



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 9th January - The Baptism of The Lord (C)

9.30am Sr. Aileen Mussarat RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Edna Balinska RIP

4.00pm Rosary and Benediction

The end of Christmastide

Monday 10th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Gerry McGauran RIP

Tuesday 11th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Michael McGauran RIP

Wednesday 12th January

12.00noon

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mary Devanney RIP

Thursday 13th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Fr. Frank McGauran 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 14th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Maureen Foster

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

Saturday 15th January

10.00am

Our Lady

The Altar Society

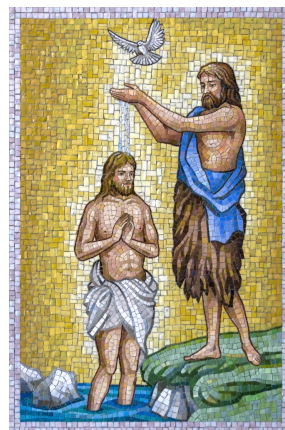
Sunday 16th January – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Una Annett RIP

11.30am Kristiaan Corner-Munroe RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Thank you

Fr. Michael would like to thank everyone for their cards, presents and generous Christmas Offerings over the Christmas period.

He would also like to thank everyone who helped in anyway with the various celebrations over the Christmas season.



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

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptised by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfil that mission in your own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

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 intrested please speak to Marguerite our director of music after the 9.30am Mass

OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will be taken down during the week, so today is your last chance to leave an offering which this year we are donateding to the 'Friends of the Holy Land'. This is a non-political Christian Charity. Their mission is to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the Holy Land. At the beginning of the 20th century, Christians made up roughly 29% of the overall population of the Holy Land. Today they account for less than 2%. Without support, the Holy places of the Bible, the birthplace of Christianity, could become cultural museums with no Christian presence at all. The focus of their work is providing practical help directly to the most needy and vulnerable of our Christian brothers and sisters through a balance of funding immediate relief of emergency needs and practical small projects to help create a sustainable future in the Holy Land – most importantly to give them hope.

STRICTLY MINUETS

Strictly Minuets starts again on January 25th with a Burns Night theme. Tartan and Scottish dancing. 6.30 - 8.30. £5 on the door.

Call Kate to register: 07747 465046