



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Fr. Michael and Fr. Geoffrey will celebrate the following Masses this week

Sunday 29th November – 1st Sunday of Advent (B)

Charmaine Lee

Leonardo Capili RIP

Monday 30th November

St. Andrew

Jack Hemsley

Tuesday 1st December

Advent Feria

Private Intention

Public Mass resumes

Wednesday 2nd December

Advent Feria

12noon

Private Intention

Thursday 3rd December

St. Francis Xavier

10.00am

The Holy Souls & Catherine Gwyther

Friday 4th December

Advent Feria

10.00am

Joseph & John Katkoucun RIP

Saturday 5th December

Advent Feria

10.00am

Vernon Gamon

Sunday 6th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

9.30am Stan Conley RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The Holy Souls

Public Masses will resume with the previous restrictions from 12noon on Wednesday.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN IN THE CHURCH

Please observe 2 meter social distancing.

We have a total of 40 individual places available in the Church, hall and Private Pew. (This can be increased with households sitting together.) Mass will be streamed into the Hall.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed at this time and if possible please come to a weekday or Saturday Mass, instead of a Sunday Mass.

Everyone attending Mass must give their names and telephone number to the stewards on arrival.

Everyone must sanitise their hands on arrival and follow the instructions of the stewards, who will show them to a seat. Seating will be allocated strictly on a 'first come first served basis'. Please note the stewards act in Fr. Michael's name and with his authority. Once all the allocated seats in the church and hall are filled, there will be no further access to the church.

Holy Communion must be received in the hand.

Readers must either wear gloves or sanitise their hands before and after reading (gel will be available by the pulpit.)

There will an opportunity to give to the parish through either the card machine at the back of the Church, a static collection box also at the back of the church or as you leave stewards will be holding open buckets.

The toilets and kitchen are out of use to all.

There are no votive candles available to light at present.

At the end of Mass everyone must remain seated until asked to leave by the stewards – at this point please leave the building promptly and please make sure you sanitise your hands before leaving.

Please do not visit the Church if you have a high temperature or a new continuous cough or a change in your normal sense of taste or smell.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

During this difficult time, please if you are able, either make an electronic transfer or 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 website).

Our account details are as follows:

A/C Name St Raphael's Catholic Church

A/C number 36110469

Sort Code 60-50-01

Bank Natwest, Croydon, Whitgift Centre Branch.

Please make the reference (that will appear on our Bank Statement) "your name" followed by "offertory",
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Alternatively there is the card reader and a collection box at the back of the Church.

THE PASSAGE

The Passage is raising funds through the 'Big Give' from 12noon on Tuesday 1st December – 12noon Tuesday 8th December to support its work helping homeless People this winter. 'Double your Donation, Double your impact'. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886
andrew.h@passage.org.uk

Please generously give online at
<https://tinyurl.com/PassageBigGive>

ADVENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

There are copies of the Advent edition of 'My Day by Day' available at the back of the Church - they cost £1.00. Please put money in the box marked Newspapers or pay via the card machine. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Advent and is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas.

THE PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. From next week it will be open from Monday – Thursday. For any non urgent queries please email the office at surbiton@rcaos.org.uk If you need to contact Fr. Michael, the best way is to email him at michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk
You can also leave a message on the Parish answer phone 0208 541 4999 or try
Fr. Michael's home number 0208 616 9583.

CONFESSIONS

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

MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Please email Fr. Michael for details michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk



The Prophet's Candle' - Hope

Today we begin the season of Advent. As part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas, the use of the Advent wreath and candles are a longstanding tradition. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, a circle, has no beginning or end and symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because violet is a liturgical colour that signifies a time of prayer, penance and sacrifice.

The first candle, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the 'Prophecy Candle' in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, represents faith. It is called the 'Bethlehem Candle' as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the 'Shepherd's Candle' and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This candle is called the 'Angel's Candle' and symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels - "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." On Christmas Eve we light the white candle. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The colour white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Saviour.



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

Head teacher – Mrs Sarah Keefe