



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University
Parish Priest - Fr. Kevin Stokes
Tel 020 8616 9583 email parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com

Parish Deacon - Peter Sebastian
Tel 07921667679 email deaconpetersebastian@gmail.com

Parish Office -(Mon. - Fri. 9.00am - 4.00pm)

St. Raphael's Church, Portsmouth Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 - 2NA

Church Manager Tel 020 8541 - 4999 email straphaelparishoffice@googlemail.com Web. www.straphael.org.uk

25th September 2016 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) psalter II

9.30am Family Mass Mary Sebastian RIP
11.30am Sung Mass John & Ena O'Sullivan RIP
5.00pm Quite Mass Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 26th Sep. SS. Cosmas & Damian
10.00am Rev. Fr. Peter Ryan RIP
Tue. 27th Sep. St. Vincent de Paul
10.00am Hilda Barlow RIP
Wed. 28th Sep. **Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church**
12.00noon Mary Sebastian RIP
Thu. 29th Sep. **SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**
10.00am Alexander Raphael RIP
Fri. 30th Sep. St. Jerome
10.00am Cecilia Rexworthy
A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat
Sat. 1st Oct. St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
10.00am In thanksgiving

2nd October 2016 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) psalter III Rosary Sunday

9.30am Family Mass Mary Sebastian RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Rosa & Henry McGarry RIP
5.00pm Quite Mass Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

We resume Thursday
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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 - Janet & Wilfred Gonsalves

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for - P. Devaney

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for - Toby



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

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.

APPOINTMENTS WITH FR. KEVIN

If you need to speak with Fr. Kevin regarding a pastoral or sacramental matter please email parishpriest.straphael@gmail.com to make a convenient appointment.

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. Julius, his number is **8 942 2178.**

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

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS AT KINGSTON UNIVERSITY.

St. Raphael's is the Catholic Parish Church for the University and Students will be most welcome at all our Masses and other events here in the parish.

Deacon Peter is the Catholic Chaplain to the University and he is available to help and support all students and staff.

Deacon Peter's contact details can be found on newsletter header.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£670.44 loose + £187.00 Gift Aid = £857.44 plus £151.64 for Home Mission Sunday

CHURCH CLEANING

Every Wednesday at 9.00am - please come and help keep our church looking beautiful for Our Lord.

Children's Liturgy

During the 9.30am Mass
There will be a children's liturgy meeting after the 9.30 Mass on the 9th October. All parishioners are welcome to this meeting to learn more about Children's Liturgy.

Tea & Coffee after both morning Masses today

CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN

Fridays at 10.30am in the Library in Alexander House - suggested donation £1.50 towards Church funds.

Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

The Rosary is recited

Monday - Saturday before Mass and on Sunday at 4.00pm



TODAY - CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS
Buy them early and support the Parish!

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

This week we celebrate two great feast days.

On Wednesday we celebrate the anniversary of the solemn Consecration of the Church, which took place on this day in 2012. The consecration of a church is the most important event in its history, more so than even the anniversary of its opening - because it is on this occasion that the Church is formally dedicated. During the ceremony the walls and Altar are solemnly blessed and anointed with Chrism (Holy Oil) and the building set aside for the service of God.

The following day we celebrate the feast of Our Patron Saint, St. Raphael. The name Raphael means 'God has healed' and St. Raphael has often been venerated, especially in the east, as a great healer. He is mentioned in the Old Testament book of Tobit. Here, he acts as a guide for the young Tobias on his trip to Media. On his return, he cures Tobias' father, of his blindness and then reveals his true identity - *'I am Raphael, one of the angels who stands ever ready to enter the Presence of God.'* The figure of St. Raphael and the young Tobias is depicted in the central window above the High Altar. Mass on the 29th September will be offered for the repose of the Soul of Alexander Raphael who built our Church and who lies buried in the crypt beneath the High Altar.

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

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.

TWO EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

Ten Bridges Walk

This takes place on Sunday September 25th. It will start at London Bridge at 2pm and finish at Lambeth Bridge, where refreshments will be waiting for the walkers.

Do join us! This is a great way to see the sights of London and support the work of Life. For more information, please contact Therese Walker on 020 8390 1080 or e-mail dwalker@visuals.plus.com

LIFE Concert

A selection of classical & light music. Saturday October 1st at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's parish hall, Montem Road, New Malden. Refreshments after the concert. All are welcome.



Parish Pilgrimage To Walsingham During This Year of Mercy.

Saturday 15th October

There will be a joint Parish Pilgrimage to
The National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady at

Walsingham with St. Catherine'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. During the day you have the opportunity to obtain the Indulgence for the Holy Year of Mercy.

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.

Thank you to Nick Kavanagh who spoke last Sunday morning about the importance of Gift Aid. 22 people signed up for the scheme however, there are many more who could. If you are a UK taxpayer please consider doing so. Application forms are available from the Sacristy, the Parish Office or can be downloaded from our Parish Website.

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.

THE ANNUAL ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION Saturday 8th October. Assemble by 1.45pm outside Westminster Cathedral.

For more details please see poster in the porch.

CLEANER REQUIRED

GUMLEY HOUSE CONVENT SCHOOL ISLEWORTH

Part time cleaner to start as soon as possible, three hours per day, £10.71 per hour. For information contact Mrs Lorraine Lonergan, tel. 8 568 8692 or email llonergan@gumley.hounslow.sch.uk

News From St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Our Parish School

Dear Parishioners,

St. Joseph's School started off the new school year with a welcome Mass at the school on Monday 12th September, celebrated by Fr. Kevin and led by our Year 5 (Philip Ridley and Michael Murpurgo classes). During the Mass we lit our Year of Mercy Candle and Fr. Kevin welcomed the children and staff back to school for the autumn term.

Miss Kisiel will continue to be our RE leader this year and we look forward to continuing to develop strong links between the school and the Parish. Our elected

'Pupil Faith Council' will provide regular updates on the key events in our school calendar. You are more than welcome to join us for school Masses and Class Collective Worship. The Faith Council will also keep you informed of activities we feel you may like to hear about.

This year we still have a few remaining places at St. Joseph's Nursery and for the first time we are offering the opportunity for children to attend for the whole day. We will be holding an open morning for anyone interested in applying for next year's Nursery, on Friday 18th November at 9.15a.m. - however we welcome visits by appointment.

For more information about our school or if you are interested in supporting the school in any way please contact the school office on 020 8546 7178 email: office@stjosephs.rbksch.org.

Best wishes from,
The children and staff at St. Joseph's