



## St. Raphael's Church

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### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo  
11.30am Peter Freeman  
5.00pm Krysia Dabrowka RIP

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| Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> January                                        | The Conversion of St. Paul |
| 10.00am                                                              | Annie King RIP             |
| Tue. 26 <sup>th</sup> January                                        | SS. Timothy and Titus      |
| 10.00am                                                              | Mabel Ezechial RIP         |
| Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> January                                        | Feria in Ordinary Time     |
| 12noon                                                               | Kate Freeman               |
| Thu. 28 <sup>th</sup> January                                        | St. Thomas Aquinas         |
| 10.00am                                                              | Bill Woolliscroft RIP      |
| Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> January                                        | Feria in Ordinary Time     |
| 10.00am                                                              | Roger Fall RIP             |
| (A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat) |                            |
| Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> January                                        | Our Lady                   |
| 10.00am                                                              | Angel Peters and family    |

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Armando Rosales-Peña  
11.30am Missa Pro Populo  
5.00pm Jeff McCormack RIP

**For the present there is no Sunday or Thursday Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass on Thursday mornings will be celebrated in English.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL  
OPEN 15 MINUTES BEFORE MASS**

**FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN IN  
PLACES OF WORSHIP, UNLESS YOU  
ARE EXEMPT. THIS IS NOW LAW.**

#### THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed this week. It will reopen on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

#### COVID 19 VACCINES

There have been some concerns expressed about the processes involved in creating of the vaccine. The Bishops' Conference has shared information issued by the Vatican, which states that "all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines may have derived." The full text of the Bishops' Conference statement is online: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vatican-cdf-says-use-of-anti-covid-vaccines-morally-acceptable/> The Bishops' Conference message goes on to explain that the we have a duty to protect our own health and especially to protect the weakest and most exposed. In the absence of other means to stop or prevent the epidemic, the vaccination is recommended.



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

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

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We cannot hope to fathom the mind of God, nor do we need to. He has gone to such a length as the humiliation of his divine Son in the incarnation in order to give us a new standing in relation to himself and a new mode of eternal living after death. We are still God's creatures, "the work of his hands," but through accepting Christ and his gospel—his message of divine truth—we are no longer mere mortals. We shall die, but death is the beginning of the true life which God has arranged for us. It is no wonder that St. Paul could cry out: "O death where is your victory, O death, where is your sting?"

We Christians should be the happiest people on earth. We know why we are here, we know where we are going and we know how to get there. There are trials and troubles which beset us on our journey; there are rough parts of the road and weaknesses in our human nature which often lead us off the right road, but we are not left to our own human resources. We have help from above to strengthen and comfort us on our journey. We have divine aids in the Church which Christ sent us and we have the guarantee of our Good Shepherd that he will keep us in his fold or bring us back should we wander from it.

We Christians can indeed be the happiest people on earth, if we live according to the divine good news revealed to us through Christ. "Repent and believe in the gospel," Christ told the people of Galilee. The same call goes out from our loving Saviour to each of us today: repent—change your outlook on life— and see it as God sees it to be for us, a short journey toward heaven. If we really believe in the gospel of Christ, the revelation of God's plan for our eternal happiness, our earthly troubles will look small, our trials and temptations will appear to us as they really are—a means of earning the eternal victory. Christ, the innocent victim for our salvation, has gone before us, carrying his heavy cross; can we refuse to carry the relatively lighter cross which he places on our shoulders as our means of making atonement for our own failings and for those of our fellowmen? God forbid that we should! If we have failed in the past, let us repent today and show our belief in the truth of the Christian gospel, by living as true Christians who are on their way to heaven.

## HOSPITAL

If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you are calling on behalf of someone in the hospital, please call the hospital main switchboard - 0208 546 7711. The Switchboard will contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

## CONFESSIONS

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

## MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Please email Fr. Michael for details  
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## AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM SPUC

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

**Next Sunday** we will have a second collection in aid of Racial Justice Sunday.

*We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life.  
Lord hear us"*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION

Today we will have a second collection in aid of SPUC – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – Please be as generous as you can.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world. The society was founded in January 1967 to oppose the abortion bill being debated in Parliament at the time. That bill would go on to become the 1967 Abortion Act, and SPUC became the UK's first and largest pro-life group.

SPUC campaigns to end abortion and advocate the need for a consistent life ethic – one that values the lives of all human beings - and so also campaign against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse.

SPUC base all their work on the principles of natural justice

- It is wrong to kill innocent human beings.
- Everyone should be treated equally.
- All human beings are people with rights
- Children deserve special protection and care
- The weakest in society must be protected by the law

Abortion is the biggest killer of children in the world today, and has tragically claimed the lives of over 9 million children in the UK since the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967.

