



St. Raphael's Church

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15th September 2019 - 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Family Mass

11.30am Mass with Hymns

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Luigine Cairolì

Missa Pro Populo

Bridget Gallagher RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 16th September SS. Cornelius & Cyprian

10.00am John & Mary Savile RIP

4.30pm Deanery Education Mass

Tue. 17th September Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Camille Baudonne RIP

Wed. 18th September NO MASS TODAY

- PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WEST GRINSTEAD

Thu. 19th September Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass Novus Ordo)

10.00am Denis Curtin RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.

Fri. 20th September SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang & Companions

10.00am Teresa Donaldson RIP

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

Sat. 21st September St. Matthew

10.00am Maria Moth

22nd September 2019 - 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Family Mass

11.30am Mass with Hymns

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Lina Cairolì

Charlie David Gardiner

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sundays during the 9.30am Mass.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If your child will be in Year Three or above in the Autumn term, they are eligible to join the First Holy Communion Course which starts in late September. The Course runs on Saturday mornings during term time and the First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 17th May 2020. Application forms are available in the Sacristy today. If you have any queries please speak to the catechists, Ginette Howell and Kate Freeman.

Please note the final date for ALL application forms to be returned is 22nd September - NEXT SUNDAY!

There will be an important meeting on Monday 30th September at 7.00pm in the Hall - all parents of children who have registered for 1st Holy Communion must attend.

TEA AND COFFEE

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

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.

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
& 4.00pm on Sundays



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A READER AT MASS? - Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to be a Minister of the Word/Reader at Mass? If so, please give your details to the Parish Office. Training & support will be given.

TALK FOR READERS AND POTENTIAL READERS - There will be a talk and Catechesis on the Word on Sunday 13th October at 6.00pm - for 6.30pm start in Alexander House. The talk is open to all parishioners.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? COURSE FOR NON-CATHOLICS AND ADULT CATHOLICS SEEKING CONFIRMATION.

The course for adult non-Catholics who want to know more about the Catholic faith or who would like to become Catholics - begins on Thursday, 10th October at 8.00pm in Alexander House. This course is also for adult Catholics who are seeking the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. This is a very friendly group - you go at your own pace, with no expectation that in joining the group you will become a Catholic. You can leave the course at any time. The course is free of charge, though it is recommended that you buy some key books. Please contact Fr. Michael for more details.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

£642.45 loose + £318.00 Gift Aid = £960.45

Plus £231.46 for The Catholic Education Service.

There will be a 2nd collection today for 'Home Mission Sunday'.



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 today's Gospel, we hear three parables about losing, finding and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. The Pharisees and scribes complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables -

The shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep and rejoices when he finds it. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to The Prodigal Son. Like the other two, this story is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the centre of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his inheritance and squanders the money - the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father, he has obeyed him – but perhaps not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extends to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God does not wait for our return, he actively seeks us out - and when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16th September

Deanery School's Education Mass

The Annual Deanery Mass for those who work in Catholic Education will take place here at St. Raphael's tomorrow 16th September at 4.30pm followed by refreshments in Alexander House. All teachers, classroom assistants, school governors and all those who have any connection with our Catholic Schools are most welcome to attend. (Parking is available for the Mass in the TA Centre)

Wednesday 18th September

Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of

Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead.

There are still a couple of places available on our pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead on this coming Wednesday 18th September. We would aim to leave St. Raphael's at 9.30am to arrive at the shrine in time for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.30am followed by Mass at 12.00noon. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided by the shrine. The total cost is £20.00 this includes the coach fee and a donation to the shrine.

Please telephone Michael in the Parish Office to book.

Saturday 21st September – next Saturday

Parish open Day from 12.00noon - 4.00pm

Guided tours will be available as part of the National Heritage Open Day Scheme.

Sunday 29th September

'Theology on Tap'.

The next series of talks begins with Fr. Michael who will speak on the subject of "Pope Benedict's 'Verbum Domini' in the light of The Year of the Word". In the Diocese, from October, we will have a special focus on Scripture and its place in our prayers and in our lives. All are welcome to the talk, starting at 6.30pm. and ending by 8.00pm.

Thursday 3rd October

We welcome back the sisters of St. Elizabeth's Convent to the parish for another concert – more details to follow.

Sunday 20th October

Farwell to Fr. Julian.

On Sunday 20th October, Fr. Julian who was 'Also Resident' in the parish for the last two years will return and celebrate the 11.30am Mass. This will be followed by a celebration and presentation to him after Mass – more details to follow.

Sunday 20th October

Following the 5.00pm Mass there will be a musical evening in the hall to raise money for 'Life'. Admission is free, however there will be a collection in aid of 'Life' at the end.

Sunday 27th October

'Theology on Tap'.

We are honoured to welcome Archbishop Emeritus – Kevin McDonald to the Parish. Archbishop Kevin will celebrate the 5.00pm Mass then give our October talk on the subject of "The Church and other Religions"

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

You are invited to a celebration of your marriage. However long you have been married, come along to St Columba's, Selsdon, South Croydon, from 9.45am till 4.30pm on Saturday 28 September. The day is for couples, whether one or both are Catholics, with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. Booking is essential: phone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from October 18-20 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more information phone 01322 838415 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

The Archbishop invites all catechists to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 28th September at St George's Cathedral. This Day is for all the Catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. If you would like to attend, please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY

The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection which enables them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. For more information please visit www.homemission.org.uk