immaculate Parish for the Confirmation programme next year. The programme will begin on 17<sup>th</sup> January with the Confirmation Mass being held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Candidates must be in Year 9 or above. Application packs are available from the sacristy or parish office and can also be downloaded from the web site. Please submit completed forms to our parish office. **The closing date for all applications is next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, EXCEPTIONAL HEAD TEACHER SOUGHT TO HELP US MAKE OUR GOOD SCHOOL, OUTSTANDING.

We are looking for an outstanding primary Head:

- a practicing Catholic, committed to promoting our supportive and caring Catholic ethos.
- an inspirational leader with high expectations and a proven track record of raising standards.
- motivated, innovative, able to inspire and support others.
- ability to develop leadership skills in others. As well as teambuilding with staff/ governors. A commitment to work with parents and carers.

For further information see poster in the porch / contact Julie Lynch in the school office on 020 8546 7178 or email us at [office@stjosephs.rbksch.org](mailto:office@stjosephs.rbksch.org) For an application pack go to [www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/Welcome](http://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/Welcome) Closing date – 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Interview week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.

## ADVENT CALENDARS

Next Sunday is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, we have some lovely Christian Advent Calendars for Sale in our Repository – please take a look after Mass.

## ADVENT PREPARATION – HOLY HOUR

For Students and Parishioners

Monday 21st November 7 – 8 pm

St. Raphael's invites students and parishioners to an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and quiet reflection with the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Sisters Helen and Roisin return to St. Raphael's to lead us in prayer. Please come and join us – all our welcome.

## KINGSTON STREET PASTORS

Kingston Street Pastors will be holding their annual celebration tonight at 6.30pm at the Kingston United Reformed Church. The guest speaker this year will be Bishop Paul Hendricks.

## TOWARDS ADVENT - FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC CULTURE

Next Saturday in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue London SW1 1QJ from 10am. Over 30 organisations will be attending and it is an opportunity for them to give an insight into their activities and they will also have many articles for sale. Admission is free. In addition some talks and workshops will be given during the event. Further details are available at [towardsadvent@blogspot.com](mailto:towardsadvent@blogspot.com)

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – OUR NEXT LATIN MASS

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December is the feast of The Immaculate Conception – The principle Patron of our diocese. Fr. Tom Lynch has kindly offered to celebrate a Latin Mass here at St. Raphael's on that day at 7.30pm

## CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Come and enjoy discovering the history of the Church in Britain, in good company and in a great city. All welcome. Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm – 'SMELLS AND BELLS' - Discovering London's Catholic culture. Meet on the steps of St. Martin-in-the-Field, Trafalgar Square. Each walk costs £5.00. Students, Senior Citizens and unemployed according to their means. Children, Priests, Religious & Seminarians free. Children (U16), accompanied by a full-paying adult, free. For more information go to: [www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com).

## VOTIVE CANDLES

It appears that someone is bringing their own votive candles from home to burn in the Church. In the interest of safety, only use the candles provided which are specially made for this purpose. Thank you