



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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5th January 2020 - The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

9.30am Sung Mass

Teresa Phillips RIP

11.30am Mass with Hymns

Vittoria German Morales Sommaruga

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Missa Pro Populo

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

Monday 6th January

Feria of Christmastide

10.00am

Shirley Wright RIP

Tuesday 7th January

Feria of Christmastide

10.00am

Jacinto & Francisca do Rosario RIP

Wednesday 8th January

Feria of Christmastide

12.00 noon

Betty Sullivan RIP

Thursday 9th January

Feria of Christmastide (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

10.00am

The Altar Society

No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today.

Friday 10th January

Feria of Christmastide

10.00am

Dominica Robles RIP

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are bound to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 11th January

Feria of Christmastide

10.00am

Eileen Kelly RIP

12th January 2019 - 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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass - resumes next Sunday.

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES -

Resumes this Saturday at 10.30am.

SUNDAY ROSARY & BENEDICTION -

Resumes next Sunday at 4.00pm.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION -

Resumes next week after Mass.

R.C.I.A. -

Resumes on Monday 13th January in the Library.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE -

Resume next Sunday after the morning Masses

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

*Fr. Michael wishes to thank you for your extremely
generous Christmas Offerings and for your cards, presents
and good wishes.*

*Thanks go to all involved in preparing and playing a
special part in the Christmas Masses.
Happy New Year.*

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be held on 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.

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.

2020 CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES

Unfortunately, there has been a publishing delay. It is hoped that the directories will be available towards the end of January.
new year.



The Rosary is
recited in the
Church
Monday - Saturday
before Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am

4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

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.

THANK YOU FOR THE RECENT SUNDAY COLLECTIONS -

22nd December - £589.70 loose + £279.25 Gift Aid = £868.95

29th December - £657.07 loose + £311.50 Gift Aid = £968.57

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

'On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.' Matthew 2:11

"Epiphany" means manifestation. The "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it is also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, travelling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him. These Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ - he used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us, to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you, it is closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same - adore Him with a complete surrender of our lives. Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honour Him in this threefold way.

Let us reflect today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what we are called to do. We are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah and to do him homage in complete and humble submission.

SPUC (THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN)

Next Sunday, we will have an appeal 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. SPUC 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.

MASS FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FR. AGNELO

All Parishioners especially those with any Goan connections are welcome to a special Mass at 2.00pm on Sunday 19th January at St John Fisher 207 Cannon Hill Lane SW20 7DB to pray for the beatification of Ven. Agnelo followed by refreshments in the hall. Please come along with a plate of food/drink for general sharing. Contact 020 8543 7721 or 020 8540 1249 for further details.

IMPORTANT - SPAM EMAILS - There are Spam email messages being sent from a gmail email address purporting to be from Fr. Michael and also Archbishop John. The email asks recipients to reply as they need a "favor" (American spelling). On a reply the fraudster requests funds in the form of an electronic voucher. Please do not reply to these emails.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Next Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the conclusion of Christmastide, so it will be your last chance 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/>



THE KINGSTON LAUGHTER CLUB

- will meet this coming Wednesday in the upper room of Alexander House from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Laughter exercise is a great way to manage the stresses of life and work - so please join us. It is free to attend and you are invited to make a suggested donation of £7, 50% of which goes to the church and the rest to help cover costs.'



*Wise men still
seek Him!*