



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 25th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Patricia Single RIP
11.30am Bernie Maguire - Birthday
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

Monday 26 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Denis & Maureen Farrell RIP
Tuesday 27 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	P & Mary Hosey - welfare
Wednesday 28 th October	SS. Simon & Jude
12.noon	David & Jeanette Russell - welfare
Thursday 29 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Monica & Fergus Regan - welfare
Friday 30 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Ivan Flanagan RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 31 st October	Our Lady
10.00am	Margaret Noronha RIP

Sunday 1st November - All Saints

9.30am Bartolome & Juana Capili RIP
11.30am Peter Stewart & Charles Yallop 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.
- Confessions can be heard on request but will normally take place in the church grounds.

NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE THE ANNUAL 2ND COLLECTION FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND

The Priest Training Fund, known as the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, pays for men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark. It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying 'Yes' to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have eight men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark.

This year we have Priest Training Fund gift aid envelopes available at the back of the church. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html (select Priest Training Fund) Please be as generous as you can. Please also keep our seminarians and priests in your prayers.

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



THANK YOU FROM FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent Stewardship Drive by returning Pledge Forms and volunteer sign up sheets. Your generosity is appreciated and will help us positively in these difficult Covid days. On the first page of the Website you can find the forms to download if you do not have an original and still wish to contribute.

Letters are available now for those who have made new pledges.

The 'Card reader' is now up and running, incorporating 'Gift Aid' for those of you wishing to use this method of giving. The reader is on your left as you come in.



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 next Saturday - the 31st October.

On November 14th at 11.00am, there will be an introductory meeting for all parents in Alexander House. Please contact Ginette Howell on 07815919530 or galhowell@gmail.com or Kate Freeman on 07757031310 for further details.

THE PARISH OFFICE

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

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"

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

The Parish has received the following from CAFOD

'Dear Father, thank you for all your effort in making Family Fast Day possible in your parish. Please pass on our thanks to all parishioners at St Raphael for their prayers, fasting, and generosity. Your parish has donated £205.41.'

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year, because of the current situation, we are unable to hold our usual sale of Christmas Cards and Gifts. However there is a limited supply of Christmas Cards available in the card stand in the Hall. There will also be a few Advent Calendars available nearer the time.

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Masses for the Holy Souls – November Envelopes

The best way we can help the Holy Souls is to remember them at Mass - the greatest prayer that we have. During November there are envelopes available at the back of the church. If you write a list of the names of your loved ones, place the list in the envelope and hand it into the Sacristy, these names will be placed in a casket under the Altar and be remembered at every mass during the month. If you would like to place an offering in the envelope these will be used to offer Masses for the Holy Souls.

A plenary indulgency for the Holy Souls

This can be obtained either next Sunday - All Saints Day, All Souls Day or Sunday 8th November - by visiting a church reciting the Our Father and Creed, receiving Holy Communion - going to Confession and praying for the Holy Father's intentions. A plenary Indulgence can also be obtained by visiting a cemetery between the 1st – 8th November and praying for the Holy Souls.

Deanery Blessing of Graves

The annual Deanery 'Blessing of Graves' will take place without a service in the cemetery chapels. On Sunday 8th November. (Times to be announced next week)