

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 18th October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Eileen Kelly RIP
11.30am Joan Lavelle - welfare
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

Monday 19 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Denis Curtin RIP
Tuesday 20 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Hazel Parker RIP
Wednesday 21 st October	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.noon	Michael Pearson RIP
Thursday 22 nd October	Pope St. John-Paul II
10.00am	Bernard Forbes RIP
Friday 23 rd October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Choi Cheung Yung RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 24 th October	Our Lady
10.00am	Chris Mooney RIP

Sunday 24th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Patricia Single RIP
11.30am Bernie Maguire - Birthday
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.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - There will be a 2nd collection for Missio

The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission.

Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people – 'Here I am, send me!'.

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 Monday and Thursday this week.



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

The Fairfield, Kingston, 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.

SIGN THE PETITION TO SAVE THE RIGHT TO SAVE LIVES

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work.

Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition by going to -

<https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

RECEPTION 2021 APPLICATIONS FOR ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

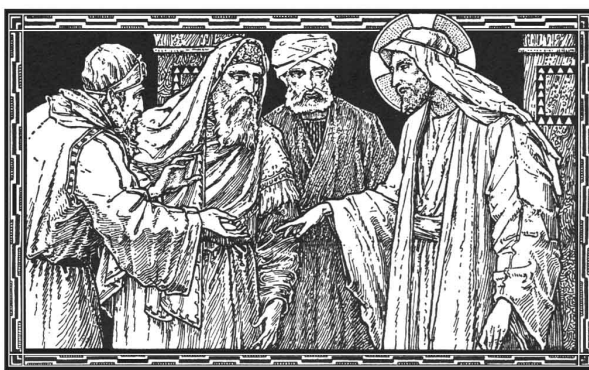
The school will hold its second virtual tour of the school on the 13th November at 9.30a.m. If you are interested in taking a virtual tour of our Parish School, please email the school office on office@stjosephs.rbksch.org with your contact details"

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.

Congratulations to Adanna who was baptised and to Colin & Brunella who received the Sacrament of Confirmation recently here at St. Raphael's.

May the Lord continue the good work he has started.



In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar.

Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?