



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 26th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Bernard Barlow

11.30am Babu RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

Monday 27 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Jannett Hamerton Fraser & Family RIP
Tuesday 28 th July	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	The Holy Souls
Wednesday 29 th July	St. Martha
12.noon	Fr. Peter Sebastian
Thursday 30 th July	St. Peter Chrysologus
10.00am	Peter Fox RIP
Friday 31 st July	St. Ignatius of Loyola
10.00am	Marjorie & Maurice Collins & Family
Saturday 1 st August	St. Alphonsus Liguori
10.00am	The Holy Souls

Sunday 2nd August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Sofia Rosales-King

11.30am Fr. Peter Sebastian

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

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 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 21 days as part of the government's 'Track and Trace' system).
- Everyone must Sanitise 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.)
- Readers must wear gloves or sanitise their hands before and after reading (gel will be available 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, and please make sure you Sanitise your hands before leaving

Please do not visit the Church if you have a high temperature or a new continuous cough or a change in your normal sense of taste or smell.

Fr Michael



CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. PETER ON HIS ORDINATION

Yesterday at St. George's Cathedral Peter Sebastian was ordained priest by The Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark. We offer Peter our sincere congratulations on this wonderful occasion. Fr. Peter will be well known to anyone who has had any connection with this parish in recent decades – firstly as an Altar Server, then Parish Master of Ceremonies, then as a member of the Parish Council and for many years its Chairman and not to mention his role as an infamous and ruthless quiz master! Since 2015, until he began his studies for the Priesthood, he was our parish Permanent Deacon.

Fr. Peter joins a long line of men from this parish who have answered God's call to the Priesthood, including his nephew Fr. David Howell, Fr. Alexander Bevan O.S.B and Fr. John Kilmartin F.D.P (RIP). Please continue to pray for Fr. Peter and these other Priests and indeed all Priests and Religious. Let us also pray that more men and women will offer their lives to God in service to his Church as Priests and Religious. Unfortunately it is not possible at present to have a proper celebration for Fr. Peter in the Parish, but once this pandemic is over we will invite him back to the Parish for a Mass and a party. When this happens we would like to present a set of Marian Mass Vestments to him. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of these, please place your offering in an envelope with "Fr. Peter's presentation" written on it. These can be put in the collection buckets after Mass, or be handed in to the Sacristy or Parish Office. In addition you can make a donation online directly to our bank account - A/C Name St Raphael's Catholic Church A/C number 36110469 Sort Code 60-50-01 NatWest, Croydon, Whitgift Centre Branch. Please mark the payment 'Fr. Peter's presentation.'

Ad multos annos!

From now until the end of August, Fr. Peter will remain in the Parish helping out with Masses before taking up his appointment as assistant priest at the Parish of St. Mary's, West Croydon. Whilst he is still with us he will be happy to give "First Blessings" on request.

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 that 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 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 an iron collection box at the back of the church – Thank you for your generosity.

The easiest way to help the church is to 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/>

In today's Gospel Jesus offers three short parables.

The first parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature - but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion - if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.