



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 23rd August 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30am Jannett Hamerton Fraser & Family RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Bill Woolliscroft RIP

Monday 24 th August	St. Bartholomew
10.00am	Bartolome Capili RIP
Tuesday 25 th August	St. Louis
10.00am	David Twiston - Davies
Wednesday 26 th August	Blessed Dominic (Barberi) of the Mother of God
12.noon	Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP (Former Parish Priest of St. Raphael's)
Thursday 27 th August	St. Monica
10.00am	Richard Knight RIP
Friday 28 th August	St. Augustine
10.00am	Michael Pearson RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 29 th August	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
10.00am	Rodger Flory RIP

Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30am Simone Bouheben RIP

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.

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 for the time being, the Parish Office is only open two days a week – This week on Monday and Wednesday. 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 Offerings -If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone – please use the envelopes at the back of the Church. The recommended donation is £10.00.

CHURCH OPEN FOR MASS

Supervision and Sanitising will need to remain in place social distancing will be **2 metres**.

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 wear face masks
- 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.
- 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



BLESSED DOMINIC BARBIERI

On Wednesday we celebrate the memorial of Blessed Dominic Barbieri. Blessed Dominic was born in 1792 in Italy. As a child he was an ordinary pious Italian child, a farmer's son. He worked hard, played hard but also prayed hard. His family sheltered a small group of Passionist fathers when their monastery was closed down by Napoleon and Dominic got to know them and gained an appreciation for the Passionist way of life.

Around this time he had a dream that he was supposed to re-evangelize northern Europe, and especially England. But then the war broke out and he forgot all about it. When his name appeared on the local draft lottery list to go and fight for Napoleon's army, he promised God he would become a religious if only his number didn't come up. It didn't. He breathed a sigh of relief and tried to forget all about it. But he could not; time and time

again he was reminded of his vision and his promise. His parents arranged a fine marriage for him, however, he knew he could not go through with it and just before the wedding he ran off to join the Passionists but still the vision about England haunted him, even though the Passionists were strictly an Italian Community. However, in due time, the Passionist superiors decided to open a house in England and eventually Fr. Dominic himself went to England as a missionary.

An Anglican gentleman from Oxford, Mr. Dalgairns, wrote a short article for a European newspaper, Fr. Dominic wrote a response, and they became good friends. They visited each other for long discussions, eventually Dalgairns became a Catholic and they stayed friends. One fateful October day Fr. Dominic travelled to visit him again. In the pouring rain Fr. Dominic arrived late at night, dripping-wet. When he got to the house he went at once to the fireplace to dry himself. The door opened quietly and St. John Henry Newman entered. That night under Fr. Dominic's instruction, Newman was received into the Catholic Church.

Blessed Dominic was frequently assaulted in the street, verbally and physically and had stones and mud thrown at him as he walked along in his Passionist habit, wearing his biretta. He did not mind at all and perhaps knew that attracting any attention at all was always good for the Gospel.

Blessed Dominic never failed to preach the truth about Christ and His Church – no matter how unpopular it might be. We should not allow ourselves to be infected with the heresy of indifferentism, the idea that every "truth" is somehow valuable. We have to be forthright and we must not give an inch when it comes to the truth of the faith.

One day a Protestant minister followed Fr. Dominic along a street shouting out various arguments against transubstantiation. He stayed silent until the man had finished and was about to turn around and go off, Fr. Dominic then replied: 'Jesus Christ said over the consecrated elements, 'This is my body.' You say 'No. It is not his body!' Who then am I to believe? I prefer to believe Jesus Christ.'" Like Blessed Dominic, we have to tell it like it is, without cowardice and without apology.

Blessed Dominic died of a heart attack on the 27th August 1849 in Reading, and is buried in the Passionist church in St. Helen's, Lancashire.

In 1937 Pope Pius XI declared him 'Venerable' and Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1963.

Here at St. Raphael's we are privileged to have a relic of Blessed Dominic which although in the current situation, we cannot venerate, we will display at Mass on Wednesday.



Congratulations and best wishes to Ben who made his 1st Holy Communion recently here at St. Raphael's.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Come and enjoy a walk, and discover our Catholic history on the way! On Wednesday 26th August we will meet at 6.00 pm at St Elizabeth's Church, The Vineyard, Richmond TW10 6AQ. (Nearest tube/overground: Richmond). We will visit Richmond Palace and its links with Henry VIII etc. - and walk along the river to St John Henry Newman's childhood home at Ham. We will be socially-distanced as we walk. All are welcome - no need to book, just turn up! A donation of £5.00p is suggested. More information: www.catholichistorywalks.com

STEWARDS FOR MASS

The work of the stewards before, during and after Mass is vital in the current circumstances of the pandemic - thank you to all those who have helped since early July. However some of them not able to continue and it is now important, having exhausted the reserved list, that more volunteers come forward to help on weekdays. Please contact Fr. Michael, the Parish Office or Kate Freeman if you can help.

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/>

FR. PETER'S PRESENTATION

If you would like to contribute, 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 -

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Please mark the payment 'Fr. Peter's presentation.'