



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Simone Bouheben RIP

Fr. Peter Sebastian

Missa Pro Populo

Monday 31st August

10.00am

Tuesday 1st September

10.00am

Wednesday 2nd September

12. noon

Thursday 3rd September

10.00am

Friday 4th September

10.00am

(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 5th September

10.00am

St. Aiden and the saints of Lindisfarne

Princess Anne of Löwenstein-Wertheim

Feria in Ordinary Time

Sheila Brucelas RIP

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Antonio de Menezes and the deceased members of the de Menezes and Adams Family

St. Gregory the Great

Kathleen Hypher RIP

St. Cuthbert

Fr. Michael

Our Lady

Philip Grant

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Sunday 6th September 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Charles Piddock RIP

Fr. Peter Sebastian

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

GIFT AID -

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, please collect your new set from the back of the Church

The Parish Office - Please note, that for the Parish Office will be open on Tuesday 1st September and then closed until Tuesday 15th September. 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.

Spoof emails – If you receive the following email, please do not respond delete it – it is a scam

'Hi, How are you doing?

'I urgently need a favor from you. Please email me here as soon as you get. this email. God Bless You Fr. Michael Lovell Parish Priest St. Raphael's Church'



St. Joseph's – Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2UP.

Tel. 020 8546 7178 E.mail office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

Web. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Head teacher – Mrs Sarah Keefe

Rated Good by Ofsted

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



Congratulations and best wishes to David & Sharon who were married recently here at St. Raphael's.

FARWELL TO FR. PETER

This week we bid a fond farewell to Fr. Peter who will take up his appointment as assistant Priest at St. Mary's, West Croydon. If you would like to contribute to his presentation, 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.'

Fr. Peter writes –

My dear parishioners. My last day at St Raphael's will be Friday 4 September. I shall say Mass then with Fr Michael at 10 am and then head off to my new parish as assistant priest at St Mary's, West Croydon where the priests have already warmly welcomed me. It has been a privilege to spend my first few weeks with you after my priestly ordination on 25 July, making our sacrificial offerings at Mass together to the almighty and ever-loving God. I am so very happy to have been given this blessing of Priesthood. You and the priests in the parish have all helped me along the way over many years and I thank you all for that. There can be no greater happiness in this world than to know one is doing the will of God and to be a witness to the truth and love of our Lord Jesus Christ in our daily lives. Now more than ever it is vital we all play our part in declaring that truth and love. We are proud of Christ, our faith in him and his beautiful Catholic Church. Let's declare it to the world! I shall miss you all so much, but I know your prayers will continue to support me.

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/>

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

'All things come from you and your own have we given you' 1 Chronicles 29:14

Many churches in the archdiocese have already had a 'Drive' appeal focusing on STEWARDSHIP. The idea of this is that everyone in the parish gives from the three 'T's – TIME, TREASURE & TALENTS.

In the days to come parishioners will have the opportunity to rethink again about how they can contribute to the parish. There are many ways of helping in the church and in our church community.

New ways are now being developed to mark regular financial giving more convenient - and they are not complicated.

Over three weekends (Sundays 13th, 20th & 27th September) we will make a special appeal at all masses. I will address everyone with further information and invite you to help with this important outreach.

With thanks

Fr. Michael