



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 20th September 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.30am

Denis Curtin RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Jackie Woolliscroft RIP

Monday 21st September

St. Matthew

10.00am

David & Jeanett Russell

Tuesday 22nd September

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

The Downe family & Gertrude Bahnsen RIP

Wednesday 23rd September

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

12.noon

Clara Bryan RIP

Thursday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham

10.00am

Antonio de Menezes & family & the Adamson Family

Friday 25th September

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

The deceased members of the Rodricks, D'Souza, Noronha and Pereira families

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

Saturday 26th September

S.S. Cosmos & Damian

10.00am

Rev. Frs. Martin Gibney, Joseph Butt & Francis Redway (Former Priests of St. Raphael's)

Sunday 27th September The transferred solemnity of SS. Michael Gabriel and Raphael

9.30am

Hilda Barlow RIP

11.30am

Mary Sebastian RIP

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note that for the Parish Office is currently only open for 2 days a week. This week it will be open on Wednesday and Thursday.

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.



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



First Holy Communion Course 2020/2021

The First Holy Communion course will begin on 28th November and end on 1st May. There will be 15 sessions in all on Saturday mornings.

In order to comply with COVID-19 restrictions the course will be limited to 10 children in Year 3 or above. Acceptance will be on a first come first served basis with priority given to St Raphael's parishioners.

The application form is available to download from the Parish Website

<https://straphaelsurbiton.org.uk/sacramental-life/sacraments/holy-eucharist/>

Completed forms along with a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate and the course fee of £10.00 must be handed in to the Parish Office by the 31st October.

In November (date to be announced) there will be an introductory meeting for all parents in Alexander House. Please keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter for details.

Please contact Ginette Howell on 07815919530 or galhowell@gmail.com or Kate Freeman on 07757031310 for further details.

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.

MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Please email Fr. Michael for details

michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2021 are invited to a 'Virtual Open Evening' on Thursday 24th September from 5.00pm

This will be a great way for parents and pupils to get a feel for the school and will include an address from the Head Master, a virtual tour and a Q & A session with staff and pupils.

Parents will need to register via the College website to access the virtual event. You will have the opportunity to submit questions about the school in advance which will be answered in the Q&A session. Deadline for applications for entry in September 2021 is 31st October 2020.

www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk

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/>

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

NEWSPAPERS

Please help yourselves to the Catholic Papers at the back of the Church – for the time being they are free – although of course you are most welcome to pay for them if you wish!

CONFESSIONS

Confessions can be heard on request but will normally take place in the church grounds.

In today's Gospel, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offence to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner's decision seems unfair – that is, because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A closer read shows us that the landowner paid the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. However, the parable goes beyond that and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just – he is radically just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay. He has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing – what he offers, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.