



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 21st November Christ The King (B)

9.30am The Holy Souls

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Catalda Cammarata (Welfare)

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 22nd November

10.00am

St. Ceilia

Dylan Freeman

Tuesday 23rd November

10.00am

Pope St. Clement

Sophie Bryant and family

Wednesday 24th November

12.00noon

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companion martyrs

The Holy Souls

Thursday 25th November

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

John Brannigan (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 26th November

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Florentine Healy RIP

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

(7.00pm Deanery Requiem at St. Joseph's Church New Malden)

Saturday 27th November

10.00am

Our Lady

Fr. Rudolph McElory RIP

Sunday 28th November First Sunday of Advent (C)

9.30am Charmaine Lee & family

11.30am The Holy Souls

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THE SYNOD

Thank you to all those who attended last week's two parish meetings and shared their thoughts about the forthcoming Synod in Rome.

You can still make your view known by sending comments on-line through the diocesan website <aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod>

The three main points to consider are

- 1 How is the Holy Eucharist the main focal point for our parish?
- 2 How does our parish effectively identify and use the gifts of its people?
- 3 Given what you see of the Church (words and actions), in the parish and beyond, what would you say is the Church's mission?



Today is National Youth Sunday and there will be a 2nd collection in aid of the 'Catholic Youth Service'



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.

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Today the Church's liturgical year concludes with the feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Feast is also a reminder to the totalitarian governments around the world that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We declare our loyalty to him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. We honour Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing him to take control of our lives. The Cross is his throne and the Sermon on the Mount, his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: "Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you." His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully

and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

In the middle of St Peter's Square in Rome, there stands a great obelisk. It about four and half thousand years old and it originally stood in the temple of the sun in the Egyptian city of Heliopolis. But it was bought to Rome by the dreadful Emperor Caligula and it was set up in the middle of Circus of Nero on the Vatican hill. It was in that Circus that St Peter was martyred, and the obelisk may well have been the last thing on this Earth that Peter saw. On top of the obelisk there was a golden ball representing the sun. Now there is a cross, the cross of Christ, and on the pedestal of the obelisk there are two inscriptions. The first of them in Latin, "Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat", which translated means, Christ has conquered, Christ now rules, Christ now reigns supreme. The other inscription, "The Lion of Judah has conquered". So here we have the language of victory. Christianity has triumphed by the power of the cross and triumphed over even the greatest power that the ancient world had known, the Roman Empire, and here in the middle of St Peter's square stands the obelisk bearing those triumphant inscriptions.

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 concluding with Benediction at 12noon.

TEA AND COFFEE –

There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday morning and after the 11.30am Mass as announced. There is also tea & coffee after the midday Mass on Wednesdays.

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.

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.

THE ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR
THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE KINGSTON
DEANERY
St. Joseph's Church, Montem Road,
New Malden
this Friday 26th November at 7.00pm.
Followed by refreshments.

OPEN DAY FOR ENTRY TO RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022 ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2nd December at 2.00p.m. If you wish to book a place please email the school office:
office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS -

buy them early and support the Church. There are a selection of Christian Advent calendars and Christmas cards for sale in the Hall. Please take a look and support the Church by buying some.

STRICTLY MINUETS

Tuesday nights up to and including 7th December. 6.30pm - 8.30pm in Alexander House. Come and try the social dancing of the 18th century in the company of members of the Covent Garden Minuet Company. For more information text Kate: 07747 465046.

ADVENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and copies of the Advent edition of 'My Day by Day' are available at the back of the Church, they cost £1.00 (Please put money in the box marked Newspapers.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during advent and is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from this coming Tuesday – the 16th November until Monday 29th November.

CAN YOU SING – IN TUNE!

We urgently need new members to sing in our Choir at the 9.30am Mass and on other special occasions, if you are interested please speak to Marguerite or director of music after the 9.30am Mass