



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 5th September - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Rajendra Babu RIP

11.30am Philip Grant RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 6th September Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Charles Piddock

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

Tuesday 7th September Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Jannett Hamerton Fraser & Family RIP

Wednesday 8th September The Nativity of Our Blessed Lady

12.00noon Cesare Orindi RIP

Thursday 9th September Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Michael Dwyer RIP (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

11.30am Requiem Mass for Maria Howell RIP

Friday 10th September Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Anne Perks RIP

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

Saturday 11th September Our Lady

10.00am Mark & Margaret Burns

Sunday 12th September - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Michael Dwyer RIP

5.00pm Robert Brook RIP

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. More details to follow. But please save the date.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Takes place on Sunday's during the 9.30am Mass

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT-

Our Sunday Rosary and Benediction resumes today at 4.00pm. Please note for this week only the weekday exposition will be after Mass on Monday (instead of Thursday), concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

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 reopen 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



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 Souls of the following who died recently.

Maria Howell

Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday at 11.30am

Angela Sweeny

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

May They Rest in Peace



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

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

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The work of God in our lives is so incredible! The gifts of the Lord Jesus to those who follow Him are gifts of the Kingdom of God. Just as God loves us in Christ Jesus and brings healing and wholeness, so we also must touch the lives of one another in the same way. May our burning sands become pools and may our thirsty ground become springs of water.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Isaiah. His words are always strong and very often they touch our feelings and our spiritual sensibilities. He tells us today 'Say to those whose hearts are frightened be strong, fear not!'

We can know that we don't have to be frightened. We can be upset, we can be lazy, we can be against God. Whatever! God is still going to seek us out in some way and we will have a choice to believe in Him. We don't even know how God will come into our lives. For those of us who already believe, there are still surprises ahead of us. God never abandons us. God never gets us to a point in our lives and says: that is enough. No! God wants us fully alive and fully in love with Him. Isaiah tells us 'With divine recompense he comes to save you.'

Divine recompense! Recompense is compensation or reward given for loss or harm suffered or effort made.

Divine recompense is surely mercy upon mercy upon mercy—and yet always trying to entice from us a divine response to His divine love.

The Gospel of Mark today is about the healing of the deaf man who had a speech impediment. Again this account is put here to show us that God wants us whole and alive. Perhaps we will never be entirely whole in this life or entirely alive, but God is always there with us, enticing us, drawing us and seeking to gain our attention and our response.

When we do feel small touches of healing and wholeness and life, then at times we are like this deaf man and cannot restrain ourselves from telling others. Jesus still will not reject us.

The Letter of James draws these themes together today by asking us not to make distinctions among people.

Everyone is worthy of our love because all have the love of God. Social standing, beliefs, relationships, etc., should not stand in the way of our love. That never means abandoning the message of Jesus about how to live. Rather it implies that because we know the teachings of Jesus and of His Church, we are able to love even better and to show others the path of life.

We know that if we get preachy, others will lose interest in the path of life. We know that if we do not live joyful and humanly rewarding lives, others will not want such a path. Our best preaching is simply living the joy of the presence of the Lord in every aspect of our lives and in the way we love others. Let us draw others to the Lord so that they too will know the Divine recompense.

Fr. Abbot Philip Lawrence, OSB

FR. CHRIS O'BRIEN RIP

Many parishioners may have known Fr. Chris O'Brien a one-time assistant priest at Our Lady Immaculate Church Tolworth. Fr. Chris who died on the 22nd August 2021 at The Lady of the Vale Nursing Home, Altrincham, Cheshire.

There will be a Requiem Mass offered for him at Our Lady Immaculate Church this coming Tuesday, 7th September at 7.00pm presided over by Bishop Paul Hendricks. This will be followed by refreshments.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

6th September 6.00pm - CITY, meet at the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral. Ludgate, Ave Maria La, Smithfield and St Bartholomew's.

8th September 6.00pm - CITY and TOWER, meet at English Martyrs Church E1 8BB.

10th September 6.30pm MAYFAIR, meet at Farm St W1K 3AH (the Church of the Immaculate Conception). St Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, Ely Place.

Cost: £5 special post pandemic price- No need to book, simply come along. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information call 07495 205 568 or email chwalkslondon@gmail.com

BRASS POLISHING

We need someone to polish our sacristy brass on a regular basis. This involves cleaning candlesticks, the incense thurible and processional cross. If you could help with this very important job and can spare hour once a fortnight or even once a month, please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

VACANCY

A Catholic Teacher, Private Tutor and Personal Assistant currently living in the Richmond area is seeking one of the following positions: Private PA/Housekeeper; Private family PA which could include private tuition; Private Tutor; Family Office PA; Governess. Please call Maria on 07961 764186.

Congratulations and best wishes to - Priscillia & Jorge, Angela & Ben and Jane & Darryl who were married here over the summer. May the Lord bless them as they begin their new lives together.

Congratulations to Martina, Dylan, Theo, Ella, Aderyn and April who were baptised over the summer at St. Raphael's. May the Lord continue the good work he has begun.