



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 19th September - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Michael Dwyer RIP

5.00pm Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan and the McHugh family

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 20th September

10.00am

SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions

Jannett Hamerton Fraser & Family RIP

Tuesday 21st September

10.00am

St. Matthew

The Holy Souls

Wednesday 22nd September

12.00noon

Feria in Ordinary Time

Anna Moth RIP

Thursday 23rd September

10.00am

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Catalda Cammarata's welfare (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 24th September

10.00am

Our Lady of Walsingham

The Holy Souls

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 25th September

10.00am

Our Lady

Corinne Flory RIP

Sunday 26th September - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Hilda Barlow RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The deceased members of the Pearce & Brennan families

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON'S VISIT

His Grace the Archbishop will make his first visit to the Parish on Sunday 10th October and celebrate Mass for us at 10.30am. (Please note this will be the only morning Mass that day) This will be followed by a reception in the Hall.

We need donations of Cakes please, if you can help please email

Dymphna at dymphna.subash@gmail.com

We also need volumeters to help clean up after reception, if you can help please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

2ND COLLECTION

Today is Home Mission Sunday and there will a 2nd collection to support the work of the Catholic Agency for Evangelization in spreading the faith in this county.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

9.00am – 9.20am

& 4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am – 11.00am

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of.

Angela Sweeney

Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 27th September at 12noon

May She Rest in Peace

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

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2UP.

Tel. 020 8546 7178 E.mail office@stjosephs.rkbsch.org

Web. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

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

Rated Good by Ofsted

NEXT SUNDAY

At the 9.30am Mass, Mr. Sean Maher, head teacher of Richard Challoner School will speak about the role of Foundation Governors and make an appeal for people to consider volunteering for this important role.

In today's Gospel, we see that the Apostles were still very worldly-minded. They were full of the hope that Christ would establish an earthly messianic kingdom, that he would not only free their holy land from the hated pagan rulers but that he would set up a worldwide empire for the people of God. Many of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament spoke of a worldwide kingdom; all nations would submit to the descendant of David; Jerusalem would be the magnet which would attract all peoples. The prophets, however, were speaking of the true messianic kingdom, the spiritual kingdom that Christ would establish. The Apostles were as yet unable to see the true meaning of these prophecies. They took them as referring to a worldly kingdom. They had come to believe that Christ was the promised Messiah, therefore, he would overcome all enemies and all opposition and set up this kingdom. How, therefore, could his enemies overpower him much less put him to death before he had accomplished his task? Thus they refused to believe his prophecies concerning his coming tortures and death.

Now, either in trying to understand what he had so plainly told them, or maybe in putting this disturbing thought far from their minds, they began disputing with one another as to which of them would have the highest post of honour in the earthly messianic kingdom which they had envisaged. How worldly but how human they were! We must not forget though, that they were not yet really Christians — they needed the death and resurrection of Christ to make them what they became — His true followers and loyal disciples.

There was in the unformed Apostles a desire to turn Christ's kingdom into an earthly welfare state, rather than into a preparation for heaven. All Christians know that Christ suffered and died for their salvation, and that he asked his followers to take up their cross and follow him if they wished to be his disciples. The first generations of Christians fully understood this and faithfully followed him even to martyrdom. However, as time went on and opposition to the Christian faith disappeared, so too did the zeal and fervour of many Christians. For centuries we have had nominal Christians in Christ's Church -- men and women who tried to make their paradise in this world, and forgot the everlasting heaven.

Our own age has seen an unprecedented increase in this falling away of Christians. Leaving aside the parts of Europe which are professedly atheist -- but where in spite of the leaders there are many sincere and devout Christians -- the number of lapsed and nominal Christians in the other Western countries is frightening. These non-practicing Christians, unwilling to carry their crosses, have decided to make this earth their paradise. They want prosperity, comfort and happiness in this world. The vast majority of them, of course, refuse to look to the future; it could be an unpleasant thought, yet they must see that in every town and village there is a mortician, an undertaker who makes a good living disposing of human "remains." Die they must; "and what then?" should be a question which overshadows their lives. Many of these people who in practice have abandoned Christianity, try to salve their consciences by devoting any time they can spare to making this planet a better place in which to live. It is an excellent aim with a possibility of success — if the Fatherhood of God and the true brotherhood of man are upheld. But otherwise it is a vain Utopia. If God, and Christ's teaching are left out of our reckoning, we shall ever have jealousies, enmities, hatred and wars. Christians have made war on Christians because neither side in the struggle was truly Christian. What chance then has the world when Christ and Christianity are banished from it?

Today's thought for each one of us is this: Christ became man, suffered and died as man, for our sakes. By his resurrection He conquered death and opened heaven for us. Heaven is our true destiny. Loving God and our neighbour and carrying our cross is the only way to reach heaven. Forget this "heaven on earth" doctrine; it does not and never will exist! Accept Christ and you are accepting the Father who sent Him. He in turn will accept you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY –

Takes place on Sundays during the 9.30am Mass

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT-

Sundays at 4.00pm and Thursdays following the 10.00am Mass

TEA AND COFFEE –

There will be coffee after the morning Masses today. There is also tea & coffee after the midday Mass on Wednesdays. Please join us and say hello!

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.

REPOSITORY –

Our repository will be open after the morning Masses today.

THE ROSARY –

The Rosary is recited in the Church daily Monday – Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – PARENTS MEETING

There will be an important meeting in Alexander House for the parents of the first Holy Communion Children, (for those who have been accepted on the course) on Wednesday 29th September at 7.00pm. Parking is available in the Church Car Park and from 6.30pm in Riverside Close. The meeting will last about an hour. For more information or in case of queries please contact Ginette galhowell@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed until Monday 4th October

NUALA SCARISBRICK

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Nuala Scarisbrick the co-founder of LIFE who died on the 31st August. Nuala was the driving force behind the building of Life's client support services, especially her 'hotline' which evolved into our National Helpline. Her tireless passion to support pregnant women and families in crisis saved lives on a daily basis and will continue. May she rest in peace.