



St. Raphael's Church

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14th September 2014 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (A)

9.30am Family Mass Alan Wiles
11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Urszula & Nicholas Redshaw - 2nd wedding anniversary

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Mon. 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows
10.00am Paul (Welfare)
4.30pm Deanery School Mass
Tue. 16th September St. Cornelius
10.00am Euphy & Harry Wood & the Nicolas family
Wed. 17th September St. Robert Bellarmine
12.00 noon John & Mary Saville RIP
Thu. 18th September St. Edith of Kemsing
10.00am Manfred Gramstadt
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)
Fri. 19th September St. Theodore of Canterbury
10.00am Vic Vanoli
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 20th September SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Paul Chōng Ha-sang and Companions
10.00am Fr. Kevin

21st September 2014 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Psalter week 1

9.30am Family Mass Sandra Coombs
11.30am Sung Mass Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Bernard Lang RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before the Blessed Sacrament either for Yourself, a loved one or for a special intention please contact either the Parish Office or the sacristan. The Recommended donation is £5. The Lamps this Week Are burning for **Kelly Dagleish RIP**



Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander House after the morning Masses on Sunday. Please join us and say hello!



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
Sunday 4.00pm

Confessions Sundays –

9.00am – 9.20am,
11.00am – 11.20am,
4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays –

10.30am – 11.00am.

And at other times by reasonable request

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. Eze. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

Parish Diary This Week

Parish Diary MONDAY

Deanery School Mass
4.30pm

TUESDAY

No Parish Priest's Surgery
This week

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning
Before Mass

THURSDAY

No Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament today

SATURDAY

Confessions.
10.30am – 11.00am

SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy during
9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee Alexander House
after the morning Masses

Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

Please note there will be no
Parish Priest's Surgery until
Tuesday 7th October.

Congratulations and Best
wishes to
Ryan & Gemma and
David & Michelle
all of whom were married
here last week.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher – Mrs Frances Robertson

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 from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm

TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today the Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday. It is a day on which all Christians are called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. The theme for 2014 is 'Combating Human Trafficking'. The Church is committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised people and the Bishops' Conference's Office for Migration Policy takes the lead in our work to address the horrors of this modern-day form of slavery. Pope Francis has made the fight against Human Trafficking a priority in his papacy. He recently attended a conference in Rome, co-ordinated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CBCEW, where he met with victims and described human trafficking as "an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity".

The Pope has asked that "our strategies and areas of expertise to be accompanied and reinforced by the mercy of the Gospel, by closeness to the men and women who are victims of this crime".

The Church places victims at the heart of the efforts to combat human trafficking. For many years women religious have been the pioneers in supporting victims to recover personal and spiritual dignity. Their witness is an inspiration to the rest of the Church to make available its presence and expertise in human and spiritual healing.

The Migrants Bishop, Patrick Lynch describes the care that women religious provide for those who suffer the most as "a tremendous witness to the compassion of Christ in the world today".

There will be a 2nd collection today to help with this work.

DEANERY SCHOOL'S EDUCATION MASS MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

The Annual Deanery Mass for those who work in Catholic Education will take place here at St. Raphael's this coming Monday 15th September at 4.30pm followed by refreshments in Alexander House. All teachers, classroom assistants, school governors and all those who have any connection with our Catholic Schools are most welcome to attend.

FIRST COMMUNION 2014 -2015

The 1st Communion Mass will be on
Sunday 17th May 11.30am

2nd October 7.00pm – Welcome and introduction Meeting for parents only in Alexander House.

4th October 10.30am – 1st Session for children in Alexander House

Enrolment Forms are available in the Sacristy, or can be downloaded from our website.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The confirmation mass will take place on
Sunday 31st May at 11.30am

Our Confirmation Programme will be starting shortly. (Date to be announced) Application Forms are available from the sacristy and can also be downloaded from our website.

Helpers are needed for the Confirmation Programme to assist our two coordinators with the weekly meeting. If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Fr. Kevin.

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

Today we shall have our quarterly collection for the Kingston Food Bank. Boxes are available in Alexander House for you to leave any contributions you may wish to make. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food. At present they particularly need tinned fruit, long life fruit juice, fruit squash, long life milk, coffee and instant custard.

Please note we shall only be collecting food **today** which will be delivered to the foodbank today.

ALTAR CLOTHS – VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE

Many thanks to Victoria, who for many years has been washing our Altar cloths, unfortunately as she is now moving away, we need a volunteer to take her place. The job involves washing the three Altar Cloths from the two Altars on the Sanctuary and Our Lady's Altar about every four to six weeks. If you could take on this task, please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

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.

CHURCH GUIDE

Copies of a new pamphlet entitled "St. Raphael's Church, a Brief History and Guide' are available at the Back of the Church and in the CTS stand in Alexander House, suggested donation £2.00

RCIA

There will be a meeting for adult non-Catholics who would like to know more about the Catholic faith and adult baptised Catholics who are seeking the sacrament of confirmation on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Library. For more information please speak to Fr. Kevin

LIFE LONDON AREA CONFERENCE

Whether you are already a supporter of LIFE or would like to know more about what we do, you are invited to join us for the LIFE Conference on Saturday September 27th.

This will be held in St. Wilfrid's Hall, The Oratory House, Brompton Road, London SW 7 2RP. The day will begin with coffee at 9.45am for 10.15am start.

To book a place at the conference and for additional information please contact Jo Morris on 01926 312272 or e-mail joannemorris@lifecharity.org.uk

2015 DIARIES

Our 2015 Parish Diaries are available at the back of the Church. They are free but a suggested donation of 50p in the box marked 'Upkeep of the Church' would be appreciated.

THE OPEN DOOR PRAYER GROUP

18th & 25th September Home Prayers. For more information please contact junemb31@talktalk.net 07740 331524

30th September Bible Study in Alexander House.

For more information please contact Christine Byrne.

DATE FOR YOU DIARY - BUY THEM EARLY! SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS

Our Repository will be holding a Sale of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Christmas Gifts in Alexander House after All Masses, on Sunday, 28th September. Please drop in and buy some Christian cards, calendars and gifts.

All proceeds will go to Church funds.