



# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Family Mass Frank Ford RIP  
11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Adela Balinska RIP

### 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January St. Agnes  
10.00am Anne Dirks  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January St. Vincent  
10.00am Krysia Dabrowka RIP  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Feria in Ordinary Time  
12.00 noon Pat McCarthy RIP  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January St. Francis de Sales  
10.00am Peter Freeman  
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January The Conversion of St. Paul  
10.00am Mabel Ezechial RIP  
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January SS. Timothy & Titus  
10.00am Kate Freeman

## 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Family Mass Missa Pro Populo  
11.30am Mass with Hymns Kristiaan Cornor-Muroe RIP  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Bill Woolliscroft RIP

### 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

## CONFIRMATION-

The next session will be next Sunday at 6.00pm in Alexander House.

## 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES -

Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House.

## SUNDAY ROSARY & BENEDICTION -

today at 4.00pm

## THURSDAY EXPOSITION -

After Mass on Thursday concluding with Benediction at 12.noon.

## R.C.I.A. -

Thursday at 8.00pm in the Library.

## TEA & COFFEE

There is Tea & Coffee in the hall after the morning Masses today and after the 12.00noon Mass on Wednesday. Please join us and say hello.

## 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. If you are calling on behalf of someone in the hospital please call the hospital main switchboard: 0208 546 7711. The Switchboard will contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain.

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

## OUR PARISH LIBRARY -

Is open today after the Sunday morning Masses. If you wish to use the library during the week or have any other enquiries please contact Jennie our Parish Librarian ([jenniec2210@gmail.com](mailto:jenniec2210@gmail.com), 07463 894901) and she will be happy to help. Please note the Library will not be open next Sunday.



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

- S. W. RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- Anne Sheridan's Intentions

The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- R.C. RIP



The Rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

## CONFESSIONS

Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

## THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS -

£652.32 loose + £459.22 Gift Aid = £1,111.54. Plus £293.52 for SPUC The Crib Offerings this year amounted to £1,015.92 (including Gift Aid). A cheque for this amount has been sent to the Good Counsel Network.



## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Rated Good by Ofsted



On Friday we celebrate the feast of the 'Conversion of Saint Paul'. Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all that Jesus stood for. He began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, He handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal - being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Saviour.

One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfilment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to tirelessly proclaim and live out of the message of the cross - Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ. They are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

Saint Paul teaches that the love of God is being poured into our hearts through this Spirit. It is the source of all love and it creates a bond between God and us - like children bound to a father. The Holy Spirit not only establishes our relationship with the Father, but helps us to live faithfully within that relationship. It is through the Holy Spirit that we can live in love with all people.

What does it mean to live a moral Christian life? Paul thought deeply about this question. He was raised as a faithful Jew, raised to believe that following the strict moral code of the Jewish faith was the way to salvation. Paul believed "... the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good." (Romans 7:12.) What Paul realized, however, was that because we are weakened by the sin of Adam and Eve, it was impossible for us to reconnect our relationship with God through our efforts alone.

After his experience with Jesus on the road to Damascus, Saint Paul realized that he was not alone on the road to salvation. Jesus Christ has already accomplished salvation for us. In faith and Baptism, Christians receive the grace of the Holy Spirit, who is our constant guide. The Holy Spirit helps us to live in relationship with God and all others.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the Parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am – 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form to attend the course.

### **CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS**

'A Royal Walk', Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm. A walk exploring the history of the Royal Family and Catholicism, through St. James' Park and on to Buckingham Palace. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria. Go to <http://www.catholichistorywalks.com> for a full list of walks and more information.

### **DO YOU HAVE ANY CARDBOARD TUBES?**

- the type of thing you find in the centre of rolls of wrapping paper – about 60cms long? If so the person who kindly washes and presses our Altar Cloths would appreciate them to roll the freshly laundered cloths. Please hand any in to the Sacristy or Parish Office. Thank you.

### **LOVE HEALS - BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY**

A one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January at The Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. The day will begin with Rosary at 11.00am followed by Latin Mass, a talk, Meditation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Healing Prayers - Praise & Worship. The afternoon concludes at 5.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch – tea & coffee provided.

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP – NEXT SUNDAY 27 JANUARY**

We kick off the new series of Theology on Tap talks next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm. Peter D Williams is a prominent Catholic speaker and apologist. He regularly presents the case for Catholic Christianity in public debates with representatives of other religions and none. He will speak to us about "Answering Atheism: Why We Can Know The God Who Is". Come along to be challenged, inspired and interested! Drinks and snacks will be served as soon as the 5pm Mass ends. We will conclude by 8pm.

### **THE DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TRIDUUM**

During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the National Catholic Shrine at Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer - as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020.

The statue will be at our Cathedral – St. George's from the 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> February. For more information please go to [www.dowrytour.org.uk](http://www.dowrytour.org.uk)

### **NEW LIGHTING FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We intend to have some extra lights installed to spotlight our beautiful set of Stations of the Cross. These lights will be added to the existing lighting tracks concealed in the roof beams and therefore, will not require any additional wiring. The total cost of the new lights will be £4000.00. £1000.00 has already generously been pledged, if anyone would like make a donation towards the outstanding £3000.00 balance - please speak to Fr. Michael or the Parish Office.