



## *St. Raphael's Church*

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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### SYNOD MEETINGS

According to the timetable for consultation, we have just over two weeks for meetings. After this, we contribute to a South West Area group so that our Area of the Diocese then reports to Archbishop's House. I believe the best way forward is to arrange for smaller groups within the parish to share their thoughts freely. It is essential that accurate notes are taken down from what each person says as everyone should have an opportunity to contribute. Groups can meet in homes, or here in the parish library. Please check availability with the parish office.

The groups I have in mind are as follows: Parish Council, Finance Group, Catechists, Mens' Group, Sacristans, Stewards and Choir with musicians, making seven groups. Each group needs to appoint a Leader for the discussion. The Leader needs to appoint a Note Taker. Meetings could aim to run for an hour, possibly for more if that is agreed by the assembled group.

Meetings must begin with prayer. Please read the Synod Prayer (the cards are NOW available at the back of the church, for each person). Also, have a period of reflection on the prayer, asking for the Spirit's guidance. Each person should speak for no longer than 5 minutes.

Leaders must consult the material on this website: <[aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod)> The diocesan centre (aec) has a helpful series of boxes and I suggest you look carefully at Section 3: Questions and Section 4: Conversations.

To simplify, everyone should address these three questions-

- 1 How is the Holy Eucharist the main focal point for your parish?
- 2 How does your 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?

I have arranged two other general meetings for parishioners to attend. **The first of these will be Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, after the 5.00pm Mass and the second will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10.35am (following the morning Mass).** Our delegates, Ginette and Vera will help with these. The notes, written or printed, from all meetings, should be returned to the Parish Priest. It is possible for individuals to send comments on-line through the section in <[aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/synod)>

Groups can meet in person or in on-line groupings such as 'Zoom', which you can organise yourselves. Whatever you decide, please move quickly to complete this first part of the programme!

Finally, please take home one of the prayer cards from the back of the Church today and pray for the success of the Synod

Fr Michael



### *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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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November Thirty – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)****9.30am Jane Dixon****11.30am Charles Yallop & Peter Stewart RIP****5.00pm Missa Pro Populo****No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Denis Curtin RIP

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

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10.00am Mike Barlow

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November Pope St. Leo the Great

12.00noon Angela Woolliscroft RIP

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November St. Martin of Tours

10.00am The Dead of the Great War 1914-18 (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November St. Josaphat

10.00am Fr. Martin Gibney

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

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

10.00am William Martin RIP

Please note this week's Thursday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Monday.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November Thirty – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Remembrance Sunday (B)****9.30am The Dead of the Two World War and subsequent conflicts****11.30am Missa Pro Populo****5.00pm The deceased relatives and friends of the Pearce & Brennan families****4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament****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. (See above re changes this week)**TEA AND COFFEE** – There is tea and coffee after the Sunday 9.30am morning Mass and as announced after the 11.30am Mass. 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 BLESSING OF GRAVES***This takes place this afternoon Surbiton Cemetery at 2.00pm and Kingston Cemetery at 3.00pm. Please assemble in front of the cemetery chapels. There will be no Benediction today.***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 with your preferred date.**MARY'S MEALS** - From today until 31<sup>ST</sup> January 2022, every donation made to the 'Double The Love' appeal will be matched, up to £1.6 million! This is all thanks to a group of generous supporters, who have promised to double your donations. You can help them visting <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk> The work of Mary's Meals is a fruit of prayer. We rely on your continued prayers to help us reach hungry children around the world, including those affected by natural disasters, conflict, and the ongoing Covid pandemic.**2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY** - There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday in aid of the Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Administration.**MASS INTENTIONS** – Please note we have no free slots for Mass intentions until January next year. If you have any special dates you wish to book for Masses next year, please contact the Parish Office ASAP to avoid disappointment.**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.