

# St. Raphael's Church

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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 surbiton@rcaos.org.uk Web. www.straphaelsurbiton.org.uk

12.00noon

17th March 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Family Mass **Denis Curtin RIP** Missa Pro Populo 11.30am Mass with Hymns 5.00pm Quiet Mass **Bob Gilmour RIP** 

#### 4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 18th March Lenten Feria (St. Cyril of Jerusalem) Memorial Mass for Maureen Houghton RIP 12.00noon

Tuesday 19th March St. Joseph Mass on Monday at 10.00am Iacob Ezechial RIP

Wednesday 20th March Lenten Feria The O'Sullivan and McHugh family 12.00 noon Thursday 21st March Lenten Feria (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Enzo Cairoli 10.00am

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the

priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.

Friday 22nd March Lenten Feria 10.00am Briggeta Ezechial RIP

Followed by Stations of the Cross

(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Lenten Feria 10.00am Poalo RIP

> 24th March 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Lent (C) 9.30am Family Mass Cafie Kellman

11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo 5.00pm Quiet Mass Jose Barros RIP

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

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

The Sanctuary Lamps this week are burning for

- Vocations to the priesthood

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- Victims of knife crime

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

- Maureen Houghton RIP

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

> Thank you for last Sunday's Collection £768.75 loose + £369.00 Gift Aid = £1,137.75



The Rosary is recited daily

in the Church Monday -

Saturday before Mass.

# 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

#### 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 -

Saturdays at 10.30am in Alexander House.

#### **THURSDAY EXPOSITION -**

After Mass on Thursdays concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon.

#### R.C.I.A. -

Thursdays at 8.00pm in the Library.

#### **TEA AND COFFEE -**

There is Tea and Coffee in the hall after the morning Masses today. During Lent our tea and coffee on a Wednesday will be replaced by a Lenten Lunch of soup and a bread roll in aid of Lenten Project suggested donation £5.00.

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.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

# **Maureen Houghton RIP**

who died recently. Maureen's funeral took place at Whitehaven in Cumbria last week. There will be a memorial Mass for her here, at St. Raphael's this Monday 18th March at 12.00noon. Followed by light refreshments in the Hall.

(Parking is available in the TA Centre next to the Church for those attending).

May She Rest in Peace



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



There will be Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent at 4.00pm and on Friday mornings following the 10.00am Mass.

#### **LENTEN PROJECT**

This year's selected charity is 'Christian Blind Mission' (CBM). Every day, women, men and children in poor communities go blind because of diseases or avoidable conditions. CBM prevents blindness and restores sight in the poorest places of the world by tackling eye diseases, training doctors, health care workers and carrying out sight-restoring surgeries. We have already arranged a number of fundraising events which we hope will encourage people to support the project.

# **Today** - Céad Míle Fáilte

All are welcome to celebrate St Patrick's Day at Margaret Dixon's home, 40 Fassett Road, for Irish coffee & homemade Irish treats from 11.00am till 2.00pm.

# Next Saturday - Children's Film afternoon.

Paddington 2 - £5.00 includes film, popcorn & ice cream. Tickets on sale on the door or in the hall, today after morning Masses or from the Sacristy after the 5.00pm Mass. Also available from the Parish Office. (Children must be accompanied by an adult).

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Flowers. More details to follow.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Lent Concert – The Merbeck Choir 'Miserere - From Allegri to Macmillan'.

At 7.30pm - we look forward to welcoming the Merbecke Choir of Southwark Cathedral, who will sing a concert of choral settings of "Miserere", ranging from the ancient (including Allegri's famous arrangement) to the modern (including a composition by James Macmillan, who composed much of the music for the Papal Visit in 2010). Tickets are £6 and can be reserved by emailing the Parish Office on surbiton@rcaos.org.uk or purchased on the door. All profits will go to the Lenten Project.

# Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Cake Sale.

In the Hall after the morning Masses – buy a cake for your mother on Mother's Day!

**Sunday 14**<sup>th</sup> **April –** "The Turin Shroud and St. Raphael's Church". As we enter Holy Week, local historian David Kennedy will give us a talk on the Turin Shroud, 6.00pm. A glass of wine & nibbles followed by the talk at 6.30pm - a suggested donation of £5.00.

## Every Wednesday - Soup Lunch.

Following the 12noon Mass on Wednesdays, we shall have a simple lunch of bread and soup in the Hall. Suggested donation of £5.00.

#### Bicycle for sale

Someone has very kindly donated a good as new ladies bicycle. The bicycle can be seen in the welcome area in the hall. Offers in the region of £50. Contact Michael in the Parish Office for more information.

If anyone has any ideas about an event they would like to organise and run in aid of the project, please speak to Fr. Michael or the Parish Office.

#### Totals to date

Collection on Ash Wednesday	£ 435.33
Soup lunch (to date)	£ 147.00
Adult film night	£ 228.00
Boxes (to date)	£ 12.61
	£ 822.94

Thank you to all who have helped run and support these events.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP - FR DAVID HOWELL - 31st MARCH.

To give our next talk, we are delighted to welcome Fr. David Howell, a former parishioner of St. Raphael's known by many in the congregation and now Assistant Priest at St. Saviour's, Lewisham. Fr. David will speak on "Male and Female He Created Them: Pope St. John Paul II's reflection on gender". As usual, the evening begins at 6pm with drinks and nibbles, with the talk commencing soon afterwards. We will conclude by 8pm.

We have a selection of Mother's Day Cards for sale in the Card stand by the repository in the Hall.



On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called.

St. Luke often describes Jesus at prayer, he also indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and talking to Elijah and Moses. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. The disciples keep silent about what they have seen. It is not until they also witness his Passion and death that they understand the significance of the Transfiguration.

We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, however we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

#### **GIFT AID BOXES**

If you are member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use envelopes, please collect your new set of envelopes after Mass today.

## Vacancy - Nursery Manager: Our Lady's Nursery, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Thames Ditton.

Term-time only. Deadline for applications: April 5<sup>th</sup> for more information Contact: info@olnursery.org.uk.