



St. Raphael's Church

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11th September 2016 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) psalter IV

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass Ena O'Sullivan RIP
5.00pm Quite Mass David Stileman RIP

Mon. 12th Sep. The Most Holy Name of Mary

12.00noon The Holy Souls

(9.15am Mass at St. Joseph's School)

Tue. 13th Sep. St. John Chrysostom

10.00am Mervyn Parker RIP

Wed. 14th Sep. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12.00noon Bernard Forbes

(Followed by veneration of the relic of the True Cross)

Thu. 15th Sep. Our Lady of Sorrows

10.00am Timothy Hayes

Fri. 16th Sep. SS. Cornelius & Cyprian

10.00am Mary Catchpole RIP

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

Sat. 17th Sep. St. Robert Bellarmine

10.00am Malvina & Leonard Stevens welfare

Mass on
Monday is at
12.00noon

18th September 2016 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) psalter IV

9.30am Family Mass Patrick Gaynor RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo
5.00pm Quite Mass Jackie Woolliscroft RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

We will resume Sunday Rosary & Benediction
next Sunday at 4.00pm and
Thursday exposition on the 6th October.



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 - *Caroline's Intention*

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning
for - *Jane & Bex*

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning
for - *Theresa's Intention*

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



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

£635.23 loose + £226 Gift Aid = £861.23

TODAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY

There will be a 2nd Collection in aid of the
Catholic Education Service. This goes to
help support the 2000 Catholic Schools that
educate 800,000 children in this country.

NEXT SUNDAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY

and there will be a 2nd Collection in aid
of evangelisation

Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am

4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday
before Mass.



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.

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

The cross is the symbol of the Christian. It is our sign of our personal relationship with our Savior. He died not just for people in general but for me and for you. He calls us to join him on his cross not just as a people but as individuals. The ideal that he realized is the goal of our lives, to make real the only true love there is - sacrificial love.

Some people treat the cross as a trinket, other people treat the cross in a superstitious manner. Some people will give a cross powers that belong to God and act as though a cross can defeat evil spirits. It is not the object that conquers evil, it is the power of Christ whose presence the object reminds us of, that conquers evil.

The deeper meaning of the Cross is presented in the *Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians*. Jesus emptied himself completely, not just becoming a human being but accepting the worst public death of the society he was in, to demonstrate the extent of the love of God for us. He died making a willing statement of love, filling the world with the love he had for his Father and his Father has for him. We are saved from the horrors of evil, from meaningless lives due to the love of the Lord. Because Jesus died on a cross for us we are able to proclaim to the world - Jesus is Lord. His love made this possible. When we wear a cross we are saying, Jesus is Lord of our lives.

This is the ideal set before us: as followers of Jesus, as people with a personal relationship with the Lord who loves each of us, we have to be willing to sacrifice everything we have to fill the world with the Father's love. Our daily turmoil, our problems, our pains all take on an infinite value when we trust them to Jesus, when we unite them to his cross, to our cross.

How much does God love the world? He loves the world so much that he gave his only son to the world so that when he would be lifted high on a cross, through him all might be saved.

Here, at St. Raphael's we are very blessed to have a tiny portion of the true cross which we will venerate after Mass on Wednesday.

PARISH BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course for parishioners will be held on the 22nd and 29th October 2016
10am – 12 Noon in the upper room
Alexander House.

Please contact Fr. Kevin to book a place on this course. Email parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com

CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN

Resumes Friday 23rd September at 10.30am in the Library in Alexander House Suggested donation £1.50 towards Church funds.

RCIA COURSE STARTS EARLY OCTOBER

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 - as well as adult baptised Catholics who are seeking the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, starts in early October. The group is very friendly - you go at your own pace. There is no expectation that in joining the group you will become a Catholic. You can leave the course at any time. Please contact Deacon Peter (details at the top of this page) who will be running the course.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

Application forms for next year's 1st Holy Communion Course are available from the sacristy after Mass today. There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 29th September at 7.00pm in Alexander House.

Please note the closing date for application forms to be returned is next Sunday, 18th September No application forms will be accepted after this date.



Congratulations to Henry who was Baptised recently here at St. Raphael's. May God continue the good work he has started.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY/ SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

Resume 18th September

ALTAR SERVERS / HANDMAIDS OF MARY

Boys and Girls who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to find out more information about serving at the Altar for boys, Handmaids of Mary for girls, are invited to attend a meeting on Saturday 8th October at 11.00am in the church.

NEXT SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Buy them early and support the Parish!

We shall have our annual sale of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and other Christmas Gifts after all masses next Sunday in Alexander House. All profits go to Church Funds.

HAIR SHAVE FOR MACMILLAN CANCER CARE

Marguerite Kinsella, who helps with the music here at St. Raphaels and is one of the safeguarding officers, has had her hair shaved today Sunday 28th for charity (Macmillan cancer care). If you would like to sponsor her, please use the link below

<https://bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/marguerite-kinsella/>
Or see Marguerite or Michael in the Parish Office



Parish Pilgrimage To Walsingham During This Year of Mercy.

Saturday 15th October – There will be a joint parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham with St. Catherine of Sienna's Parish Chessington. The coach will depart from the car park of St. Catherine's at 7.00am to arrive at Walsingham for the Pilgrims Mass at 12noon. We will depart from Walsingham at 5.00pm. The return fare will be approximately £25.00 per person. If you would like to book a place on the coach, please contact Michael in the parish office together with your payment.