



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 5th July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Kathleen Prichard RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Popular
5.00pm The Woolliscroft & Roberts Family

Monday 6th July St. Maria Goretti
10.00am Florentine Hely RIP
Tuesday 7th July Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Peter Sillem RIP
Wednesday 8th July Feria in Ordinary Time
12.noon Peter Fox RIP
Thursday 9th July Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Gertrude Ezechial RIP
Friday 10th July Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am The Woolliscroft & Roberts Family
Saturday 11th July St. Benedict
10.00am Agnes Barrett RIP

Sunday 12th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 REOPENING 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 the 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.)
- Any Missalettes which are used must be 'once only' use and taken away by each person.
- 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 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.

From the Metropolitan Archbishops of England

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lock down has been especially difficult, and in particular, towards those who have been bereaved.

Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward. With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of me." We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances. It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.' We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church. "As I have loved you," said the Lord Jesus, "so you must love each other." (Jn 13:34) The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ

- ✠ Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
- ✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool
- ✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham
- ✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

Confessions -

Confessions can be heard on request but will 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 and inquiries to surbiton@rcaos.org.uk and someone will respond in due course. (For any urgent matters, please telephone Fr. Michael on the number above.)

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Some people have asked how they can continue to give their offering to the parish. If you are able to, please either make an electronic transfer or set up a standing order to the Parish Bank account. (Forms are available to email from the Parish Office)

Our account details are as follows:

A/C Name St Raphael's Catholic Church