



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 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

Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Advent Feria  
10.00am Emily & Percy Land and the deceased members of the Lang Family  
Tue. 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. Advent Feria  
10.00am Iluminado Aquila RIP  
Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. St. Andrew  
12 noon Denis Curtin RIP  
Thu. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. Advent Feria  
10.00am Doreen Powell  
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon  
Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Advent Feria  
10.00am Denis Curtin RIP  
A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat  
Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Our Lady  
10.00am The Holy Souls

## 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A) psalter II

9.30am Family Mass The Holy Souls  
11.30am Sung Mass Kelly Dagleish RIP  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo

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

## 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

£585.39 loose + £361.90 Gift Aid  
= £947.29

plus £ 128.67 for  
the Catholic Youth Service

## Tea & Coffee

after the 9.30am Mass 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)

## The Rosary is recited

Monday – Saturday before Mass and on Sunday at 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 – In Thanksgiving (Fiorell)

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

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

## Children's Liturgy

During the 9.30am Mass

## RCIA

Meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Parish Library.

For more information contact Deacon Peter whose details are on the Newsletter header

## 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.

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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.



## ADVENT

Today we celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It is also a time to reflect on Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Thus for these two reasons, the season of Advent is a period for devout and joyful expectation.

During these weeks the readings not only reflect the Jewish people's expectancy of the Messiah, but also our desire for Saviour's second coming.

### THE SYMBOLISM OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The circular garland of evergreen branches represents eternity. On the wreath, five candles are arranged. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is called the "Prophecy Candle". This is in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. The candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second purple candle represents love. In some traditions it is called the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger.

The pink, or rose-coloured candle, is the "Shepherds Candle" and represents joy.

The fourth and last purple candle is the "Angels' Candle," representing peace.

On Christmas Eve, the centre white candle is lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The colour white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Saviour. Also, those who receive Christ as Saviour are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.

### ADVENT CALENDARS

We still have some lovely Christian Advent Calendars for Sale in our Repository – please take a look after Mass.

### CONFIRMATION 2017

We will be joining with 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 today 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

### KINGSTON CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS

Please help yourselves to a copy of the KCAH Annual Review, (copies at the back of the church) and a list of Upcoming Events including details of KCAH moving from Fife Road to the Joel Project at St. Peter's. <http://www.kcah.org.uk/events/> Please keep KCAH in your prayers. Thank you.

### 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.

## 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.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

We will have our annual collection next week in aid of Christmas flowers and decorations for the Church.

### 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 agreed to celebrate a Latin Mass here at St. Raphael's on that day at 7.30pm

### 'THE BIG GIVE' SUPPORTING THE 'PASSAGE'

Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. Donate through 'The Big Give' website between 12.00 noon on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and 12.00 noon on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and every £1 can be worth up to £2. With Gift Aid it can be worth £2.25 For more information go to - <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/projects/view/thepassage2016>

### THE INCARNATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

#### - TALK BY SEBASTIAN MORELLO, CCF

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm in Alexander House**

As part of our Advent preparation, we have invited Sebastian Morello to talk about the Incarnation. Sebastian is an Adviser at the Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting Bec and co-ordinator for the "Rite of Election". He has also worked for Family Life International and the Catholic Truth Society.

### THE ART OF DYING WELL - [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org)

This is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based on the Catholic tradition but open to all - it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life.

### EXPERIENCED CLEANER NEEDED

for a 3 bed house in New Malden, 3 hours every fortnight. No pets.. no children.. easy house to clean. Please phone 0208 942 0609 for more information.



*St. Raphael's Parish  
Carol Service*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
at 6.15pm  
Followed by mulled wine  
& mince pies**

*All are welcome*