



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 9th May - 6th Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am

Adanno Obodo

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Richard Hourigan RIP

Monday 10th May
10.00am

Feria in Eastertide
The Holy Souls

Tuesday 11th May
10.00am

Feria in Eastertide
Charles Webb - welfare

Wednesday 12th May
12.00noon

Feria in Eastertide
Joan & Charles Pereira RIP

Thursday 13th May

10.00am

7.30pm

The Ascension of the Lord

Jean Ralston RIP

The Holy Souls

Friday 14th May
10.00am

St. Matthias
A special Intention

(A day of abstinence when the Church asks us to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 15th May
10.00am

Feria in Eastertide
Mark Dixon

Sunday 16th May - 7th Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am

Peter Gallagher RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Maria Farwagi 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.

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

The Church will open 15 minutes before Mass and close promptly afterwards for sanitation. There is normally plenty of 'safe seating' available at all our Sunday Masses and there is also an overflow available in the Hall where Mass is live streamed

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.



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

On Thursday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

Three aspects of that new life stand out in the Second Mass Reading for the feast: "May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendour and beauty. In his ascension, Jesus has opened the door for us.

Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe." Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

COVID VACCINE CONFIDENCE WEBINAR

A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organised for the faithful of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccines. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Passcode: 546617

ACT NOW AND STOP DISABILITY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Earlier this year the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hear us"

POPE FRANCIS AND THE ROSARY

"I invite everyone to rediscover the beauty of the prayer of the rosary, which has nourished the faith of the Christian people through the centuries. I invite you to pray the rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life of Jesus the Saviour with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations especially in the face of the threats looming over the world. Even today, in this time of pandemic, it is necessary to hold the rosary in our hands, praying for us, for our loved ones and for all people."

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes is ready for collection at the back of the church. Please do not use the old envelopes. Please also note some of the envelope numbers may have changed from previous years. If you normally use weekly envelopes but have recently signed a standing order form and no longer need the envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you

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
michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk

NEW HEADTEACHER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S OUR PARISH PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

St Joseph's our Parish Primary School in Kingston are seeking an exceptional Headteacher to make our Good school Outstanding from September 2021 Full details available from the school's website <https://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/> Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Mrs. Julie Lynch on 020 8546 7178

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Have launched a 'Pentecost Challenge', with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. You can support their appeal by visiting their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or by sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. You can also register to join the 84-mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using just 2 miles/day of your exercise.

For more information, call 01926 512980 or email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk