



St. Raphael's Church

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4th November 2018 - Thirty First Sunday of the Year (B)

9.30am Family Mass Bartolome & Juana Capili RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Oliver & Mabel Duggan RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Blessing of graves in Surbiton Cemetery at 2.00pm.

Blessing of graves in Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm.

(No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today.)

Mon. 5 th November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Florence Hely RIP
Tue. 6 th November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	The deceased members of the Russell Family
Wed. 7 th November	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00 noon	Jane Morin
Thu. 8 th November	St. Willibrord
10.00am	Mike Barlow
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.	
Fri. 9 th November	The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica
10.00am	Rosario Aguila
Sat. 10 th November	St. Leo the Great
10.00am	Deacon Peter

11th November 2018 - Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (B)

Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Requiem Mass for the Dead of the Two
World Wars and subsequent conflicts

11.30am Mass with Hymns Peter Stewart & Charles Yallop
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 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

- Lewis Waterfall

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- The Holy Souls

The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- The Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am &

4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

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



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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

CONFIRMATION-

The next session will be today 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.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION -

£536.08 loose + £282.50 Gift Aid
= £818.58.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of

Peter Fox

His Requiem Mass will be on
Monday 12th November at
12.00noon

& Patrick Flynn

Details of his Requiem Mass to
be announced.

May they rest in Peace

St Joseph's, our Catholic Primary School are holding two open mornings for our Reception class for September 2019 intake.

Friday 9th November 9.00a.m. and
Thursday 6th December 9.00a.m.
Please contact the school office on
020 8546 7178 to book a place

There will be a special Remembrance Day assembly at St. Joseph's School on Friday 9th November at 10.45am. All are welcome to attend.



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.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Today's first reading and gospel present us with the story of two widows. The poor widow in today's Gospel reading probably never imagined that her contribution to the temple treasury that she thought was private, would be noticed by Christ and recounted for generations to come. The widow in the first reading lived approximately eight hundred years earlier. In that time many things had changed, however one thing had not - with no husband to provide for them, both widows were literally at the mercy of those around them, totally dependent on the generosity of others. There was no such thing as social security, welfare or pension plans!

When Elijah meets the widow of Zarephath, she confides that she is about to prepare what she expects to be the last meal for herself and her son. Yet this does not deter Elijah. He boldly asks that she brings that food to him first, even before she takes care of her son. Like the widow in the gospel who puts the famous "mite" into the temple treasury, she gives first and then worries about her self and her own needs later.

It takes not only generosity to do this, but also faith - that is part of the message. These widows knew that God was inviting them to depend upon him for their sustenance, not upon themselves - He would provide more daily bread tomorrow. Remember the manna that fell in the desert? The people were forbidden to gather up more than one day's worth.

We do not know how the gospel widow fared in the days after she gave her mite to God. However, we do know that by divine intervention, the little bit of oil and flour of the widow of Zarephath lasted day after day until the famine ended in the land.

There is something else the two widows have in common. Often, when people give large sums of money, they are anxious that others notice - it is all about keeping up appearances, fine robes, front seats and pious public prayers. The gifts of the two widows, on the other hand, were hidden from the view of others. We would never have known about the widow of Zarephath's kindness and courage were it not for the inspired writer including this story in the First Book of Kings. Neither would anyone have noticed the widow dropping a single coin in the basket had Jesus not drawn the apostles' attention to the incident and commented on its significance.

So we should not forget that while little about our lives may make the evening news, God sees everything, even the smallest acts of generosity and faith. The stories of the two widows were recorded not for their sake - they have received their reward and no earthly notoriety could possibly do them any good now. No, the stories are told again and again for us. They serve as a reminder that ultimately it is not about how much we give, but with how much faith and love we give it.

VACANCY FOR A YOUTH WORKER

For the Parish of St. Joseph, New Malden
18hrs/week. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience

Closing date for applications - 25th November.

For further information email newmalden@rcaos.org.uk

Fr. Michael has received a letter of thanks from the Sisters of St. Elisabeth's Convent, in Minsk thanking us for the warmth of the welcome they received and the generosity of the people who attended the concert her last month.

NOVEMBER AND THE HOLY SOULS

A plenary indulgency for the Holy Souls -

This can be obtained today 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 this Sunday and 8th November.

November envelopes -

At the back of the Church you will find the Holy Souls envelopes into which you can place the names of those you wish to pray for. Those names will be placed under the altar and remembered at every Mass during November. You may wish to place an offering in the envelope for a Mass to be offered for the Holy Souls. These will be offered throughout the year.

Blessing of graves today -

The annual blessing of graves will take place this afternoon. There will be a short service in the chapel at Surbiton cemetery at 2.00pm, followed by blessing of graves. Also, a short service in the chapel at Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm followed by blessing of graves. (Please note no Benediction today)

Annual Mass for the deceased clergy of the Kingston Deanery -

The annual Mass for the deceased clergy of the deanery will be held here at St. Raphael's on Wednesday 28th November at 7.30pm.

NEXT SUNDAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is not only Remembrance Sunday, it is also the centenary of the end of the First World War. The 9.30am Mass next week will be a Requiem Mass offered for the repose of the souls of all those who died in the Two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

KINGSTON CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS ANNUAL REVIEW

The annual review for KCAH is available on line. It is packed with stories from their clients as well as highlights from an eventful year that saw them turn 25 years old. To access the review go to <https://www.kcah.org.uk/light-our-annual-review-2017/>

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of items of lost property displayed in the Hall. If you have lost something please take a look after Mass. Any items not claimed by 19th November will then be disposed of.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STREET PASTORS

Kingston Street Pastors are looking for new volunteers to train as Street Pastors (and volunteer for one patrol a month) or to be Prayer Pastors. To find out more about what it's like to be a Street Pastor or Prayer Pastor, contact local Coordinator, Charlie Bamford on 07908815352 or kingston@streetpastors.org.uk

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 1ST - 7TH NOVEMBER

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet from the back of the Church or Parish Office, visit the Legacy page on the Diocesan Web site, or email Adrian Radford, the Diocesan Financial Controller. adrianradford@rcaos.org.uk