



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 2nd August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Sofia Rosales-King

11.30am Fr. Peter Sebastian

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

Monday 3 rd August	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Scholastica Rosa Ezechiel
Tuesday 4 th August	St. John Mary Vianney (The Curé of Ars)
10.00am	In thanksgiving for my vocation in Kenya
Wednesday 5 th August	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome
12.noon	The Holy Souls
Thursday 6 th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
10.00am	Peter Fox RIP
Friday 7 th August	Pope St. Sixtus II and Companion Martyrs
10.00am	The Holy Souls
Saturday 8 th August	St. Dominic
10.00am	Fred Stevenson RIP

Sunday 9th August 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Stan Conley RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Chris Mooney 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 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

FR. PETER SEBASTIAN

Congratulations to Fr. Peter who celebrated his first Mass last Sunday afternoon quietly with his family and close friends here at St. Raphael's.

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.'

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.



Congratulations and best wishes to Ellis, Louise, Tobi, Georgina and Jayden who made their 1st Holy Communion recently here at St. Raphael's. The rest of the First Holy Communion class will make their Communion in the coming weeks.

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/>



The miracle in today's Gospel was an act of kindness and loving thoughtfulness on the part of Christ. He saw the people's need - it was late for them to return to their homes and they had had nothing to eat all day - and he worked a miracle to provide for this need.

The Galileans were grateful to him for providing so kindly and so thoughtfully for their needs. How much more grateful should we not be for the miracle by means of which he has left us himself to be our daily spiritual food? We are grateful, of course, to our loving Lord who not only handed up his Body to his enemies to be crucified for us, but through his divine power, gives us his glorified body, triumphant over death, remaining with us, in his Church – The Blessed Sacrament.

Though invisible to mortal eyes, he is as truly present on our altars as he was that day in Galilee, when he miraculously fed the multitude. Could love go any

further? He Himself said: "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15 :13). Yes, once a man has given his life he has given his all - there is nothing more he can give. But Christ was more than man. He was God as well and therefore, was able not only to lay down his human life for us, but was able and willing to remain with us after death to be our strength and nourishment until we join him in the promised land of heaven. When we compare our own unworthiness with this, almost incredible, love and thoughtfulness of Christ for us, all we can do is simply say: "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."