



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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23rd February 2020 – The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

9.30am Sung Mass

Madge Brosnan RIP

11.30am Mass with Hymns

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Jimmy Conway RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 24th February

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

L Cairola RIP

Tuesday 25th February

St. Ethelbert

10.00am

For the soul of an Infant

Wednesday 26th February

Ash Wednesday

9.15am (At St. Joseph's School)

The Holy Souls

12.00 noon

L Cairola RIP

7.30pm

George Stevenson RIP

Thursday 27th February

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass –Novus Ordo)

10.00am

Elizabeth Broadbent RIP

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

Friday 28th February

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Ester Collini RIP

Followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday 29th February

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Louisa Gills RIP

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

9.30am Sung Mass

The Barlow Family

11.30am Mass with Hymns

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Quiet Mass

The Woolliscroft & Roberts Family

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Ash Wednesday is
a day of Fasting
and abstinence

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.

SUNDAY ROSARY & BENEDICTION -

Today at 4.00pm.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUNDAY COLLECTION

£557.01 loose + £232.44 Gift Aid
= £789.45



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

- Pope Francis' Intention

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- Archbishop John

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

- Thomas Brennan RIP

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



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

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

This coming Wednesday, we begin the Lenten season by receiving ash on our forehead. The ashes are made by burning the palm leaves used in the Palm Sunday Mass from the previous year. Ash is the oldest kind of soap, which was used to make things clean – therefore symbolic of purification. Also, in the Old Testament, the Israelite people used ashes in the rituals of purification. Ashes were a sign of grief, mourning, humiliation and penitence. When Job loses everything, he sits among the ashes.

Ash also reminds us of a common origin and also of our nothingness – that we are but merely dust and ashes. The Book of Genesis tells how man was created from the dust of the ground. We are reminded not only of our beginning but also of our end. On the First Day of Lent, ashes are imposed with the words - “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Those words apply to us all.

While ashes may signify and remind, they also invite. They invite us to repentance. So, it is with the spirit of repentance that we receive ashes on our foreheads - “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” Ashes invite us to turn again to God and to receive a new life. Ashes are not the end they are just the beginning. They begin a season that moves through silence and longing into a season of joy and resurrection.

Mass on Ash Wednesday – 12.00 noon & 7.30pm and 9.15am at St. Joseph’s School.

Following the 12.00 noon Mass we shall have a **Lenten Lunch** in the hall consisting of soup and a bread roll. (Suggested donation of £5.00 in aid of our Lenten Project.)

Don’t forget Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. This means everyone over the age of 14 is bound to abstain from eating meat on this day. In addition everyone aged between 18 – 60 are bound to fast.

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.

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.

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

This year, the St. Raphael’s Lenten Project will help support 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.

Next Sunday we will welcome Bandi Mbubi, the society’s director, to the Parish and he will speak about the work they do.

There will be, as usual, a retiring collection on Ash Wednesday to start our appeal.

Some events coming up for our Lenten Project –

Sunday 8th March – Film Night

‘A Man for All Seasons’ (1966) a film directed by Fred Zinnemann, 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. Paul Scofield stars as More together with Wendy Hiller, Robert Shaw, Orson Welles and Susannah York. Also appearing - are Nigel Davenport, Leo McKern, Corin Redgrave and, in one of his earliest screen roles, John Hurt. ‘A Man for All Seasons’ was a critical and box office success. It won the Academy Award for Best Picture at the 39th Academy Awards, while the cast and crew won another five - including Best Director for Zinnemann and Best Actor for Scofield. It also won the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture - Drama and the BAFTA Awards for Best Film and Best British Film.

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 22th 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.

Every Wednesday – Soup lunch

Following the 12 noon 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

Next Sunday, please take home one of the Lenten Project Collection Boxes from the back of the Church. These are to collect your loose change in. 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.