



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 12th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Pdraig Devaney
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Rev. Fr. Peter Ryan

Monday 13 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Maria Moth RIP
Tuesday 14 th July	St. Camillus de Lellis
10.00am	John Savile RIP
Wednesday 15 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.noon	The Hon. Capt. George Savile RIP
Thursday 16 th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
10.00am	Peter Fox RIP
Friday 17 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	The religious in purgatory
Saturday 18 th July	Our Lady
10.00am	The Holy Souls

Sunday 19th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Missa Pro Populo
11.30am The Holy Souls
5.00pm Mary Frank RIP

Please note for the present

- There will be no Sunday or Thursday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- To avoid handing out booklets, Mass on Thursday will be celebrated in English.

CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS

Supervision and Sanitising will need to remain in place as at present with opening for private prayer. Social Distancing will be 2 metres.

Extra Masses are not permitted at the moment on Sundays and numbers will need to be restricted by Stewards. We have a total of 40 individual places available in the Church, hall and Private pew. (This can be increased with households sitting together.) Mass will be streamed into the Hall.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed at this time and if possible please come to a weekday or Saturday Mass instead of a Sunday Mass.

- Everyone attending Mass must give their names and telephone number to the stewards on arrival. (These will be kept for 28 days as part of the government's 'Track and Trace' system.)
- Everyone must sanitize their hands on arrival and follow the instructions of the Stewards who will show them to a seat.
- Seating will be allocated strictly on a 'first come first served basis'. Please note the stewards act in Fr. Michael's name and with his authority.
- Once all the allocated seats in the church and hall are filled, **there will be no further access to the church.**
- Holy Communion must be received in the hand.
- There will be no choir or singing (but a Cantor is permitted.)
- Reader must either wear gloves or sanitise their hands before and after reading (gel will be provided by the pulpit.)
- There will an opportunity to give to the parish through a static collection box or as you leave stewards will be holding open buckets.
- The toilets and kitchen are out of use to all.
- There are no votive candles available to light at present.
- At the end of Mass everyone must remain seated until asked to leave by the stewards – at this point please leave the building promptly.

Fr Michael

Please do not visit the Church

if you have a high temperature or a new continuous cough or a less of or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell.



DEACON PETER'S ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Peter will be ordained to the Priesthood by His Grace Archbishop John Wilson on Saturday the 25th July in St. Georges Cathedral. Sadly because of the current situation numbers are strictly limited and by invitation only. Therefore the event is not open to the public / parish.

This is of course not how Deacon Peter or the parish would have liked it – we would have had beautiful Mass in a packed Cathedral and a huge parish celebration the following day. However when things get back to normal we will invite Fr. Peter – as he then will be, back to St. Raphael's for a special Mass and a parish celebration. Please remember Peter in your prayers not only on the 25th July but in these days leading up to his ordination.

Confessions -

Confessions can be heard on request but will normally take place in the church grounds.

Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals -

Please email Fr. Michael for details michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk

The Parish Office -

Please note Michael our Parish Manager is furloughed until further notice and the Parish Office is Closed. Please email any inquiries to surbiton@rcaos.org.uk and someone will respond in due course. (For any urgent matters, please telephone Fr. Michael on 0208 541 4999.

Mass Intentions -

We now have many spare slots available for Mass Intentions both on Sundays and weekdays. If you would like to book a Mass for an intention please either take one of the envelopes from the back of the church and return it through the letterbox of the Parish Office or email the Parish Office (Payment can be made on line) The suggested amount for a Mass, as advised by the Archdiocese, is £10.00

Offertory Collection

Please be as generous as you can with the offertory collection. The parish has had no income for three months and the bills still need to be paid.

For the present after all Masses – Sundays and Weekdays the stewards will be holding buckets at the end of Mass as people leave, there is also a iron collection box at the back of the church – Thank you for your generosity.

The easiest way to help the church is set up a standing order to the Parish Bank account. (Forms are available to email from the Parish Office) or can be downloaded from the Parish Website

<https://straphaelsurbiton.org.uk/support-us/gift-aid-scheme/>

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.