



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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12th May 2019 - 4th Sunday of Easter (C)

9.30am Family Mass The Cairoli Family

11.30am Mass with Hymns Peter Ho

5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima
 10.00am Jannett Hammerton Fraser & family RIP
 Tuesday 14th May St. Matthias
 10.00am Maria Logue & family
 Wednesday 15th May Feria in Eastertide
 12.00noon Mark Dixon
 Thursday 16th May St. Simon Stock - Latin Mass - Novus Ordo
 10.00am Vernon Freeman
 Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.
 Friday 17th May Feria in Eastertide
 10.00am Eleanor Hannon & family
 (A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)
 Saturday 18th May Pope St. John I
 10.00am Kitty Fox

19th May 2019 - 5th Sunday of Easter (C)

9.30am Family Mass Denis Curtin RIP

11.30am Mass with Hymns Intentions of the Hannon family

5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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

- Vocations to the Priesthood

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- All Priests

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

CONFIRMATION-

The next session will today 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 12.00noon.

TEA AND COFFEE -

There is Tea and Coffee in the hall after the morning Masses today and after the midday 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.

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection
£732.21 loose & £532.95 Gift Aid = £1,265.16

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and we welcome Deacon Peter back to the Parish to preach at all Masses about Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. There will be the annual 2nd Collection for Ecclesiastical Education which helps to pay for the training of our Priests.

THEOLOGY ON TAP -

FR. JULIAN SHURGOLD - 26th MAY

Following his popular talk last year, we are delighted that Fr. Julian will return to Theology on Tap on next Sunday to speak about "The Crusades and the Inquisition: were they all bad?". As always, the evening will start at 6pm and finish by 8pm, with the talk itself starting by 6.30pm. Drinks and light snacks will be served.

FAITH, BELIEF AND BELONGING

A series of talks at All Saints Church, Kingston. Thursday 23rd May 6.00pm - 7.15pm Rabbi Gabriel Webber from Leo Baeck Collage and Dr. Sarah Mehdi from the Huda Surrey Islamic Centre. No ticket or booking required. Contact Louise Walton on 8 417 2940 or faith@kingston.ac.uk For more information.

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

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

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Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything. He did not let suffering, persecution, rejection and the like deter Him from His responsibility of caring for us in a total and complete way. It should inspire us, console us and encourage us to know how deep His love for us really is.

This love is seen, also, in the unwavering love of a parent, sibling, or dear friend. When the love one offers us is unwavering, especially in difficult times, this is a great support. Also love offered to another like this forges a deep spiritual bond that is stronger than any hardship we may face. No matter what "wolf" comes our way, we must know of the unwavering support of the Divine Shepherd and when we can see that love made manifest in the unwavering support of others, we are doubly blessed.

But the contrast should not be ignored either. Jesus gives the example of "a hired man who is not a shepherd" who sees the wolf coming and runs. We should see in this hired man the temptation we all inevitably face in life. It's hard to stick with it through the hard times. It's hard to be there for those who need us when they need us. It's hard to be faithful in all things and to never shy away in the face of the temptation of fear.

Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another.

How well do we imitate the Good Shepherd? Where we are lacking, let Him shepherd us so that we may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for us.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also day of prayer for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and today we also pray for our priests. Through life in the parish, the priest is present to people at different moments in the journey of faith: the joy of baptism and marriage, the high points of first Holy Communion and Confirmation, the sadness of sickness and suffering, the shock of tragedy, the grief of death and in the daily routine of everyday life. The Good Shepherd invites the priest to carry the wounded lamb on his shoulder and to model his life on Christ's own life, especially by carrying the cross.

A priest has a wonderful and challenging vocation – to stand between heaven and earth, to bring us the life of God, the forgiveness of God and the capacity to renew our lives. As every priest does this standing at the altar he is aware of his own unworthiness and that is why he and we at the beginning of Mass confess our unworthiness before listening to the Word of God and receiving the gifts, which will become the Body and Blood of Christ, given that we may be transformed.

God's love and goodness is constant. Our priests make that love constantly present and bring us to meet face to face with God so that we can do so humbly, yet joyfully and with trust.

Christ is the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us. He knows us. May we always know him more and more so that he will be light for our personal journey, a love that is unique for each of us. For this we thank and praise him, the cornerstone of our faith and of our life.

OUR LENTEN PROJECT - 'Christian Blind Mission'

If you took home one of the small collection boxes at the beginning of Lent, please note today is the final deadline to return them.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If so, you are invited to St George's Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday July 13th for a special Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony, with refreshments afterwards. Places are limited so make sure of your personal invitation from the Archbishop by emailing mflsw@rcaos.org.uk. We need to know your full names, address, phone number, parish and the special anniversary you are celebrating this year: anyone celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ qualifies. Close family are welcome to come with you.

26TH MAY - BEDDING PLANT SALE

There will be a sale of bedding plants at the church after all the morning masses on Sunday 26th May. 10% of all profits will be donated to church funds. Plants include - Ivy Leaf Geraniums, Zonal Geraniums, Calibrachia, Verbena, Felicia, Bacopa Fuchsia and various vegetable plants – all at very reasonable prices!

JUMBLE SALE – NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

Molly O'Callaghan will be holding a jumble sale after the morning masses next Sunday to raise money for her trip to Nepal as part of her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please come along and bag a bargain!

Congratulations to Benedict who was Baptised recently. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.

Congratulations and best wishes to Jemima & Shaun who were married here recently. May the Lord bless them as they begin their married lives together.

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE

David Kennedy gave a talk on the Turin Shroud and St. Raphael's Church on Palm Sunday in Alexander House. If you missed it, it is now available to read on his website www.kingstonhistoryresearch.co.uk

The talk he gave last year on our Founder Alexander Raphael and a paper he wrote about the early Catholic Mission in Kingston are also available there.

MARY'S MEALS BACKPACKS

Last year we had a very successful backpack appeal for Mary's Meals, packing a total of 70 backpacks. We are doing the same thing again this year; hopefully we will be just as successful. The cost of sponsoring a backpack and its contents is only £20.00. This includes items such as - pencils, pens, notebook, ruler etc. A dress / shorts t-shirt, a towel, soap etc. All basic items that will raise the self esteem of children in third world countries enabling them to attend school where they will receive a daily meal and an education. To find out more about "Mary's Meals" visit their website at www.marysmeals.org. If anyone would like to support this project, please contact Kate by the end of May on kate.freeman@live.com or 07757 031 310.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

St. Joseph's our Catholic Primary School will have a vacancy in September for a governor who has some financial experience. Being a governor at our lovely, thriving primary school is a great honour and very rewarding. There are already a number of governors who are parishioners who play a vital role as we build on the marvellous OFSTED report that we received this term. We are on a journey to excellence. If you think that you have the time for this wonderful opportunity and would like to know more, please get in touch. Tom Morrell (Chair of Governors - tmorrell1@stjosephs.rbksch.org; Tel 07891 768877)