



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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4th October 2015 Twenty Seventh Sunday- Rosary Sunday (B) psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass

Agnes Barrett RIP

11.30am Sung Mass

Rosa & Henry McGarry RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 5th October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Peter Sillem

Tue. 6th October

St. Bruno

10.00am

Ellis Gabriel Hannon (Birthday)

Wed. 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

12.00noon

Cecilia & Don D'Souza

Thu. 8th October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Šime Vučić 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. 9th October

Blessed John Henry Newman

10.00am

Debbie Stokes RIP

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

Sat. 10th October

Our Lady

10.00am

Catherine Miriam Richards RIP

11th October 2015 Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) psalter week IV

9.30am Family Mass

Lily Morris

11.30am Sung Mass

Pro Populo

5.00pm Quiet Mass

David Stileman RIP

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before either the Blessed Sacrament or on Our Lady's Altar 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

Lily & Gus Aranja

The lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

Brendan Kinsella



We remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish. We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

The Rosary is recited daily

Monday – Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sunday



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 Fr. Julian. (His number is 0208 942 2178) If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

Confessions

Sundays –

9.00am – 9.15am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays –

10.30am – 11.00am

And at other times by reasonable request.

Tea & Coffee after the 9.30am morning Mass today. Please join us and say hello.



There will be **Children's Liturgy** today during the 9.30am Mass.

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm.

Thursday Exposition will resume this week from after the 10.00am Mass concluding with benediction at 12noon

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Fr. Kevin will hold his Surgery this coming Tuesday between 5.30pm – 7.00pm in the Parish Office. Please ring the bell on the brown door in the corner of the car park marked 'St. Raphael's Cottage'. No appointment is needed. This is the time to speak to Fr. Kevin about baptisms, weddings and school application forms.

There will be a meeting of the **Parish Finance committee** tonight at 6.30pm in the Parish Office

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

Classes Saturday in Alexander House at 10.30am

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£751.02 loose &

£254.38 Gift Aid

= £1005.40

PARISH WEBSITE

Once again we have been experiencing some technical problems with our website. We are working to restore service as soon as possible.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher – Mrs. Frances Robertson

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

HORNBEAM TREE

Next Sunday is **World Mission Sunday**. This special day is an opportunity for Catholics worldwide to join together to pray for the missionary work of the Church. There will be a 2nd collection for the Society For the Promulgation of the Faith – Missio.

GIFT AID

The Parish has received a cheque for £10,533.85 from the Inland Revenue in respect of tax reclaimed via the Gift Aid Scheme. Thank you to all those who use this scheme. If every member of the Parish who is a tax payer signed a Gift Aid Form this amount could be hundreds of thousands of pounds! If you have not yet signed up and are a UK Tax Payer, please consider doing so.

- The process is simple you need only sign a form.
- You are not committed to donate a fixed sum – you simply place your weekly offering in a Gift Aid envelope.
- Your donation is confidential - you are issued with an individual numbered envelope.

There is no simpler way in which to help support the Parish. Forms are available at the back of the Church today, these can be handed into the Sacristy, Parish Office or even put in the collection bags.

Many thanks to Kate Freeman our Gift Aid Organiser for all her hard work in administrating the scheme for the Parish.

THE RCIA PROGRAMME

There will be a meeting on Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm in the Library of the church about the course for adult non-Catholics who would like to be received into the Catholic Church or who want to know more about the Catholic faith. The meeting is also for adult baptised Catholics who are seeking the sacrament of confirmation. For more information please speak to Deacon Peter Sebastian on 07921 667679 or deaconpetersebastian@gmail.com Application forms for this course are available in the sacristy after Mass.

NEW ALTAR BOYS & HANDMAIDS OF MARY

We will shortly be holding training sessions for new Altar Boys (Boys who have made their 1st Holy Communion) and Handmaids of Mary. (Girls who have made their 1st Holy Communion) Application forms are available from the Sacristy. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information about training sessions.

VOTIVE LAMP ON OUR LADY'S ALTAR



We now have a beautiful blue votive lamp that burns on Our Lady Altar. If you would like to sponsor the seven day candle that burns in it every week, please speak to the Parish Office or one of the sacristans.

RICHARD CHALLONER BOYS SCHOOL, OPEN EVENING FOR 6TH FORM ENTRY

Thursday 8th October, 6.00pm – 8.30pm. Please see the poster in the Church Porch for full details.

2016 PARISH DIARIES

The 2016 Parish Diaries are available at the back of the Church. These are free however, a suggested donation of £1.00 in the box marked 'For the upkeep of the Church' would be appreciated.

Unfortunately, the large hornbeam tree on the front lawn next to the Church was found to be infected by Honey Fungus. This disease is not treatable and the tree was dying and could have fallen without notice. After consultation with our Tree Surgeon and the Tree Officer at Kingston Council, it was agreed that the tree had to be taken down for safety sake. The work began last Wednesday and should be finished this week. A new tree will be planted in due course.

THE 31ST ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

The Rosary Crusade will take place on Saturday the 10th October. The procession leaves Westminster Cathedral at 1.45pm. Please see the poster in the porch.

ALL SAINTS PARTY - SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Halloween - or All Hallows' Eve - correctly celebrates the coming celebration of All Saints (Hallows), those men and women that the Church proclaims with joy to have joined Our Lord in heaven for eternity. In contrast to the saints' bright reflection of the light of Jesus Christ, the secular understanding of Halloween focuses on darkness.

On Saturday 31st October, there will be a Vigil Mass of All Saints at 4.30pm (which fulfils the Sunday obligation) followed by a party, particularly for families with children, although all are welcome. Come dressed as your favourite saint! There will be festive food, activities and weather permitting, fireworks! Please email Michael Nicholson at michael.nicholson@dunelm.org.uk if you would like to help in any way and to let us know that you are coming, so we can cater appropriately.

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

On Friday we keep the memorial of Blessed John Henry Newman, the 19th-century's most important English-speaking Roman Catholic theologian. He spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian.

He was born in London and he studied at Oxford's Trinity College. Later he was a tutor at Oriel College and for 17 years was vicar of the university church, St. Mary the Virgin. He eventually published eight volumes of Parochial and Plain Sermons as well as two novels. His poem, "Dream of Gerontius," was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar.

After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church's debt to the Church Fathers. Historical research made Newman realise that it was the Catholic Church that Jesus established. In 1845, he became a Catholic and two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome. He joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by St. Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London and for seven years served as rector of the Catholic University of Ireland.

Newman eventually wrote 40 books and 21,000 letters that survive. Most famous is his 'Apologia Pro Vita Sua' (his spiritual autobiography up to 1864)

In 1879 he was named a cardinal and he took as his motto "Cor ad cor loquitur" (Heart speaks to heart).

During his historic visit to the United Kingdom in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI beatified him.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which he has not committed to another" John Henry Newman