



St. Raphael's Church

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

9.30am Family Mass

Lina Cairolì

11.30am Mass with Hymns

Charlie David Gardiner

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 23rd September St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

10.00am Marie Garvey

Tue. 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am Helen and John Bridges

Wed. 25th September Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am James Logue RIP

Thu. 26th September Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass Novus Ordo)

10.00am Peter Sillem RIP

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

Fri. 27th September St. Vincent de Paul

10.00am Hilda Barlow RIP

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

Sat. 28th September The Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Raphael's Church

10.00am Mary Sebastian RIP

29th September 2019 - SS Raphael, Michael Gabriel (C)

9.30am Family Mass

Alexander Raphael RIP

11.30am Mass with Hymns

Gracia Meta Wetou

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note next Sunday is our Patronal feast Day which is kept as a Parish Solemnity and therefore takes precedence over the ordinary Sunday cycle.

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.

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.

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 that today is the final date for ALL application forms to be returned.

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



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

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, however it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favour for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put before money.

BLESSED WILLIAM WAY

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the martyrdom of Blessed William Way, a priest who was martyred for the Catholic faith here in Kingston. He was born in the West Country in the early 16th Century. He was ordained a priest in France on the 18 September 1586. On the 9th December 1586 he set out for England to work as a priest amongst the persecuted Catholics here in this country. In June 1587, he was imprisoned in London. After being tried for being a Catholic Priest he was hung, drawn and quartered in our town on the 23rd September 1588. He was beatified by Pope Pius XI on the 15th December 1929

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

At 7.30pm on the evening of Thursday 3rd of October we welcome the Sisters of St Elisabeth's Convent, a Russian Orthodox community in Minsk, Belarus, to the parish for a concert of music from The Orthodox Divine Liturgy - as well as Russian and Belarusian traditional folk songs.

The concert is free however there will be collection at the end of the evening to support the sisters' work. St Elisabeth's Convent is named after the Holy Martyr Grand Princess Elisabeth and was founded in 1999. The convent currently numbers just under 400 nuns and sisters of mercy. Taking up the ministry of their patron saint, the sisters of the convent provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. They care for some 200 orphaned children with psychophysical difficulties - who they try to rehabilitate and raise in an atmosphere of love and mercy. They run a shelter for 180 people who have been led astray by the rough and tumble of life - the homeless, drug and alcohol dependants, ex-prisoners and the less able. They also run a shelter for women - ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged. To support and develop their ministries, they run more than twenty workshops and studios producing sewing and embroidery, candles, wood-carving, stonework and metal goods - and many more. Some of these beautiful handmade items will be available to purchase in the hall after the concert. Tea & coffee will also be available

Sunday 13th October

There will be a talk for readers and potential readers Sunday 13th October at 6.00pm - for 6.30pm start in Alexander House. The talk is open to all parishioners.

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— 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.

HOLY CROSS PREPARATORY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

George Road, Kingston, KT2 7NU
An independent Catholic girls school for girls aged 4-11 years old
Tuesday 8th October 9.30am - 1200noon. Please see the poster in the porch for more information. If you are unable to attend the open morning or would like further information, please call 0208 942 0729.

SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF AFRICAN VISION MALAWI

From the 29th September Ahu Guray, a parishioner at St Clement's Church in Ewell, will be walking 111km in silence for 5 days along the Camino de Santiago in Spain to support African Vision Malawi. On this spiritual pilgrimage, she will be using her silent time to pray for the needs of the charity, for her donors and for anyone who might wish to send her their private prayer requests. If you would like to donate or find out more information, call Ahu on 07415 401 717 or contribute at:

<https://africanvisionmalawi.charitycheck.co.uk/pf/ahu-camino>

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

£580.56 loose + £369.80 Gift Aid = £950.36

Plus £204.73 for 'Home Mission Sunday'.

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Monday 7th October