



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 7th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Maggie and Tony Morrell
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm June O'Connor RIP

Monday 8 th February	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Rosa Ezechiel RIP
Tuesday 9 th February	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Brigit Ezechiel RIP
Wednesday 10 th February	St. Scholastica
12noon	Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP (<i>former Parish Priest of St. Raphael's</i>)
Thursday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes
10.00am	Olga Villena de Stevenson RIP
Friday 12 th February	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Olindo & Eileen Gallucci
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 13 th February	Our Lady
10.00am	Patsy Marron RIP

Sunday 14th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Bill & Mary Morrell
11.30am Irene McMahon RIP
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

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 open
Monday – Thursday this week

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 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

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

Thursday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, this day marks the first apparition of the Our Lady in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Between 11th February and 16th July that year, Our Lady appeared eighteen times to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. On March 25 she said to the fourteen year old Bernadette: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity. February 11th was proclaimed World Day of the Sick by Pope St. John Paul II. So let us remember on this day all those suffering particularly this year during the pandemic, all those with covid.



ST JOSEPH'S OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The latest edition of St Josephs School newsletter is available on line here
<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-josephs-surrey/UploadedDocument/3ff1bb5efaa14ea49cb1fd07bdc5f24c/newsletter-january-2021.pdf>

ASK YOUR MP TO SIGN A PARLIAMENTARY MOTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW GUIDANCE ON FETAL PAIN

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:
www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

VACANCY FOR A PART TIME DEBT COACH

CAP is an award-winning national charity which works in partnership with local churches. We currently have a vacancy (to cover the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames) for a part-time Debt Coach to work for up to 8 hours per week (two four-hour sessions; at least one in normal office hours) under the direction of the Centre Manager. Applicants must have a passion for the poor and for evangelism (experience with working with those facing difficulties and the vulnerable would be desirable but not essential). It is likely that this position would commence as a voluntary one but we would aim to provide remuneration as funds allow. Many of our clients are vulnerable people in difficult situations and we want to walk alongside them, help them out of debt and show them the love of God. Our Centre has been open for seven years and during that time we have seen people become debt free and a number give their lives to Christ.

Further details can be obtained from Phil Hutchinson (philipcap48@yahoo.com) or phone 0208 942 3942 (please leave a message if needs be). The closing date for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday 5th March 2021.

FR. MICHAEL HAS RECEIVED A LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE MANNA SOCIETY

'Dear Fr Michael,
 Thank you for St Raphael's very generous £1,046.41 donation to the Manna Society. Your donation is greatly appreciated and essential to the continuation of the services we offer here to some of the most disadvantaged people in our society. Due to the restrictions placed on us due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we have had to limit our normal services. Since July we have been providing takeaway meals, consisting of a hot dinner and a sandwich between 10am to 1pm, 7 days a week. On an average day we are providing 150 meals. About one third of those using this service are rough sleepers, one third are living in hostels or staying with friends and one third are in rented accommodation, 36% have no income whatsoever (October 20 stats). In addition to our takeaway meals we are also providing clothing packages and two showers per day, four days a week. From 1st April we set up a telephone helpline, which operates, from Monday to Friday with an advice worker available to speak directly to those in need between 10am and 1pm. In December we helped 61 clients via this service. A more detailed report giving a brief synopsis of what we achieved and the issues that arose can be found at
www.mannasociety.org.uk/2020/04/13/telephone-helpline-weekly-reports/
 We are only able to continue to provide these services thanks to your support.
 Many thanks,
 Paddy Boyle
 Manna Society Administrator'

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
michaellovel@rcaos.org.uk

'BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE'

An online event on the 19th March between 10.00am and 1.00pm which will give you a chance to explore and improve your relationship and hopefully provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better. That applies whether you have been married five years or 50. Booking is essential: telephone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning for
 Baby Dakita Campbell