



# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 28th September 2014 Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Raphael's Church

9.30am Family Mass

Mary Sebastian RIP

11.30am Sung Mass

Kelly Dagleish RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Twenty Sixth week in Ordinary Time (A) Psalter week II

Mon. 29th September

SS. Raphael, Michael & Gabriel

10.00am

Alexander Raphael RIP

Tue. 30th September

St. Jerome

10.00am

Fr. Tony Line

Wed. 1st October

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

12.00 noon

Rev. P Ryan

Thu. 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

10.00am

Agnes Barret RIP

(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon)

Fri. 3rd October

1st Friday - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

10.00am

Peter Sillem

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 4th October

St. Francis of Assisi

10.00am

Juane Capili RIP

5th October 2014 Rosary Sunday (A) Psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass

Pro Populo

11.30am Sung Mass

Rosa & Henry McGarry RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Fr. Vincent

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Today is the anniversary of the Consecration of the Church, which took place in 2012. As this is a Parish Solemnity it takes precedence over the ordinary Sunday celebration.



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

Lina Cairoli RIP

## Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection

£560.44 Loose &

£279.00 Gift Aid

= £839.44

Our Pilates group resumes on 7th October at 7.00pm in Alexander House

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



## 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



## The Rosary is recited daily

Monday - Saturday before Mass

Sunday 4.00pm

**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.



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

## PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

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

## Parish Diary This Week

### TUESDAY

(No Parish Priest's Surgery This week)

A Quick Journey through the Bible

7:30-9.00pm

Alexander House

### WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaning

Before Mass Church

Parent & Children's Group

9.45am - 11.30am

Alexander House

### THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.30 - 12noon

Parents meeting for

1st Holy Communion.

7.00pm

Alexander House

### SATURDAY

Confessions.

10.30am - 11.00am

1st Holy Communion Classes

10.30 am - 12.00 noon

Alexander House

### SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy during 9.30am Mass

Tea & Coffee Alexander House after the morning Masses

Rosary & Benediction

4.00pm

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club from 8.00am. After School Club until 6.00pm

**FIRST COMMUNION 2014 -2015**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass will be on**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am**

**This Thursday - 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7.00pm** – Welcome and introduction meeting for parents only in Alexander House.  
**Next Saturday - 4<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> May at 11.30am**

Our confirmation programme will be starting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in Alexander House (There will be an introductory session for parents on the same night at 8.00pm) in Alexander House. Application forms are available from the sacristy and can also be downloaded from our website.

**RCIA**

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

**'A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE'**

An 8-part programme begins this Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 7:30-9.00pm in Alexander House. Monthly sessions include - a dvd, small group discussion and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to buy the student pack which accompanies with the programme, for £13.25. For more information or to register and order your student pack please email: [christinedeigratia@gmail.com](mailto:christinedeigratia@gmail.com) or text 07799 290038 / pick up a flyer from the church.

**SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS'**

There are posters in the porch giving details of some forthcoming open days for Richard Challoner New Malden, Holy Cross New Malden and St. Catherine's Twickenham.

**'A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS – LATIN SPIRIT'**

This years 'A Night Under The Stars' event, organised by the passage, is called 'Latin Spirit'. This is an annual gala concert held in aid of victoria based charity. They work to combat homelessness and it's causes. The 2014 concert will have a distinctly Latin flavour, whilst also drawing on the concert's regular mix of popular classical music, virtuoso performers and star presenters that attract sell-out audiences at Southbank Centre's 2,500-seater Royal Festival Hall. The concert will include pieces by Bizet, Saint-Saen, Rodrigo and Ravel. For more information [www.anightunderthestars.co.uk](http://www.anightunderthestars.co.uk)

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED IF THERE IS A WAY TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN ENJOY THE MASS MORE?**

Come along on Sunday 19th October to Alexander House after the 9.30am Family Mass to explore some ideas with Lisette Blanchet Ball, Co-ordinator for Marriage & Family Life, South-East Area of Southwark Diocese. If you would like to attend please email Subash and Dymphna at [de\\_menezes@talktalk.net](mailto:de_menezes@talktalk.net) or text mobile 07775163693, so we have an idea of numbers.

**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.

Today we celebrate the anniversary of the Consecration of Our Church, which took place in 2012. The Consecration of the church is the most solemn occasion in the history of the building - on that day the bishop anoints the walls with chrism, one of the Holy Oils that are blessed during Holy Week at the Cathedral, in twelve places. These are marked by the twelve small brass Consecration Crosses that can be seen around the Church. A candle is then lit beneath these, which is also lit each year on the anniversary and on other great feast days. On the reverse side of the crosses, hidden from view, are inscribed the names of the twelve apostles. At the same time the Altar was also anointed with chrism and the beneath it were placed some relics of St. Philip Howard, one of the Forty Martyrs of England & Wales. This reminds us that at the time of the early church Mass was said in secret over the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs in Rome. The top of the altar is inscribed with five small crosses which symbolise the five wounds of Our Lord.

Tomorrow, the 29<sup>th</sup> September, we celebrate the feast of our patron St. Raphael. The name Raphael means 'God heals' 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, in which he acts as a guide for the young Tobias on his journey to Media. On his return, he instructs Tobias on how to cure his father, Tobit, of his blindness. Only then does he reveal his true identity-

*'I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand ever ready to enter the presence of the glory of the Lord.'*

St. Raphael's healing ministry is not limited to illness and injury – he also protects travellers and defends people from the attacks of demons who inflict physical, mental and emotional harm.

**Prayer to St. Raphael**

*O God, who gave your servant Tobias the Holy Archangel St. Raphael for a companion and guide on his journey, grant that during our earthly pilgrimage, we may always be protected by his watchful care and strengthened by his help.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**DIVINE MERCY DAY OF INTERCESSION**

On Saturday 4th October there is to be a Day of Prayer (9.30am-3.45pm) for the peace of Syria, Iraq and the Middle East at Westminster Cathedral. The preacher at the 10.30am Solemn Mass will be the Maronite Archbishop Nassar of Damascus. Everyone is welcome.

**BUY THEM EARLY! SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS**

Today Our Repository will be holding a Sale of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Christmas Gifts in Alexander House after All Masses. Please drop in and buy some Christian cards, calendars and gifts.  
All proceeds will go to Church funds.