



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 11th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Sofia Rosales - King

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Angelika's Aunt

Monday 12 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Cherry Kenworthy
Tuesday 13 th October	St. Edward the Confessor
10.00am	Tony Bryant RIP
Wednesday 14 th October	Pope St. Callistus
12.noon	Kathleen Mulloy
Thursday 15 th October	St. Teresa of Avila
10.00am	Hazel Parker RIP
Friday 16 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	JJ O'Sullivan
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 17 th October	St. Ignatius of Antioch
10.00am	Owen & Mary Connelly

Sunday 18th October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Eileen Kelly RIP

11.30am Joan Lavelle - welfare

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.

Diocesan Second Collections 2020

Given COVID 19, the programme of Second Collections in the Archdiocese has been rescheduled according to the following timetable for the remainder of 2020.

Today there will be a 2nd collection, which will be divided between the following

- Home Mission providing the Bishops with resources to support the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.
- World Communications, which supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.
- Day for Life providing core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist Pro-life related activities.

Over the course of the next 3 months the following collections will be taken

- 18th October, Missio
- 8th November, Priest Training Fund
- 22nd November, Catholic Youth Service / Catholic Education Service
- 29th November, Holy Places
- 13th December, Peter's Pence
- 20th December, Apostleship of the Sea



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.

In the parable of the wedding feast, that we hear in today's gospel, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again some guests ignore the invitation. Some even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. However it appears that accepting the invitation brings certain obligations. Those who failed to dress appropriately are cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

CONFESSIONS

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

THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

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, to cover the cost to the parish.

MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Please email Fr. Michael for details
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RECEPTION 2021 APPLICATIONS FOR ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school will hold virtual tours of the school on 16th October & 13th November at 9.30a.m. If you are interested in taking a virtual tour of our Parish School, please email the school office on office@stjosephs.rbksch.org with your contact details"

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Thank you to everyone who signed Gift Aid declarations. If you requested weekly envelopes, these are now available for collection from the back of the church with your name on them. There are also some outstanding Gift Aid envelopes to be collected for those people who have previously signed up to the scheme.

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

Head teacher – Mrs Sarah Keefe

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