

# St. Raphael's Church

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9<sup>th</sup> 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

Mon. 10th November St. Leo the Great

10.00am Peggy & Michael Moysey RIP

Tue. 11th November St. Martin of Tours

10.00am The dead of the Great War 1914 – 1918

Wed. 12th November St. Josaphat

12.00 noonFrancis Campbell RIPThu. 13th NovemberSt. Frances Xavier Cabrini10.00amFr. Dominic O'Sullivan 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. 14<sup>th</sup> November Feria in Ordinary Time 10.00am Fr. Herbert Calnan RIP

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

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> November Our Lady 10.00am Joe Curtin

16th November 2014 Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Tim (A) Psalter week l

9.30am Family Mass 11.30am Sung Mass 5.00pm Quiet Mass Pro Populo Habiba Alkas RIP Mary Friel RIP

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 a sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5. The Lamps this Week are burning for

Private Intention

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



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

£678.77 Loose + £247.00 Gift Aid = £925.77

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today for Archbishop's Administration Fund.

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 W. stjosephsprimary.net/
Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

### Parish Diary This Week

#### TUESDAY

#### Parish Priest's Surgery

5.30pm -7.00pm Parish Office

#### **Open Door Prayer Group**

7.30pm – 8.30pm Church

#### **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

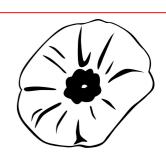
10.30 am -12.00 noon Alexander House

#### **SUNDAY**

**Children's Liturgy** during 9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee in Alexander House after the morning Masses

Rosary & Benediction 4.00pm





#### THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Today we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica and as this is a Solemnity it takes precedence over the normal Sunday Mass. Most of us think of St. Peter's as the Pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the Pope's church and is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides. The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and it's successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war. However, the Lateran remained the church where Popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14<sup>th</sup> century to find the

church and the adjoining palace in ruins. Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath the high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St. Peter himself celebrated Mass.

Unlike the commemorations of other Roman basilicas, St. Mary Major on the 5<sup>th</sup> August and St. Peter's & St. Paul's outside the Walls on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, this anniversary is celebrated as a Solemnity. The dedication of a church is a feast for all it's parishioners. In a sense, St. John Lateran is the parish church of all Catholics because it is the Pope's cathedral and therefore our spiritual home.

#### **VIGIL MASS ALL SAINTS**

My sincere thanks to everyone that helped to make this event a prayerful and happy occasion.

I was delighted to see so many families in attendance, and the great effort on representing so many Saints. I do hope that this will be repeated next year!

God bless you all

Fr Kevin.

#### **PARISH SAFE GUARDING OFFICERS**

Sincere thanks to Vanessa Vaughan who for many years has taken on the responsibility of Parish Safeguarding Officer. Vanessa has now stepped down from this post. We are delighted to announce that two new representatives have jointly agreed to take on this post – Vera Bermingham & Marguerite Kinsella.

Should you ever have any concerns about a safeguarding issue with a child or vulnerable adult in the Parish, please contact either of them.

Vera 0787 928 3484 Marguerite 07909 564 634

#### WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Congratulations to Erin, Bella, Oliva & Claudia all of whom were baptised here recently. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OPENING EVENING

Children born between 1 September 2010 and 31st
August 2011 Start school in September 2015
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
on The Fairfield, Kingston
is holding an open morning on
Friday 14th November 2014 at 9.15a.m.
All welcome to come along and find out more about your
local Catholic School

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Fr. Peter Edwards, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's New Malden, who has been appointed by the Archbishop as the new Catholic Dean of Kingston.

#### 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.

#### THE OPEN DOOR PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group will meet this Tuesday in the Church at 7.30pm — 8.30pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### FR. HERBERT CALNAN RIP

On Friday this week it will be the anniversary of the death of Fr. Calnan who was Parish priest here from 1936 – 1955. He was ordained in Rome in 1910. He held the posts of Diocesan Censor and Diocesan Synodal Examiner. He was also vice-chairman of the Catholic Truth Society, a former director of the Southwark Catholic Rescue Society (later the Southwark Catholic Children's Society) and county vice-president of the British Legion. He worked on many educational committees and he also served as a military chaplain from 1918 to 1921. During his time at St. Raphael's, the old Tiffin's Boys School on the Fairfield was purchased and re-named St. Joseph's Primary School. He retired to Cornwall in 1955 and died in 1959.

#### **MARRIAGE MoT**

There are still some places available on the marriage enrichment day taking place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November This is for couples, whether married a few years or for some decades, who would like to spend some time focussing on their sacrament of matrimony, improving communication skills and celebrating their marriage. The venue is St Teresa's church hall in Ashford, Kent, just off the M20 motorway. Booking is essential, for more information please call Philip or Mary Pond on 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

## Remembrance Sunday

Today is Remembrance Sunday - A day of prayer, remembrance and thanksgiving for all those who have given their lives in war for our freedom. On the wall by the organ in our church is a memorial listing the fifty people from this parish who died during the 1st World War, the centenary of which we commemorate this year.

On Tuesday we keep Armistice Day. The 1st World War ended at 11.00am on 11th day of 11th Month 1918 a moment marked by a two minutes silence. Our Mass on the 11th November is a foundation Mass (A mass offered annually in perpetuity) for those killed in the 1st World War.