



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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2nd February 2020 - The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (A)

9.30am Sung Mass

Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Mass with Hymns Ena O'Sullivan RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass Rodger Fall RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 3 rd February	St. Blaise
10.00am	Scolastica Rosa Ezechial RIP
Followed by the Blessing of Throats	
Tuesday 4 th February	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Mabel Ezechial RIP
Wednesday 5 th February	St. Agatha
12.00 noon	The Freeman family
Thursday 6 th February	St. Paul Miki & Companions (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)
10.00am	In reparation for the sin of abortion
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.	
Friday 7 th February	First Friday - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
10.00am	Alec Campbell RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 8 th February	Our Lady
10.00am	Nive Meata & Family

Please note, for this week only, Thursday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 12.30pm instead of 12noon.

9th February 2020 - The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

9.30am Sung Mass

Francesca Poulter and the Berni and Martin Families

11.30am Mass with Hymns Anne Cockrill 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.

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES -

Saturday at 10.30am. in Alexander House.

SUNDAY ROSARY & BENEDICTION -

Today at 4.00pm.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION -

Resumes this week after Mass.

R.C.I.A. -

Monday's, 8.00pm 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

(SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY)

£560.16 loose + £350.76 Gift Aid
= £910.92

(SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY)

£599.41 loose + £348.00 Gift Aid
= £947.41

There is a 2nd Collection next Sunday in aid of Racial Justice Sunday - see back page for details

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

And 4.00pm on Sundays



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

- Vjollca's Intention

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- Vjollca's Intention

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

- Vjollca's Intention



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

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL

Richard Challoner would like to warmly invite past pupils to The Richard Challoner & Friends Alumni event on Saturday 14th March from 3-6pm at Richard Challoner School. A great opportunity to meet up with old friends and have a tour of your much loved school. Drinks and nibbles will be served. Please register your interest at www.challonerandfriends.com/events/save-the-date

1st CONFESSION

Please pray for our children who are preparing for 1st Holy Communion this summer as they will be making their 1st Confession this coming Saturday.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Over four years ago the Archdiocese embarked on the 'Clergy Support Fund Campaign' to raise much needed funds to support the on-going care and support of our sick and retired clergy. The campaign raised £3.7 million from 3,000 gifts and pledges, all in support of the elderly and infirm priests of Southwark who have dedicated their lives to the Church. It was a great display of generosity for which the Archdiocese is incredibly grateful. There is a newsletter giving more details of this fund available to view on our Parish Website.

'RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY'

Next Sunday the church celebrates 'Racial Justice Sunday' a day which should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism by fellow Catholics from the Travelling Communities. To support the Church in it's work with Travellers, a second collection will be taken next Sunday. Your contributions, however great or small will help make a difference.

REQUESTING A MASS

To request a Mass, please use one of the envelopes available at the back of the Church. You can place it in the Collecting bag or through the Parish Office letterbox. Mass cards are available from the card rack near the repository in the Hall.

THE DOOR FROM THE CHURCH TO ALEXANDER HOUSE

Please do not under any circumstances attempt to pull shut the glass doors from the Church to the Hall. These are fire doors and can only be released by pressing the button next the magnets at the bottom of the Door. If they are forced then the mechanism will be damaged - as again happened last week. If you cannot locate this button leave the doors open.

THE KINGSTON LAUGHTER CLUB

Meets on Wednesday between 7.00pm-8.00pm Alexander House. Everyone is most welcome. Suggested donation of £7

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THROATS

On Monday we keep the feast of St. Blaise. Each year on this feast day, after Mass, the priest blesses the throats of those present. He holds two candles under the throat and recites the following prayer.



*"Through the intercession of St. Blaise,
bishop and martyr, may God deliver
you from ailments of the throat
and from every other evil.
In the Name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit'.*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - CANDLEMAS



Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy. The Readings give us an important insight into understanding the profound mystery of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple. The reading from the Prophet Malachi says, *'I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek'*. This messenger, sent to prepare the way, was St. John the Baptist. He was born 6 months before Jesus, after him the Lord himself will come. Jesus's presentation signifies God's entrance into His temple - God made man presenting Himself to those who were already searching for Him.

The Gospel introduces us to different people and events that in themselves provide numerous lessons and themes for further reflection. First of all, Mary and Joseph respected the law by offering the sacrifice prescribed for the poor, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Simeon and Anna were two venerable elderly people dedicated to prayer and fasting and so their strong religious spirit rendered them able to recognize the Messiah.

In this sense we can see in the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple an extension of the 'Pro Orantibus Day' (For those who pray) that is celebrated on the feast of the Presentation of Mary (21st November). On this day, the Church demonstrates its gratitude to all those in the community that dedicate themselves in a privileged way to prayer, to those who have a particular religious vocation and to the contemplative life. In the figure of the venerable Simeon, Jesus's presentation in the temple, also reminds us that prayer and contemplation are not a waste of time or an obstacle to charity. On the contrary, time could not be better spent than in prayer. Only those who pray and offer penance, like Simeon and Anna, are open to the breath of the Spirit. They know how to recognize the Lord in the circumstances in which He manifests Himself because they possess an ample interior vision, and they have learned how to love with a heart full of charity.

Pope St. John Paul II explains that Simeon's prophecy of Mary's sufferings is like a second Annunciation to her, for they tell of how He is to accomplish his mission, in misunderstanding and sorrow.' (Redemptoris Mater, n16) The archangel's announcement was a fount of incredible joy because it pertained to Jesus's messianic royalty and the supernatural character. Simeon's announcement instead spoke of the Lord's work of redemption that He would complete associating Himself through suffering to His Mother. Simeon's prophecy also announces that Christ will be 'a sign of contradiction'. St. Cyril of Alexandria interpreted the words 'sign of contradiction' as the cross. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that the cross is 'a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles'. It is a sign of contradiction in the sense that to those without faith it appears as foolish while to those who recognize its power, the cross reveals salvation and life.