



## St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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

9.30am Family Mass **Norma Tonini RIP**  
11.30am Mass with Hymns **Kristiaan Cornor-Muroe RIP**  
5.00pm Quiet Mass **Bill Woolliscroft RIP**

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

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January St. Thomas Aquinas  
10.00am Mary Kate & Frank Lynch RIP  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January Feria in Ordinary Time  
10.00am Roger Fall RIP  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January Feria in Ordinary Time  
12.00 noon Phyllis McGarry RIP  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January St. John Bosco  
10.00am Morris Powell  
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February Feria in Ordinary Time  
10.00am Peter Fox RIP  
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas  
10.00am Peter Fox RIP

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Family Mass **Ena O'Sullivan RIP**  
11.30am Mass with Hymns **Sydney Cudmer RIP**  
5.00pm Quiet Mass **Missa Pro Populo**

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

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

### CONFIRMATION-

The next session will be this evening 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 12.00pm.

### 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 -

Please note the Parish Library will be open today after the 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.



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

- *MH-Welfare*

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- *The Holy Souls*

The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- *In Thanksgiving*



### CONFESSIONS

Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

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

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection £708.28 loose plus £331.00 Gift Aid = £1,039.28



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

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

Tel. 020 8546 7178 E.mail [office@stjosephs.rbksch.org](mailto:office@stjosephs.rbksch.org) Web. [www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk)

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Rated Good by Ofsted

On Saturday we celebrate the Presentation of The Lord - Candlemas Day. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, as prescribed by the Jewish Law, for the rites of purification and dedication. The Gospel tells us "When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Him up to Jerusalem, so that He could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord'" (Lk 2:22-23). The verb "to present" also means to "offer" - which evokes Jesus being presented as the priest who will offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice to free us from the slavery of sin, seal the new and eternal covenant with His blood and open the gates to the true promised land of heaven. Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the Messiah, was inspired to come to the temple. He held the baby Jesus in his arms and prayed, "Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see - a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel" (Lk 2:29-32). Simeon, thereby, announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the gentile - not just the righteous, but the sinner. So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Saviour. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas." As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. At the font we were dedicated to God and reborn in Christ. We, too, received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest said, "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Therefore, as a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ. Also, we must realize that we, too, will be "a sign that will be opposed," especially on issues of the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family.

### **VACANCIES AT THE CENTRE**

#### **FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION IN TOOTING BEC**

##### **2 part-time Resource Assistants**

Resource Assistants will seek to revitalise and run the bookshop as well as developing online sales via the centre website. They will also promote the resources on offer at the CCF both through print and social media. In addition, they will help to organise and run events.

##### **Adviser for Catechesis and Adult Formation in Kent**

The job will involve planning and organising specific conferences/events and courses for Kent parish or deanery clergy, catechists and others involved in parish ministry - assisting in teaching/delivery of specific courses, working closely with local clergy to encourage the appointment and formation of local catechists and co-ordinators of particular areas of catechesis (eg RCIA). Advising on materials and resources for RCIA, catechesis and adult formation, participating in and contributing to CCF Study and Prayer Days, building good relationships with other diocesan agencies and ecumenical and inter religious relationships. The ideal candidate will be a practising Catholic with previous experience in catechesis and/or adult formation. He/she will have previous experience in the design and delivery of educational materials and have outstanding communication skills at all levels. A good working knowledge of Microsoft Office is essential. This is a full time role which will include working some evenings and weekends. Salary range - £30,000 to £35,000 pa depending on skills and experience. Closing date for applications is Friday 1st February.

If you would like to apply for any of these posts please email your CV, together with a covering letter, to Sarah Wood, HR Manager. Email: [sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk).

If you would like an informal chat and a visit to the Centre for Catholic Formation, please contact the Director, Mark Nash, by email [marknash@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:marknash@rcaos.org.uk) Copies of these job descriptions can be found at [www.ccfootingbec.org.uk/jobs](http://www.ccfootingbec.org.uk/jobs).

### **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.

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP – TONIGHT AT 6.00PM**

We kick off the new series of Theology on Tap talks this evening 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.

### **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. £2,100.00 has already generously been pledged, if anyone would like make a donation towards the outstanding £1,900.00 balance - please speak to Fr. Michael.

### **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.

### **JUMBLE SALE**

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, after all Masses, there will be a 'Jumble Sale' in Alexander House to help Molly O'Callaghan raise money for her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Donations would be gratefully accepted (large or small) after all Masses on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Items can also be dropped off between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> however you must telephone the Parish Office in advance to arrange this. Please come along on the 17<sup>th</sup> and buy some lovely items for yourself, friends and family. Great things, great prices! Any queries, speak to Molly on 07889545658.

**Please note the Parish Office is closed  
until Friday 8th February**