



St. Raphael's Church

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7th October 2018 - Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year (B) Rosary Sunday
9.30am Family Mass Ester Collini RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Ellen & John Dagleish RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm

Mon. 8th October Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Josephine Bastiampillai
Tue. 9th October Blessed John Henry Newman
10.00am Tom Keane RIP
Wed. 10th October St. Paulinus of York
12.00 noon Fr. John Moth RIP
Thu. 11th October Pope St. John XXIII
10.00am Brigit Ezechial RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.
Fri. 12th October St. Wilfred
10.00am Cherry Kenworthy
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 13th October St. Edward the Confessor
10.00am Thelma Machado

14th October 2018 - Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (B)
9.30am Family Mass Marra Collini RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Mary Frank RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm

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 Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, his number is **30745 924 7163**. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION -

£764.69 - loose + £385.87 Gift Aid
= £1,150.56

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!

LITTLE CHERUBS PLAYGROUP -

Little Cherubs Playgroup is looking for volunteers! The playgroup runs weekly on a Monday morning after Mass (10.30am) until noon, and we are looking for additional help so that a rota can be set up. Please contact moggs64@hotmail.com if you are able to help.

CAKE SALE TODAY IN AID OF OUR ALL SAINTS CHILDRENS' PARTY -

This morning, after both morning Masses, we will have a cake sale in Alexander House to raise funds for our annual All Saints Childrens' Party. The Party will be on Saturday 3rd November - more details to follow.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE -

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the Parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be held on Saturday 20th October from 10.00am - 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form to attend the course.

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
- Those killed and injured in the Indonesian tsunami
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- All past and present parishioners of St. Raphael's Parish
The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- In thanksgiving

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.

The Annual Rosary Crusade of Reparation takes place in London on Saturday 13th October. The procession leaves Westminster Cathedral at 1.45pm. Please see the poster in the porch for details.



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

For the past three Sundays, in the Gospel, we have been hearing conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel we see Jesus return to Judea, a Jewish territory and resume his public ministry. The crowds gathered around Jesus and as was his custom, he taught them. However, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

They questioned Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in the book of Deuteronomy. In reply to their questions, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is in fact adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching, from the cultural norms of his time, by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery. At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. However, when read together - these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. One of the main purposes of marriage is the raising of children - by welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples showed that they just did not understand. We recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all.

ADVENT CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

Buy them early and support the Parish! We shall have our annual sale of Christian Christmas cards and Advent calendars after all Masses on Sunday 14th October. All profits go to Church Funds.

Mass for Rosario Aguila – Sunday 11th November at 9.30am. Would the person who requested this Mass kindly contact Michael in the Parish Office please. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Single, separated, widowed or divorced? Catholic Singles helps practising Catholics meet other Catholics. For more information tel. 0161 941 3498. email: info@catholicsingles.org.uk or visit their website www.catholicsingles.org.uk

BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES 'AD LIMINA' VISIT TO POPE FRANCIS

The Bishops have just returned from Rome. Archbishop Peter gave the Council of Priests an account of the meeting. He said Rome had become much less inclined to give central instruction and direction but to listen to the Holy Spirit, speaking through our Bishops. The paperwork they had sent prior to the visit had been very helpful to Rome. They spent over two hours with Pope Francis. Our Archbishop described him as 'deeply prayerful', having a great sense of humour and he was serene and peaceful. He spoke about the abuse crisis 'wounding' the Body of Christ. The wounds were painful to touch. Two Church of England Bishops accompanied our Catholic Bishops. Pope Francis commended the Bishops (and all of us), to 'Our Lady, untier of knots' - a South American devotion. She intercedes for us in our complicated world.

Fr Michael 03.10.18

ALL SAINTS' PARTY

"Dare to be glowing saints, in whose eyes and hearts the love of Christ beams and who thus bring light to the world"
- Pope Benedict XVI

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER, 4.30PM-7.00PM

Please join us for a party in the church hall to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints - especially for families, however all are welcome. There will be food and activities for children, refreshments for adults, finishing with an All Saints' procession, Benediction and fireworks.

Children, come dressed as your favourite or patron saint!

Please email moggs64@hotmail.com if you would like to come (so that we can cater appropriately) and if you are able to help.

While Hallowe'en (All Hallows' Eve) correctly anticipates the Solemnity of All Saints, the secular celebration of it has become obsessed with darkness, rather than the radiant light of Jesus Christ reflected in the lives of the Saints. Join us on 3 November to witness God's spiritual fireworks!

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION

Recently, we have been asked by two professional young men, Joseph and Sergei, for help with accommodation in the area. The two requests were received separately. Sergei is also willing to help out with domestic jobs if this would be acceptable. If you, or someone you know can help, please contact Fr Michael.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Maria & Lee who were married here at St. Raphael's last week. May the Lord bless them as they begin their married lives together.



Congratulations to Benjamin, Annabel & Ruby-Louise who were baptised recently here at St. Raphael's. May God continue the good work he has started.