



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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1st March 2020 – The First Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30am Sung Mass

11.30am Mass with Hymns

5.00pm Quiet Mass

The Barlow Family

Missa Pro Populo

The Woolliscroft & Roberts Family

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 2nd March

10.00am

Tuesday 3rd March

10.00am

Wednesday 4th March

12.00 noon

Thursday 5th March

10.00am

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

Friday 6th March

10.00am

Followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday 7th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Anna Brown RIP

Lenten Feria

John Gibney RIP

Lenten Feria (Collect for St. Casimir)

G. Cairolì RIP

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass –Novus Ordo)

Maria Gibney RIP

Lenten Feria

In reparation for the sin of abortion

Lenten Feria

Louisa Gills RIP

8th March 2020 – The Second Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30am Sung Mass

11.30am Mass with Hymns

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Sydney Cudmore RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Peter Bingham – Daly RIP

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

CHILDREN'S LITURGY –

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES -

1st Holy Communion class this Saturday at 10.30am. in Alexander House.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION -

This week after Mass the 10.00am Mass praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00noon.

R.C.I.A. -

Mondays at 8.00pm in the Library.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE -

This morning after the morning Masses.

WEDNESDAY TEA & COFFEE -

During Lent as well as tea and coffee on a Wednesday, we will be also have Lenten Lunch of soup and a bread roll in aid of Lenten Project – suggested donation £5.00.

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.



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

- Mary Brennan RIP

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- In thanksgiving

The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for

- Thomas Brennan welfare

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Sundays at 4.00pm
& Fridays after Mass
during Lent.
Please join Us.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUNDAY COLLECTION

£662.98 loose + £321.00 Gift Aid
= £1,003.98

Thank you to everyone who donated to Dominika's appeal on behalf of 'Independent Age' – she is truly grateful for the £383.97 which was raised.

2ND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES

Today there will be the annual Second Collection for the 'Poor Parishes'.

This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to poorer parishes in the Archdiocese.



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 how Jesus has gone to the desert to fast and pray for forty days and here he is tempted by the devil. The devil presents three temptations to Jesus. Firstly the devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger - he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test and finally he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. For example in Exodus, the Israelites spent forty years wandering in the desert and Jesus spends forty days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation - God's word alone will suffice. God's promise of protection can be trusted - God alone is God.

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 9th May from 10.00am – 12.00 noon in Alexander House. To attend the course, please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form.

There are some copies of “**My Day by Day**” available at the back of the Church. These little booklets give helpful readings for every day during Lent and are an excellent way to prepare for Easter. They cost £1.00 – please put the money in the newspaper box. There are also a number of new **Catholic Truth Society pamphlets** with a special emphasis on Lent, available from the stand in the hall. **Our Card Stand** in the hall has new cards for St. Patrick's Day, Mothers Day and Easter.

'THE KINGSTON LAUGHTER CLUB'

will meet this coming Wednesday 4th March in the upper room of Alexander House from 7:00pm-8:00pm. We teach you how to laugh in adversity. You have the opportunity to have a hearty laugh, followed by calming meditation, humming and soothing poetry. Laughter exercise is scientifically shown to provide great life benefits, especially in coping with anxiety and stress. Catherine and Tom are trained laughter leaders and look forward to welcoming you. A suggested donation of £7 is encouraged with 50% going to the church and 50% to the Lenten Project during the workshops taking place in Lent.'

ST. RAPHAEL'S 2020 LENTEN PROJECT – THE MANNA SOCIETY

This year, the St. Raphael's Lenten Project will be supporting the Manna Society. A Catholic charity, which has run the Manna Day Centre since 1982, supporting homeless people in the heart of London. On average, they cater for around 120-150 people per day - approximately 50% of these sleep rough, 25% are in socially rented accommodation and the other 25% are in hostel or stay with friends. What they all share in common is poverty and loneliness. The Manna Centre is open from 8.30am to 1.30pm, seven days a week, for 51 weeks in the year. Services are available every day. For more information, please visit <https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/> Today, we welcome Bandi Mbubi the society's director to the Parish and he will speak about their work.

Some events coming up for our Lenten Project –

Next Sunday 8th March – Film Night

'A Man for All Seasons' – depicts the final years of St. Thomas More's life. He was the 16th-century Lord Chancellor of England who refused to support King Henry VIII's plan to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon and refused to take the 'Oath of Supremacy' - declaring Henry VIII as 'Supreme Head of the Church of England' – which led to the reformation in this country.

Tickets cost £8.00 and are available from the Sacristy / Parish Office / on the door and include a light supper of Lasagne and salad with tea & coffee. Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

Sunday 22nd March – Cake Sale

Buy a cake for your Mother on Mother's Day!

Tuesday 17th March – Céad Míle Fáilte

All are welcome to celebrate St Patrick's Day at Margaret Dixon's home, 40 Fassett Road, for Irish coffee & homemade Irish treats 11.00am till 2.00pm.

Saturday 21st March - Mother's Day Flowers & Cards.

We will be making flower arrangements and cards for Mother's Day on Saturday 21st March in Alexander House between 12.00noon and 1.00pm. Please come and join us, all welcome - children to be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served. Suggested donation £8.00

Sunday 5th April – Blessed William Way

A talk by David Kennedy on our local Catholic martyr Blessed William Way who was martyred at Kingston during the reformation. Join us for a glass of wine & nibbles at 6.00pm followed by the talk at 6.30pm - a suggested donation of £8.00.

Saturday 18th April – Parish Dinner Dance - more details to follow

Every Wednesday – Soup lunch

Following the 12noon Mass on Wednesdays we shall have a simple lunch of bread & soup in the hall. Suggested donation of £5.00 (If you would like to provide the soup one Wednesday please either speak to Michael in the Parish Office, Kate Freeman, or Angela Combe.)

Children's Film afternoon – more details to follow

Please take home one of the Lenten Project Collection Boxes from the back of the Church. These are to collect your loose change. They are also a good way for children to help with the project by putting their spare pennies in.

Finally, it would be nice if some new people came forward with some new ideas of things that they could organise and run. If you have any ideas about fundraising events, please speak to Fr. Michael or the Parish Office.

Holiday accommodation in Mallorca - Self catering self contained accommodation within a private villa in Paguera, Mallorca with swimming pool and mature gardens. Less than 10 minutes walk to beaches. Ideal for singles, couples, families, groups up to 8 From £20 per person per day (depending on size of party length of stay, and choice of accommodation) 15% will be donated to the Lenten Project. Contact John Hackett on 07713 740764