



## *St. Raphael's Church*

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**9.30am Eleanor & Ron Cassidy & Jean Everett RIP**

**11.30am Missa Pro Populo**

**5.00pm Robert Brook RIP**

**4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January St. Francis de Sales  
10.00am Krysia Dabrowka RIP

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January The Conversion of St. Paul  
10.00am Birgitta Ezechiel RIP

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January SS. Timothy & Titus  
12.00noon The Holy Souls

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January Feria in Ordinary Time  
10.00am Ivan Flanagan RIP (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)  
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the  
priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January St. Thomas Aquinas  
10.00am The Holy Souls  
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January Our Lady  
10.00am Roger Fall RIP

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**9.30am Annie King RIP**

**11.30am Missa Pro Populo**

**5.00pm Bill Woolliscroft RIP**

**4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**



## *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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Today's Gospel reading is taken from St. Luke (Lk 4:21-30). This rejection of Jesus by his own townsfolk must have sincerely grieved him. But it was only the beginning of similar rejections. Their attempt to murder him was an indication of what was yet to come. "To his own he came but his own did not accept him" as St. John says (1:11). The reason was that the Messiah they were looking for was a political leader who would make Israel a political power not only among the nations but over the other nations. Nearly all the messianic prophecies had references to the universality of the messianic kingdom—this universality they interpreted in a political, worldly sense. Their interest in things spiritual was then at a very low ebb and therefore the message of Christ had little interest for them. They did not want a spiritual kingdom.

For seventeen centuries they had been God's Chosen People, and they were proud of their superiority over the sinful Gentiles who did not know the true God. That very pride of theirs was their undoing. The Gentiles were God's children too, and they also were to share in the new kingdom which the Messiah would establish, but the very thought of this was abhorrent to the vast majority of the Jews.

In spite of all their opposition, however, Jesus spent his public life amongst them. He gave them the first offer of entering the new kingdom. They could still continue to be God's Chosen People together with, and alongside, the other nations of the earth. They refused. And their refusal went so far as to call in the aid of the hated Gentiles to crucify the One—their own fellow Jew—who had come to bring them the message of the true kingdom and the offer of being its first citizens.

There were exceptions, of course, and honourable exceptions at that. Christ founded his Church, the new kingdom of God on the Apostles, who were Jews, and through their noble sacrifices and efforts, the kingdom spread to all the Gentile nations of the earth. Because of their sacrifices, we are Christians, members of Christ's kingdom on earth and heirs to his eternal kingdom in heaven. Through our Christian teaching we have learned that our life on this earth is but a period of preparation, a period during which we can earn the true life as citizens of his eternal kingdom. How often do we, like the Jews of Christ's day, forget this and bend all our efforts to building for ourselves a kingdom of power or wealth in this world, a kingdom which we will have to leave so soon?

#### **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 mornings. 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.

#### **OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

On Tuesday we celebrate the feast of The Conversaion of St. Paul and the Church concludes the annual octave of prayer for Christian Unity. During this perod we pray that division amoungst Christians may be healed and that the one Church, founded by Christ, may be united.

#### **ARCHBISHOP JOHN**

Congradulations to Archbishop John on the ocaasion of the anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination as an Auxilliary bishop which took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> Janaury 2016 in Wedstminister Cathedral. Please remember His Grace in your prayers.

#### **GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST**

Have you been bereaved? A weekend course is being held at Aylesford Priory on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March for anyone who has lost a loved one through death; an opportunity to mourn and to share with and be supported by others. March 4-6. For more inforamtion call Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670 880, email: [enquiry@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@thefriars.org.uk)

#### **THE PARISH OFFICE**

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Janaury

#### **STRICTLY MINUETS**

Strictly Minuets starts again this Tuesday with a Burns Night theme. Tartan and Scottish dancing. 6.30 - 8.30. £5 on the door.

Call Kate to register: 07747 465046