



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 20th June - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Obatarhe Andrew Okpan RIP

11.30am Charles Web and Gerald Sheridan

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

Monday 21 st June	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
10.00am	Peter Dimmock RIP
Tuesday 22 nd June	SS. John Fisher & Thomas More
10.00am	Betty Jacobs RIP
Wednesday 23 rd June	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00noon	The Holy Souls
Thursday 24 th June	Requiem Mass
10.00am	Michael Pearson RIP
Friday 25 th June	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Margaret & John Burns RIP
Saturday 26 th June	Our Lady
10.00am	Giles Chisholm

Sunday 27th June - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Obatarhe Andrew Okpan RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Stephen Clark

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

The Church will open on Sundays 15 minutes before Mass and close promptly afterwards for sanitation. (The church will open half an hour before Saturday and weekday Mass for the Rosary 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

TODAY IS A DAY FOR LIFE

This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. There will be a 2nd collection to support the church's work in promoting the sanctity of all human life.



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2UP.

Tel. 020 8546 7178

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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

THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office is closed
until Monday 28th June

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

As you will all no doubt remember, Peter Sebastian our former Parish Deacon was ordained a Priest last summer. Due to the covid pandemic we were unable to celebrate this wonderful occasion in a suitable manner. Fr. Peter's 1st anniversary will be on Sunday the 25th July. On this day he will return to the Parish and celebrate the 11.30am Mass and this will be followed by a parish garden party. More details to follow nearer the time but please put the date in your diary now. (Obviously this will be dependent on the Covid situation)

MICHAEL PEARSON RIP

Many will know that Michael Pearson sadly passed away on 21st April last year. Due to the pandemic he did not have a requiem Mass at the time. There will be Mass for him this Thursday 24th June at 10.00am followed by the interment of Michael's ashes at 11:30am at Kingston Cemetery.

The Rosary is recited half
an hour before Mass
Monday - Saturday

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.

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



This week the Church in England remembers two of her greatest saints, Thomas More and John Fisher. Their belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the church of Christ and their refusal to approve Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage, cost them lives and they were beheaded on Tower Hill in London, in 1535.

More, an intensely spiritual man was described as "a man for all seasons". He was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children. He was the friend of the King and as Lord Chancellor of England one of the most important people in the Kingdom. Because he would not swear to the Act of Succession and the Oath of Supremacy he was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason: upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience.



Few saints are more relevant to our time. In fact, in 2000, Pope St. John Paul II named him patron of political leaders. The supreme diplomat and counsellor, Thomas More did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king, knowing that true allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants. Henry himself realised this and tried desperately to win his chancellor to his side because he knew More was a man whose approval counted, a man whose personal integrity no one questioned. But when Thomas resigned as chancellor, unable to approve the two matters that meant most to Henry, the king felt he had to get rid of Thomas.

John Fisher was a man of learning, associated with the intellectuals and political leaders of his day. He was interested in contemporary culture and eventually became chancellor at Cambridge. He had been made a bishop at thirty-five, and one of his interests was raising the standard of preaching in England. He was an accomplished preacher and writer.

In 1521 he was asked to study the problem of Henry VIII's marriage. He incurred Henry's anger by defending the validity of the king's marriage with Catherine and later by rejecting Henry's claim to be the supreme head of the Church of England. John was summoned, in feeble health, to take the oath to the new Act of Succession. He and Thomas More refused because the Act presumed the legality of Henry's divorce and his claim to be head of the English church. They were sent to the Tower of London, where Fisher remained fourteen months without trial.

When the two were called to further interrogations, they remained silent. Fisher was tricked, on the supposition he was speaking privately as a priest and declared again that the king was not supreme head of the Church in England. The king, further angered that the pope had made John Fisher a cardinal, had him brought to trial on the charge of high treason. He was condemned and executed, his body left to lie all day on the scaffold and his head hung on London Bridge. More was executed two weeks later.

Four hundred years later, in 1935, Thomas More and John Fisher were canonised as saints.

SUMMERTIME 2021: 3RD – 6TH AUGUST

This annual activity for altar servers aged 10- 15 takes place at the Oratory school, Reading. Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Thorpe Park and Swimming. Cost £165 covers: All board and lodging, Thorpe Park, Swimming. Summertime will open with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. For more details speak to Fr. Michael or contact: Fr. Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen. Tel: 01322 220075 Email: dartford@rcaos.org.uk

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year or last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on Saturday 9th October at St George's Cathedral. For more details please email emailmflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

VACANCY WITH 'GRIEF TO GRACE'

Part-time Administrative Assistant, 17.5 hours per week. Salary: pro rata £32K full-time (i.e. £16k), starting as soon as possible. Grief to Grace is a small charity offering spiritual and psychological healing to those who have been traumatized by historical sexual abuse or other types of abuse. They are seeking a person of sensitivity, flexibility and initiative for the post based in Wimbledon. The successful candidate will provide administrative support in all areas of the Charity's activity as they provide residential programmes, counselling services and support to survivors of abuse. You must be committed to the highest standards of Safeguarding and confidentiality. Good communication and people skills are essential, as is competence using Microsoft Office 365. The appointment is subject to references and an enhanced DBS check. For a job description and application form email: info@griegtograccuk.org Closing date for applications: Wednesday 30th June 2021.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS

- Holy Communion can once again be received on the tongue for those who wish to do so. However, they need to come up at the end to receive. When the steward invites you to come forward, please advise them you are receiving on the tongue and go and wait at the back of the church until called forward. If you are receiving on the tongue, please make sure you tip your head slightly backwards and put out your tongue fully.
- For the present we are still unable to use the altar rails, however, you are free to kneel in the centre if you wish to do so.
- Votive candles may again be lit. However please do not linger by the stands if there are other people around.

Masks still need to be worn, hands sanitised and track and trace details still need to be taken.

Confessions will still be heard on request in the Private Pew or garden.

For the moment we will not be restarting Sunday or Thursday Benediction, hopefully after the next relaxation of restrictions in July we will be able to restart these devotions.