



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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13th September 2015 Twenty Forth Sunday of the Year (B) psalter week IV

9.30am Family Mass

The deceased members of the Swallow & Jarvis family

11.30am Sung Mass

Ella Sophia Gardiner

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

Mon. 14 th September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
10.00am	Margarita Holder RIP
(Followed by veneration	of the relic of the True Cross)
Tue. 15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
10.00am	Nigel, Neil, Elizabeth & Edmund Jenkins
Wed. 16 th September	SS. Cornelius & Cyprian
12.00noon	John & Mary Savile RIP
Thu. 17 th September	St. Robert Bellarmine
10.00am	Reginald, Constance & Edmund Jenkins
Fri. 18 th September	St. Edith of Kemsing
10.00am	Paul Swallow - Welfare
12.15pm	Requiem Mass - Michael Joseph Close RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Sat. 19 th September	St. Theodore of Canterbury
10.00am	Charlie & Simon

20th September 2015 Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year (B) psalter week I

9.30am Family Mass

Roy Christie RIP

11.30am Sung Mass

Pro Populo

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Karen, Cori, & Ralph Jenkins

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm



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

The Children's Liturgy will resume today during the 9.30am Mass.

Sunday Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will resume today.

Thursday Exposition will resume on the 8th October

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. The next surgery will be on Tuesday 6th October

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



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 in

Thanksgiving

And the lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

The Welfare of Sherren Stevens

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
£578.66 loose & £257.50 Gift Aid
= £836.16
Plus £115.28 in aid of Racial Justice Sunday.

There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday in aid 'Home Mission Sunday'

The Rosary is recited daily

Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sunday



Confessions Sundays -

9.00am - 9.15am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays -

10.30am - 11.00am

And at other times by reasonable request.

WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY



Andre who was baptised here last Saturday.

May the Lord continue the good work he has started.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Early in the fourth century St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She destroyed the pagan second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when it's touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration.

Both the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, some 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, however he was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

Here at St. Raphael's we are very blessed to have a fragment of the true cross, which we shall venerate on Monday 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.

THE RCIA PROGRAMME

This year's RCIA programme will begin shortly. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

THE 31ST ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

This year's annual Rosary Crusade will take place on Saturday the 10th October. The procession, of several thousand people, leaves Westminster Cathedral at 1.45pm and walks to the Brompton Oratory. The day concludes with Solemn Benediction at the Oratory at approximately 5.15pm. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

Application forms for next year's 1st Holy Communion Course are available from the sacristy after Mass today. The closing date for application forms to be returned is the **20th September**.

There will be a meeting for parents of those who have returned application forms on Thursday 24th September at 7.00pm in Alexander House followed by tea & Coffee

Of your Charity,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Michael Joseph Close RIP

His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 18th September at 12.15pm

May He Rest in Peace



CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Buy them early and support the Parish!

We shall have our annual sale of Christmas Cards, Cribs, Advent Calendars and other Christmas Gifts after all masses next

Sunday in Alexander House. All profits go to Church Funds

ST. ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL EAST MOLESY

St. Alban's Primary School will be holding a series of meetings for perspective parents on the 13th October, 3rd November and 26th November. Please see the notice in the porch for more information.

2016 PARISH DIARIES

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

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.

NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive this Newsletter by e-mail please send an e-mail to the Parish Office straphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

CHURCH CLEANERS

We are still desperately short of people to clean the Church. If you could spare half an hour on Wednesday mornings at 9.00am, please come along and help.

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 Hallowe'en 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.



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Mobile phone whilst in
Church Thank you**