



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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12th January 2020 - The Baptism of the Lord (A)

9.30am Sung Mass Ann Cross RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Elizabeth Garry RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 13th January St. Hilary
10.00am In thanksgiving
Tuesday 14th January Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am In thanksgiving for my baptism
Wednesday 15th January Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00 noon Edward Horrocks, Maureen Davis and family
Thursday 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)
10.00am Una Annett
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.
Friday 17th January St. Anthony Abbot
10.00am Ian Lulham
12noon Requiem Mass for Mr Peter Hemy
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are bound to abstain from eating meat)
Saturday 18th January Our Lady
10.00am Claude Seron RIP

19th January 2020 - The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

9.30am Sung Mass Denis Curtin RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Ena O'Sullivan RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

S.P.U.C.

(THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN)

Today, we will have a Second Collection at all Masses on behalf of S.P.U.C. The organisation was founded in 1967 to oppose the abortion bill, being debated in Parliament at the time. The bill would go on to become the 1967 Abortion Act.

Tragically, more than 8.4 million unborn children have lost their lives in Britain because of this Parliamentary Act. Abortion is the biggest killer of children in the world today. S.P.U.C. works to protect human life at the national and local level and to build a society free from abortion.

As well as fighting abortion, they also campaign against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse.

The society aims to affirm, defend and promote the existence and value of human life from the moment of conception - until natural death and to defend and protect that life, whether born or unborn. They base all their work on the principles of natural justice - it is wrong to kill innocent human beings and everyone should be treated equally - that all human beings are people with rights - that children deserve special protection and care and the weakest in society must be protected by the law. Please be as generous as you can.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES -

Saturday at 10.30am. in Alexander House.

SUNDAY ROSARY & BENEDICTION -

Resumes today at 4.00pm.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION -

Resumes this week after Mass.

R.C.I.A. -

Resumes on Monday 13th January in the Library.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE -

This morning after the morning Masses

WEDNESDAY TEA & COFFEE -

There is Tea & Coffee in the hall after the 12.00noon 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 in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION -

£659.77 loose + £255.59 Gift Aid = £915.36



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 Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It is a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany - in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers, as well as the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing - as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form - so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time - reflect today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfil that mission in your own life.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2020

Please note, the diary for Mass intentions for the year is already filling up. If you have any special dates for Masses to be celebrated in 2020, please book them with Michael in the Parish Office A.S.A.P - to avoid disappointment. Masses are booked on a first come first served basis.

A REMINDER FROM ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

The closing date for Primary School applications is 15th January. Supplementary forms for the School can be downloaded from the website at www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be held on this coming Saturday - 18th January from 10.00am – 12.00 noon in Alexander House. To attend the course please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form by Wednesday at the latest.

LONDON S.W. CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

A group for Catholic adults living, working or staying in London to meet for regular social and networking events. Please contact us on our Facebook page or londoncatholicssocial@gmail.com. Our next event is a Mass, Walk and Meal at St Patrick's Church, 21A Soho Square, London W1D 4NR on 19th January at 11 a.m. We aim to visit a different parish church each month, please join us in exploring new parishes and making new friends.

VACANCY

The governors of St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School in Mortlake, London SW14 8HE are looking to recruit a Headteacher to take up post in September 2020. For more information, please go to <https://www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk/> or contact Evelyn Fernandes at admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk for an application pack.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Today, will be your last opportunity to contribute to our crib appeal which this year is going to help support

'The Catholic Children's Society'

This Christmas, our Crib Offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society. The Catholic Children's Society supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. They work with individuals of all faiths and none. Their sole aim is to help those in greatest need.

They help vulnerable children overcome the challenges they face so they can achieve their full potential and have hope for a brighter future. Each year, they support hundreds of children who experience issues such as abuse, neglect, domestic violence and family breakdown.

They operate a Crisis Fund, which provides immediate financial support for families who may be facing a crisis in their lives. This support makes a huge difference to families in desperate situations, when they have nowhere else to turn.

Every single penny donated to the Crib will be distributed to the needy, via these grants.

For more information go to <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>



FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER ROLE WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE

Based at the Finance Office, 59 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JE. Ideally 2 days per week for 6 months however can be flexible.

This role will involve tasks such as organising the legacy gifts files, inputting data onto a CRM database, mail-merging thank you letters, general administration, scanning and filing, helping to organise events, printing and mailing materials, etc. The role brings opportunities for someone to gain experience on how a fundraising department works together with its various component parts. If you would like to apply, please forward your CV - with a cover note explaining why you are interested in this role to Sarah Wood, HR Manager, via email sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk

*The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- Peter Russell's welfare*