



St. Raphael's Church

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30th October 2016 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) psalter III

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass Ena O'Sullivan RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Fr. David Howell

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 31st Oct. Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Janine Davey RIP

Tue. 1st Nov. All Saints

10.00am Francis Shields RIP

7.30pm Betty Sullivan

Wed. 2nd Nov. All Souls

12 noon The Holy Souls

7.30pm The Holy Souls (Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form)

Thu. 3rd Nov. St. Martin de Porres

10.00am In reparation for abortion

No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today.

Fri. 4th Nov. St. Charles Borromeo

10.00am Juana & Bartolome Capili RIP

A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat

Sat. 5th Nov. Our Lady

10.00am The deceased members of the Russell Family

6th November 2016 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) psalter IV

9.30am Family Mass Rose Rita Green RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Angela Woolliscroft RIP

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today as there will be the Blessing of Graves - see page 2

Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are bound to hear Mass

APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email 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

£512.93 loose + £367.00 Gift Aid = £879.93 plus £197.34 for World Mission Sunday

TEA & COFFEE

after the 9.30 & 11.30 Masses 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

For those enrolled on the course, classes resume this Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House. (The programme is now full)

RCIA

Meets on Fridays at 7.30pm in the Parish Library (For more information contact Deacon Peter whose

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 - Susana Velarde & James Philip RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for - Marion Mitchell

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - a Special Intention



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 W. stjosephsprimary.net/

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

IMPORTANT – HOW TO CLOSE THE DOOR FROM THE CHURCH TO ALEXANDER HOUSE

It is very important that that people do not pull the doors from the Church to Alexander House shut. The doors are fitted with a magnetic doorstop which is connected to the fire alarm and if they are pulled shut this breaks the magnet and the casing on the door stop. The only way to close the doors is to push the button, which is located under the casing on the doorstop.

IF YOU CANNOT FIND THE BUTTON, PLEASE LEAVE THE DOORS AS THEY ARE AS YOU WILL BREAK THE STOPPERS AND MAGNETS.

THANK YOU

THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 2nd December, from 6.30 – 9pm. With carol singers, festive food, gorgeous gifts, jewellery, gift foods, cards and wrapping – it will be the perfect opportunity to mix Christmas shopping with supporting this local Catholic secondary school. Entrance is £2, to include a mulled wine/soft drink and a mince pie and U18s can come in for free. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening. You will find us on Sandal Road, New Malden.

CONFIRMATION 2017

We will be joining with Our Lady Immaculate Parish for the Confirmation programme next year. The programme will begin on 17th January with the Confirmation Mass being held on 3rd 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 Sunday 27th November.**

BRAVE THE SHAVE

Marguerite Kinsella would like to thank all the parishioners and friends who contributed to her shaving her head for Macmillan cancer care. At present she has raised in excess of £1650. She is very grateful for all the support for this cause.

ALL SAINTS PROCESSION AND FIREWORKS - MONDAY 31st OCTOBER, 5.00PM

Hallowe'en - or All Hallows' Eve - correctly anticipates the solemnity of All Saints (Hallows). In contrast to the saints' bright reflection of the light of Jesus Christ, the secular understanding of Hallowe'en focuses on darkness. This annual celebration at St. Raphael's provides an opportunity for children (as well as adults!) to celebrate the true focus of Hallowe'en! On Monday 31st October at 5pm, there will be procession from Alexander House to the church for prayers, after which there will be refreshments in the hall, with food for children, followed by a firework display in front of the church. We expect to be finished before 6.30pm.

If you are able to help with children's food, please email Michael Nicholson at

michael.nicholson@dunelm.org.uk.

(please note this does not fulfil your Mass obligation for All Saints.

– Masses on the 1st November are at 10.00am & 7.30pm)

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November, which begins this week, is the month when we particularly pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory – our relatives and friends and those who have no one to pray for them. Purgatory is a state of purification before souls enter into heaven. The recent Sunday Mass readings have reminded us that our entry into heaven depends upon the earthly life we have lived and our relationship with God and His Church. Once we have died we cannot pray for ourselves and so rely on those who are left behind. It is so important for us to pray for the departed. It may be your prayers or mine, or the Masses we offer during November, that enable another soul to enter into the joy and glory of the Kingdom of the Lord. This is the reason that the Eucharistic Prayer has a mention of the departed every time the Mass is offered. We need to help those who have died, just as we ourselves shall need the help of those on earth to achieve our own eternal happiness after our own death. Praying for the dead is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy and as Pope Francis reminds us often, mercy is a ministry which all Catholics are called to exercise daily.

A plenary indulgency for the Holy Souls

This can be obtained today, on Tuesday or Wednesday, 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.

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 remember (Catholic or non-Catholic). 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, that will be offered in the coming year.

Blessing of graves – 6th November

The annual blessing of graves will take place next Sunday. A short service in the chapel at Surbiton cemetery at 2.00pm followed by blessing of graves. A short service in the chapel at Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm followed by blessing of graves.

(Please note no Benediction that day)

On Monday 7th November after the 10.00am Mass there will be a blessing in the crypt and grounds of St. Raphael's Church.

Grave Lights

We have 'Grave Lights' available in the repository costing £3.50. These are 5-day candles in red weather-proof containers which are suitable to place on the graves of your loved ones at the cemetery. This lovely custom is particularly appropriate during November when we pray especially for the Holy Souls.

Latin Mass for the Feast of All Souls- 2nd November

The 2nd of November is the feast of All Souls. In addition to the regular 10.00am Mass that day, Fr. Logan (Who has often supplied here on Sunday Mornings and weekdays) will offer a Low Mass in the Extraordinary Rite at 7.30pm.

Let us assist our loved ones into heaven so that, as Saints, they may come to our aid.

LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

A social group for young Catholics in the diocese that meets every month. Next social is on 5th November from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19 7NE. For more information contact Miles on 07790 441242

EXPLOSIVE CAKE SALE – TODAY To raise funds for the fireworks for All Hallows' Eve, there will be a cake sale in Alexander House after the morning Masses today.