



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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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

Monday 9th March

10.00am

Tuesday 10th March

10.00am

Wednesday 11th March

12.00 noon

Thursday 12th March

10.00am

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

Friday 13th March

10.00am

Followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday 14th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria (Collect for St. Francis of Rome)

The deceased members of the Russell Family

Lenten Feria

Tony, Margaret, Eddie and Christine Morrell & family

Lenten Feria (Collect for St. Casimir)

Annie Groves RIP

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Dora Mary Weller RIP

Lenten Feria

Honora Mabel Ezechiel RIP

Lenten Feria

Gill Taylor

15th March 2020 - The Third Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30am Sung Mass

11.30am Mass with Hymns

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Patricia van der Linden RIP

Missa Pro Populo

The Woolliscroft & Roberts Family

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 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

- Archbishop Peter

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for

- Paddy RIP

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

- Finton

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.



'CORONA VIRUS' - PARISH POLICY

For the moment we are implementing the policy of the Bishop's Conference. Hands and mouths can harbour infection.

- Please wash your hands thoroughly before coming to Mass.

- Do not shake hands at the 'Sign of Peace'.

- Receive communion only in the hand. Other announcements will be made as necessary.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUNDAY COLLECTION

£697.81 loose + £306.00 Gift

Aid

= £1,003.81

PLUS £511.11

For the poor parishes of the Archdiocese

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. 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

The woman who encountered Jesus at the well in today's gospel, came to the well in the middle of the noonday heat so as to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgment upon her, for she was a sinful woman.

The first thing to note is that the very fact of Jesus speaking to her. She was a Samaritan woman and Jesus was a Jewish man.

Jewish men did not speak to Samaritan women. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He "told me everything I have done." What truly seemed to touch her was that even though he knew all about her, all the sins of her past life and her broken relationships - He still treated her with the greatest respect and dignity. This was a new experience for her!

But here was Jesus. He knew all about her but he wanted to give her the Living Water nonetheless. He wanted to quench the thirst that she was feeling in her soul. As He spoke to her and as she experienced His gentleness and acceptance, that thirst began to be quenched. It began to be quenched because what she really needed, what we all need, is this perfect love and acceptance that Jesus offers. He offered it to her and He offers it to us.

Interestingly, the woman went away and "left her water jar" by the well, she did not need it - her thirst was quenched by this encounter with Jesus. Let us reflect upon the thirst that is within us and let Jesus quench it with the Living Water. If we do this, we too will leave our many "jars" behind.

ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH

Archbishop Peter, has been diagnosed with Cancer – please remember him in your prayers.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

There are two job opportunities available. If you would like more information about either of them, please look on the Diocese's website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

SPRING INTO SPRING **support our Lenten Project**

Come to St. Raphael's dinner dance, in our beautiful hall and gardens on Saturday 18th April, from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

Enjoy a glass of Sparkling wine and canapés on arrival. main course, dessert and coffee.
(Other refreshments available).
followed by dancing to all your favourite tunes.



Tickets are £30 per person. Invite your friends and make up a table of 8. Tickets are available in the hall after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses, from the sacristy after the 5.00pm Mass.

Also available from the Parish Office - Please let us know when booking if you have any special dietary requirements.

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

Some events coming up for our Lenten Project –

TONIGHT – Film Night Following the 5.00pm Mass

'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 or 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 and 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 – 'Spring into Spring' – Parish Dinner Dance

(See separate note)

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.)

Saturday 25th April - Children's Film afternoon

'The Prince of Egypt' – more details to follow

Klare Fit – mini stepper

A parishioner has donated a mini stepper to sell for the Lenten Project. You can view it in the welcome area of hall. Offers in the region of £30. Please speak to Michael in the Parish Office for details.

Lenten Project Collection - Boxes 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.

There are 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.

A DAY WITH MARY

There will be 'A Day With Mary' on Saturday 21st March at St. Joseph's, New Malden. The day will begin at 9.30am and conclude at 5.00pm. For more details please see the poster in the porch.