



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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3rd February 2019 – 4th 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

Monday 4 th February	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Nora Quinn RIP
Tuesday 5 th February	St. Agatha
10.00am	Peter Fox RIP
Wednesday 6 th February	St. Paul Miki and Companion martyrs
12.00 noon	Patrick Flynn RIP
Thursday 7 th February	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Declan Dixon
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.	
Friday 8 th February	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Brigitta Ezechial RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 9 th February	Our Lady
10.00am	The Barlow Family

10th February 2019 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Family Mass Patricia van der Linden RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan 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 next Sunday at 6.00pm in Alexander House.

1st 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 12.00 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 –

Our Parish Library is open after Mass on Sunday mornings. If you wish to use the library during the week or have any other enquiries please contact Jennie our Parish Librarian (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

- Ena O'Sullivan RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- The Holy Souls

The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- A special request



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.



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 Web. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

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

Head teacher – Mrs Sarah Keefe

Rated Good by Ofsted

In St. Luke's gospel reading today we hear an account of when Jesus began His public ministry preaching in the synagogues of Nazareth and Capernaum. The people spoke highly of Him and were amazed at His gracious words. However, things changed quickly when he began to challenge their ideas and convictions. They knew they were the chosen people and to be given the stories of the prophets Elijah and Elisha going outside to pagan peoples to work the wonders of God was not pleasant to their hearing. Jesus had gone beyond what they wanted to hear. Jesus was speaking a universal message from God - salvation for all. By the time St. Luke was writing his gospel, Christianity was beginning to spread beyond the narrow confines of the Jewish world.

St. Cyril of Alexandria, the great church father of the fourth century who commented extensively on St. Luke's gospel - said that those who heard Jesus speak treated his words as worthless. When we hear words pleasing to us, we accept them, but when they disturb our consciences we might well dismiss them as worthless. The gospel is a great word of consolation and refreshment, but it can also be harsh and demanding, as Jesus himself could be harsh and demanding. The people in the synagogue were so upset they wanted to drive Jesus over the edge of a cliff, but His time had not yet come.

When we listen to the gospel, it is good to do so with an open heart and mind. The Church will guide us and teach us. The Holy Spirit will instruct us in all things and help us discern how to respond to the gospel in our lives. The one thing we do not want to do is to push Jesus to the edge of the cliff or regard his teaching as worthless. Jesus' teaching consoles us - for it is a gospel of love and mercy, peace and reconciliation. It is also a gospel which says "come, follow me," a gospel which calls for a conversion of heart and change in the way we live.

VACANCY –

TEAM SECRETARY MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

The Southwark Metropolitan Marriage Tribunal is responsible for managing applications for marriage annulment for the Diocese of Southwark. The administration team prepares all of the applications prior to them going to judgment before the Judicial Vicar / Presiding Judge. We are now looking for a new secretary to join this team.

Based at the Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting Bec, this post will gather together all necessary documentation, interview relevant parties and prepare documentation for the Judicial Vicar / Presiding Judge. The ideal candidate will have excellent secretarial/administrative experience and be highly competent with IT (Microsoft Office). He/she will have good communication skills, especially in client interviews when a sensitive and empathetic approach to clients is required. An ability to work on your own initiative and some knowledge of the workings of the Catholic Church is also essential. 0900 – 1700 Monday to Friday. Salary range £23,000pa - £25,000pa depending on skills and experience. To apply please email a copy of your CV to sarah.wood@rcaos.org.uk by 8th February.

JUMBLE SALE

On Sunday 17th 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 10th February. Items can also be dropped off between Monday 11th – Friday 15th but you will need to telephone the Parish Office in advance to arrange this. Please come along on the 17th and buy some lovely items for yourself, friends and family. Great things, great prices! Any queries, speak to Molly on 07889545658.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

A fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady at Knock, departing on the 16th March. £599.00 per person based on two persons sharing. For more information contact: Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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 9th March from 10.00am – 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form to attend the course.

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 to make a donation towards the outstanding £1,900.00 balance - please speak to Fr. Michael.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERNSHIP SCHEME

'Faith in Politics' is a Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs internship scheme, which was started in 2003. It provides up to eight recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political / social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy and social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD, and CSAN. All the internships also involve individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year. Each intern will take part in the first year of a part-time Master's Degree in Catholic Social Teaching at St Mary's University, Twickenham. At the end of which they will gain a Postgraduate Certificate, with the option of completing the second year. Additionally, the interns explore the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events, trips abroad - including a week in Rome. The group will live at More House in Kensington and at the end of the year will become part of a network of over 100 intern alumni. For more information go to <http://faithinpolitics.org.uk> Closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Thursday 28th February.

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