



# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 Christ the King (A) Psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass

Ann Thomas RIP

11.30am Sung Mass

Victor Di Placito RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> November  
10.00am

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companion martyrs  
All Parishioners - living and dead

Tue. 25<sup>th</sup> November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Shelia Sargent & the deceased members of the Sullivan Family

Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> November

Feria in Ordinary Time

12.00 noon

Vi Fiel RIP

Thu. 27<sup>th</sup> November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Fr. McElroy 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. 28<sup>th</sup> November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Esme Springett RIP

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

Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> November

Our Lady

10.00am

Kelly Dagleish RIP

## 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 The First Sunday of Advent (B) Psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass

Brendan Kinsella RIP

11.30am Sung Mass

Victor Di Placito RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

## Parish Diary This Week

### TUESDAY

Parish Priest's Surgery

5.30pm - 7.00pm

Parish Office

### WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning

9.00am

Church

Parent & Children's Group

9.45am - 11.30am

Alexander House

Confirmation

7.00pm

The Upper Room

RCIA

7.30pm

Library

### THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.30 - 12noon

### SATURDAY

Confessions.

10.30am - 11.00am

1st Holy Communion Classes  
& Anchor Course

10.30 am - 12.00 noon

Alexander House

### SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy

during 9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee in Alexander  
House after the morning  
Masses

Rosary & Benediction 4.00pm



If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before the Blessed Sacrament either 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 lamps this week are burning for

**Teresa Serena**



We remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish. We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

## Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection

£571.90 Loose + £243.50 Gift Aid = £815.40

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today for the Catholic Youth Services

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next Sunday for the Christmas flowers and decorations for the Church

Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander House after the morning Masses on Sunday. Please join us and say hello!



## Confessions

Sundays -

9.00am - 9.20am

11.00am - 11.20am

4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am

And at other times by reasonable request.

## The Rosary is recited daily

Monday - Saturday before Mass

Sunday 4.00pm



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

*St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School*

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP. T. 020 8546 7178

E. [office@stjosephs.rbksch.org](mailto:office@stjosephs.rbksch.org) W. [stjosephsprimary.net/](http://stjosephsprimary.net/)

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

Please turn off your mobile phone whilst in Church



## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

I am very pleased to announce that we now have a Baptism course in place for parents of Infants seeking this Sacrament. The next available course is 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from 10.00am – 12.00noon. This will be held in the upper meeting room of Alexander House. Parents who live in the parish boundary, are invited to speak with Fr. Kevin for more information. Please note that completion of the course must happen prior to a date being set for Baptism.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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

## **THE METROPOLITAN POLICE CHRISTMAS TREE CAMPAIGN IN ASSOCIATION WITH 'GROW BABY'**

Kingston First has kindly donated a Christmas tree and decorations, which will be displayed on behalf of Kingston Police within the foyer of The Rose Theatre, Kingston, from the 19th November 2014.

Hanging from this tree will be a number of labels that members of the public can "pick" from the tree. These labels provide information, including an internet link, through which the public are invited to agree to buy a present for a child within the borough up to a value of £20. Based on a list held by the organisers they are then asked to buy the present based on a given age and gender (No names are provided) and then deliver the present to the front counter at Kingston Police Station, where it will be stored and then forwarded to the local authority or 'Grow Baby' for delivery to the child for Christmas.

## **VACANCY AT S.P.U.C.**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (S.P.U.C.) have a vacancy for a full time Despatch Officer based at their office in Kennington, London SE11. For more information please contact Patrick Kingman on 0207 820 3121 or email [patkingman@spuc.org.uk](mailto:patkingman@spuc.org.uk)  
The closing date for applications is the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## **CLEANER REQUIRED FOR RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL**

Richard Challoner School in New Malden is recruiting a Part time cleaner. The post is for two hours a day from 3.30pm – 5.30pm with an hourly rate of £8.15. For more information contact either Sean Flowers on 07725 794 244 or Penny Strath on 07872 507 022.

## **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.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Please note we have no Sunday Mass Intention slots until February next year and only a few week days in January. If you have specific dates you would like Mass offered in 2015, it is advisable to book all your dates for the year ASAP with the Parish Office to avoid disappointment. Please note that sometimes a Requiem Mass will mean a booked Mass will have to be moved to another date.

## **NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

If you would like to receive a copy of this weekly Newsletter by email, please email the Parish Office at [straphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com](mailto:straphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com) and we will be happy to add you to our mailing list.

## **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 and Adolf Hitler to name a few. Some kingdoms have lasted a very long time, such as Rome whose Eastern half lingered on for 2000 years.

But 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, leaving abundant ruins for generations of tourists and archaeologists to explore.

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. But He was also truly Son of God but 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 rose in glory, which can not be said for the rest of them. At His heavenly coronation, when He ascended to His Father, He was given what all the rest lusted for—a worldwide dominion that will not pass away.

But the world goes on oblivious with corporate executives and statesmen still jockeying for position, exalting themselves at the expense of others.

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, the innocent will finally be liberated from those who victimize them.

This dominion will truly be universal – there will be nowhere left where He is not recognized as who He is. Though in some quarters that acknowledgment will be made with consternation and gloom.

For His coming means doom – judgment for those who have for so long resisted Him. They will be allowed, of course, to cling to the evil that they have chosen and hold it close to themselves for all eternity but, they may no longer afflict others with it.

The Church instituted this 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!