



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 4th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Rosary Sunday

9.30am

Mrs Maria Collini

11.30am

Rosa & Henry McGarry RIP

5.00pm

Juliana Marie Connell RIP

Monday 5th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

The Holy Souls

Tuesday 6th October

10.00am

St. Bruno

Fr. Stephen Robo RIP (former assistant Priest of St. Raphael's)

Wednesday 7th October

12.noon

Our Lady of the Rosary

Fr. Robert Collinson (Parish Priest of St. Raphael's 1908 - 1914)

Thursday 8th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Hazel Parker RIP

Friday 9th October

10.00am

St. John Henry Newman

Anne Martin - Birthday

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

Saturday 10th October

10.00am

Our Lady

Elizabeth Garry RIP

Sunday 11th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Rosary Sunday

9.30am

Sofia Rosales - King

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Angelika's Aunt

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.

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility - Planned Giving Appeal

"...for who am I and what is my people, for us to be able to volunteer offerings like this? – since everything comes from you and we have given you only what you bestowed in the first place." - 1 Chronicles 29: 14-16

Thank you for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal over the last few weeks and to those who returned their pledge forms.

If you asked for a standing order form (bankers order) then this will be actioned shortly. If you signed a Gift Aid Form and requested weekly envelopes then these should be ready for collection next Sunday.

If you are new to the parish, or missed signing a Pledge Form last weekend, and would like to donate to the parish by standing order (bankers order) or join the Gift Aid Scheme, please complete a Pledge Form at the back of the Church today and post it through our Presbytery letterbox.

Once again, thank you for all that you do. Please keep our parish in your prayers.

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.

ROSARY SUNDAY

Today is Rosary Sunday and indeed the whole month of October is dedicated to this precious ancient and powerful prayer. Below is part of a homily preached by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the rosary.

'Some years ago now, returning home from a holiday, I was driving through Munich. We saw a signpost, indicating the way to the concentration camp of Dachau. We decided to go.

It was a deeply moving and distressing experience. There I understood the meaning of the word 'concentration'. The camp was quite small, for the numbers of people incarcerated in it. Everything was concentrated, including the horror.

We saw some reconstructed huts in which the people were confined

We saw the torture and execution yards. I walked the length of the site, shocked and dismayed.

At the far end of the camp there was a small chapel. I went in and knelt down. I could not speak. I was utterly struck dumb. Slowly words of a possible prayer came into my mind. It was the Rosary. It was the only prayer that I could possibly say.

The Rosary is the prayer for us in our darkest hour. This we know. We say the Rosary when we awake at 3.00am full of anxiety. We say the Rosary at the bedside of the dying, with those who are sick, when we are at our wits' end. The Rosary slowly releases its power to calm us, to open our hearts, to allow God's mercy in. It is a most precious prayer.'

There will be a 2nd Collection today in aid of CAFOD's coronavirus appeal to Survive/rebuild/heal in deprived regions of the world

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.

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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FORWARD FROM COVID – WISER AND BETTER THREE PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS AT ALL SAINTS KINGSTON

Covid is costing us dearly: lives lost; education disrupted; jobs and businesses gone; inequalities worsened; huge resources consumed.

Yet some good things can also come out of it. People know neighbours better, helping each other in new ways. We are grateful for essential workers, and realise we haven't been paying them very much.

There will be three free-standing public discussions exploring the lessons and insights generated by the crisis and how we can turn the bad experience to advantage, building wiser and better lives together.

- Thursday 8th October

'Changes, challenges, opportunities – Kingston, Westminster, globally'

Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Davey, MP for Kingston and Surbiton;
Councillor Caroline Kerr, Leader of Kingston Borough.

- Wednesday 14th October

'Moving forward together – richer and poorer, older and younger'

Associate Professor Sylvia Collins-Mayo, Head of the Dept of Criminology and Sociology, Kingston University;
Rabbi René Pfertzel, Kingston Liberal Synagogue.

- Thursday 22nd October

'Living together better'

Rt. Revd. Dr Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston;
Jeremy Rodell, South London Humanists.

All meetings in All Saints Church, Market Place, Kingston, 6:00 - 7:15 pm, with coffee from 5:30 pm. For more information contact Leslie Packer on lgpacker123@gmail.com or 020 8549 1960