



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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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.

Mon. 26th November 10.00am Feria in Ordinary Time
The Bermingham Family

Tue. 27th November 10.00am Feria in Ordinary Time
Camille Baudonne RIP

Wed. 28th November 12.00 noon Feria in Ordinary Time
Iluminado Aguila

7.30pm Mass for the deceased clergy of the Kingston Deanery

Thu. 29th November 10.00am Feria in Ordinary Time
Kelly Dalgleish RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.

Fri. 30th November 10.00am St. Andrew
Camille Baudonne RIP

Sat. 1st December 10.00am Our Lady
Noel Slattery RIP

2nd December 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent (C)

9.30am Family Mass

Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Mass with Hymns

Kelly Dalgleish RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass

The Lee Family

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.

OUR PARISH LIBRARY –

Is open on Sunday mornings after Mass. If you wish to use the library during the week or have any other enquiries please contact Jennie our Parish Librarian (jenniec2210@gmail.com, 07463 894901) and she will be happy to help.

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.

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!



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

- David Smith



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

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

9.00am – 9.20am &

4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am – 11.00am

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE KINGSTON DEANERY

On Wednesday evening at 7.30pm the priests of the Kingston Deanery will gather here, at St. Raphael's to celebrate the annual Mass for the deceased clergy of the deanery. Please join us to pray for the repose of the souls of all those priests who have faithfully served us in this parish.



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

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Francis Mills**

His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 7th December at 11.30am

May he rest in Peace

The Solemnity of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism - a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments and nations. Our Gospel Reading tells us that Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered that question with dignity, in spite of being bound and exhausted. It was the dignity of a true king, which is what he was and continues to be. He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." At that moment, when he was standing before Pilate, Our Lord did not show his power and glory but at the end of time, he will do so. He will come in majesty and in triumph. He will come as the King of All the Universe. Jesus made Pilate see that he did not come to this world to show forth his power in a merely human manner. He came to restore the human race to the natural dignity that it lost when Adam and Eve committed the original sin. He came to remind us that we are daughters and sons of God the Father.

Jesus has always been a sign of contradiction, as much today as when he was on earth more than two thousand years ago. There are those who ignore him or even hate him. There are those who love him unconditionally. There are those who only go to him when they have problems because they think that he will resolve them. There are those who love him and who follow him, despite their problems, without asking for anything or blaming him for anything, giving of themselves to him. There are those who show that they always have Christ in their hearts and in their minds - they always talk to everyone about him. Finally, there are those who say they are Christians, they even think they are good Christians, however they never show it. They never talk about Jesus - they not only do not talk about him, they do not follow him. Later in the Gospel we will see Jesus enthroned upon the cross - 'King of the Jews' was written above him. That moment of pain and humiliation passed and then Jesus assumed his real throne at the right hand side of his Father. This can teach us something - to bring about the kingdom of God we may have to abandon what the world considers important and even be prepared to be ridiculed as Jesus was on the cross. It was not easy for Jesus to begin establishing his kingdom with values at odds to those of the world, it would cost him his life. It is not easy for the Church now trying to establish the kingdom of Jesus in a society growing daily more secular and pagan. But for those who die to themselves, who truly open themselves to Jesus, the reward is a share in Jesus' kingdom, "Indeed I promise you, today, you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority of any kind to compare their use of power or authority with Jesus. Are they using their power to serve others or to manipulate? Are they using their power for the building up of a more just society or to feather their own nest? Are they using their power in any way that might cause pain to others or in a way that could help to alleviate pain? In the prayer Jesus taught us, we pray, "thy kingdom come." Jesus has shown how to bring about that kingdom. Let us pray that nations and individuals will be humble enough to look at how Jesus used power and bring about the kingdom of God.

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@googlmail.com and use = surbiton@rcaos.org.uk

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

A GENTLE REMINDER

Please remember, that for their own safety and protection, children using the garden need to be supervised by an adult at all times. Obviously, these safety measures also apply to all public areas in the church and Alexander House.

VACANCY: PARISH SECRETARY AT OLI, TOLWORTH

The parish of Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth is looking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary - to assist in the administration of a busy parish. Initially, this will be on a 12-month fixed term contract with a 3-month probationary period. The role is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest in all administrative matters within the Parish and will cover secretarial, financial and office management duties. Previous secretarial experience is essential - together with good knowledge of bookkeeping/financial work. The successful candidate should be fully conversant with current office software such as - Outlook / Word / Excel and be generally comfortable with IT and office equipment. He/she should have excellent telephone skills and a good understanding of the workings of a Roman Catholic Parish. A full job description is available on request. Our ideal hours are 10.00am to 2.00pm on Monday to Friday. Salary £11 to £12 per hour depending on experience. If you would like to apply for this position, please email your CV to ignatiusedet@rcaos.org.uk by the closing date of 2nd December 2018. Please do not apply for this job if you do not have current permission to work in the UK.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

This evening, 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Carol Service will be held on Sunday 16th December at 6.15pm. St. Joseph's School will hold their Carol Service in the Church on Wednesday 19th December at 4.00pm

ADVENT READING - 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and copies of the Advent edition of 'My Day by Day' are available at the back of the Church, they cost £1.00 (Please put money in the box marked Newspapers.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during advent and is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas.

'Dear Parishioners, I am growing whiskers throughout November, raising funds to address the problem of mental health in men who account for 75% of all suicides. Please do consider supporting me to reach my target of £250 by donating to 'Tom Morrell' at Movember Foundation, the charity that funds a range of important initiatives in this area. Please donate on-line to uk.movember.com/donate and search for 'Tom Morrell'. Alternatively, if you prefer to give me cash I can donate it on your behalf. Thank you so much.'