



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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2nd November 2014 All Saints (A) Psalter week III

4.00pm Saturday night - Vigil Mass fulfilling the Sunday Obligation - Pro Populo

9.30am Family Mass The Holy Souls

11.30am Sung Mass Denis & Rita Sumner RIP

Afternoon Baptisms

5.00pm Quiet Mass Mary Weller RIP

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Blessing of Graves see page 2

Mon. 3rd November

All Souls

10.00am

The Holy Souls

(Followed by blessing of the crypt and the cremated remains interred around the Church)

07.30pm

Pro Populo

Tue. 4th November

St. Charles Borromeo

10.00am

Juana Capili RIP

Wed. 5th November

Feria in Ordinary Time

12.00 noon

Francis Wilson & Family

Thu. 6th November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

The deceased members of the Russell Family

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon)

Fri. 7th November

The dedication of St. George's Cathedral

10.00am

Jacob Bradley RIP

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

Sat. 8th November

Our Lady

10.00am

Brendan Kinsella RIP

9th November 2014 The dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Remembrance Sunday (A) Psalter week IV

9.30am Family Mass Tom & Catherine Morrell

11.30am Sung Mass Charles Yallop & Peter Ster

5.00pm Quiet Mass Holy Souls

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 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 the sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5. The Lamps this Week are burning for

The Holy Souls



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

£496.75 Loose + £270.50 Gift Aid
= £767.25

There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday for Archbishop's Administration Fund.

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

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

Parish Diary This Week

MONDAY

Feast of All Souls

Masses at 10.00am & 7.30pm

TUESDAY

Parish Priest's Surgery

5.30pm - 7.00pm

Parish Office

Pilates

7.00pm - 8.30pm

Alexander House

7.30pm

**A Quick Journey
Through the Bible**

The Upper Room

7.30pm

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

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

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Today we celebrate the great feast of All Saints. We remember all those countless people who have gone before us. We pray to those who are now with almighty God as saints in Heaven and we pray for those souls who are still in purgatory awaiting that prize.

The Church, as St. Paul describes it, is a body made up of three parts, each part is dependant on the other. The first is the Church Triumphant, the saints in heaven. They have reached their goal, they are with God. They can help us by interceding on our behalf. The second is the Church Militant that is us here on earth. We are militant because we have free will, we are active and we can choose between good and evil, right and wrong. We can also by our prayers, good deeds and sacrifices, help the third part of the Church, The Holy Souls. The Souls in Purgatory are saved. They will eventually go to heaven, but they can do nothing for themselves, they need our prayers to help them get there.

Tomorrow we remember the Holy Souls. Some people ask why there is a purgatory, surely there should just be Heaven and Hell. Heaven is perfection where we are united with God, nothing imperfect can enter it. If you imagine a person who has never seen sunlight being suddenly exposed to the full glare of the mid-day sun, they would be blinded by the light and burnt by the heat. Most of us when we die are imperfect, we are hopefully saved and will go to heaven, but we need to be 'cleaned up'. If we went straight to heaven we would be too overcome by the glory of God to be able to stand it and more importantly too unworthy of it. It would be like meeting the queen in our shabbiest clothes! Cardinal Newman in his great poem 'The Dream of Gerontius' describes the journey of a soul from this world. The angel leads him into God's presence and there trembling before the glory of God and realising his own imperfections he cries out '*Take me away and in the lowest deep, there let me be, that sooner I may rise and go above and see him in the truth of everlasting day.*'

The Church sets aside the whole of the month of November for us to remember and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory particularly those souls who have no one to remember them.

Mass on the feast of All Souls - 10.00am Followed by the blessing of our Crypt and the cremated remains interred around the Church. There will be an additional Mass at 7.30pm.

Masses for the Holy Souls – November Envelopes The best way we can help the Holy Souls is to remember them at Mass - the greatest prayer that we have. During November there are envelopes available at the back of the church. If you write a list of the names of your loved ones, place the list in the envelope and hand it into the Sacristy. These names will be placed in a casket under the Altar and be remembered at every mass during the month. If you would like to place an offering in the envelope for a mass, when we have £10 then a Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like an individual Mass celebrated for your loved ones, then please use the ordinary Mass envelopes.

This afternoon we will have the annual Blessing of Graves -2.00pm Surbiton Cemetery 3.00pm Kingston Cemetery.

A plenary indulgency for the Holy Souls can be obtained today or next Sunday by visiting a church reciting the Our Father and Creed; receiving Holy Communion; going to Confession and praying for the Holy Father's intentions. A plenary Indulgence can also be obtained by visiting a cemetery between the 1st & 8th November.

THE DEDICATION OF ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

This week we keep the solemnity of the Dedication of our Cathedral of St. George at Southwark. The original Cathedral designed by the famous architect A.W.N. Pugin, was opened on 4th July 1848 as a parish Church. Two years later the pope restored the English hierarchy, and St. George's was chosen as the Cathedral Church of the new Diocese of Southwark. For the next half-century, until the opening of Westminster Cathedral, St. George's was the centre of Catholic life in London. Disaster came during the 2nd World War. On 16th April 1941 a bomb set alight the roof and by the following day the Cathedral lay in ruins. After the war funds were raised to rebuild the Cathedral, appeals were made far beyond the diocese, notably in Ireland and America and eventually on 4th July 1958 the new Cathedral was solemnly opened by Bishop Cowderoy. On the 28th May 1982, Pope St. John Paul II visited the Cathedral and during a service anointed the sick. A large stained glass window near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel records this event. The Cathedral is open from early morning until early evening every day and is a few minutes walk from Waterloo Station.

KINGSTON CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS

Will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11th November at 7.45pm at the YMCA in Surbiton.

QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

The next session for the group will be held this coming Tuesday night at 7.30pm in the Upper Room in Alexander House. For more information please contact Christine at christinedeigratia@gmail.com Tel. 07799 290038.

THE 2014 TOWARDS ADVENT FESTIVAL

Saturday, 22 November from 10.30am at Westminster Cathedral Hall Ambrosden Avenue. Stalls and displays from a range of Catholic groups and organisations selling DVDs, books, Christmas cards, gift etc.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS AT KINGSTON UNIVERSITY

Tonight we invite all Roman Catholic Students to Holy Mass at 5.00pm followed by a social in Alexander House.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

This course is open to all wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. The two-year course commences on 8th November at Tooting Bec. For full details, to download the brochure, and to register, please visit www.ccftootingbec.org.uk. Cost: £85.00 inc all course material.

Fauré's Requiem

Performed by The Schola Cantorum of the Cardinal Vaughan School at 7.30pm on Friday 14th November at The Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon.
See poster in the porch for details.