



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 5th December Second Sunday of Advent (C)

9.30am Brendan and Sheila Kinsella RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Fr. Chris O'Brien RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 6th December

10.00am

Advent Feria

Frank Flory RIP

Tuesday 7th December

10.00am

St. Ambrose

Michael Cawley

Wednesday 8th December

12.00noon

The Immaculate Conception

Bella Barreto RIP

Thursday 9th December

10.00am

Advent Feria

Vjollco (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 10th December

10.00am

Advent Feria

Alfons Balinski RIP

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

Saturday 11th December

10.00am

Advent Feria

Edward Black RIP

Sunday 12th December Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday (C)

9.30am Stan Conley RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Ray Board RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

Masses at 4.00pm, 6.00pm & Midnight

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

Masses at 9.30am & 11.30

The Feast of the Holy Family Sunday 26th December

Masses at 9.30am, 11.30am & 5.00pm

Parish Carol Service

Sunday 19th December at 6.15pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

For more information, please visit the Parish Website

www.straphaelsurbiton.org.uk



The second candle is the "Bethlehem Candle" which symbolises faith and reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.



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.

Rated Good by Ofsted



As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

It is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behaviour in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ. - Benedict XVI

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Takes place on Sundays during the 9.30am Mass.

EXPOSITION AND 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 There will be no tea and coffee after the 11.30am Mass for the time being. 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.



**Next Sunday we have
our 2nd collection for
Flowers to decorate the
Church the Christmas.
Please be as generous as
you can**

CAN YOU SING – IN TUNE! We urgently new members to sing in our Choir at the 9.30am Mass and on other special occasions, if you are intrested please speak to Marguerite our director of music after the 9.30am Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES At the back of the Church are some bundles of Christmas cards with details of our Christmas Masses. Please take a bundle and give them to your neighbours and friends and anyone who you think might like to come to Mass at Christmas.

LOST PROPERTY There is a table in the Hall displaying lost property – if you have lost anything, please take and look to see if it is there and claim it. The table will remain there until next Sunday after which any items unclaimed will then be disposed.

THE CATENIANS Next Sunday, the 12th December, there will be an Appeal for Membership at all Masses by some members of the Catenian Association. Some of you are members already, and others will know about the Catenians and their work in parishes as a contribution to Catholic life and a building up of fraternity between members. We welcome the visiting Catenians to St Raphael's.

FACE MASKS -With the current threat of the Omicron Variant, we suggest that everyone wears a face mask during Masses, until further notice. This is a Government recommendation in crowded spaces, where not everyone is known to one another. Accordingly, we can reduce the possibility of infection and help to protect each other. Thank you.

*Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Jane Daly
who died recently. Details of her funeral to follow.
May She Rest in Peace*

Congratulations and best wishes to
Helen and Wolfgang who married here at
St. Raphael's yesterday.
And to Cooper and Rosie who were baptised here recently.



St. Raphael's Parish Carol Service

**Sunday 19th December
at 6.15pm
Followed by mulled wine
& mince pies**

All are welcome