



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 13th February – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Eddie Hillier RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Leo Goh RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 14th February S.S. Cyril & Methodius
10.00am The Sheridan and Horrocks family

Tues. 15th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Sandra Coombes - welfare

Wed. 16th February Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00noon Louisa Giles RIP

Thur. 17th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Carlos Villena Quelopana RIP (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the
priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Fri. 18th February Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Denis Curtin RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 19th February Our Lady
10.00am Canon Bernard Grady RIP – Parish Priest of St. Raphael's 1955 - 1986

Sunday 20th February – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Diana Veronica Kennedy RIP

11.30am Mona Marie Anderson

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays – 10.30am – 11.00am.

Sundays – 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is recited in the Church daily. Monday – Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Sundays at 4.00pm and Thursdays following the 10.00am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

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.



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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In today's Gospel we see both the divine power and the divine compassion of Jesus in an act of healing. The divine power was necessary in all instantaneous cures. Even if the diseases were curable, the ordinary process of nature took time to fight off the causes and to return to normality. Therefore, where there was an instantaneous recovery some power above nature, some supernatural cause brought it about. But where the disease was incurable, as real leprosy then was, to remove it by a simple word of command was more emphatically still the result of divine power. This divine power Jesus had, for he was himself divine, the Son of God.

His compassion for suffering humanity was, however, co-terminus with his power, it was also divine. It was out of compassion for the sad lot of the human race on earth that he descended to man's level, becoming man, equal to us in all things except sin, in order to suffer with us and for us. By his human sufferings he made an atonement, a satisfaction for all the sins of the world—a satisfaction which all mankind could never make—to his heavenly Father, and so obtained for us God's pardon. At the same time, 'by joining our human nature to his divine nature, he brought us into the divine orbit and made us adopted sons of God and heirs of the eternal life of the Blessed Trinity. Because this seems almost too good to be true, there are men who deny it or refuse to accept it. Such men make the mistake of measuring the infinite compassion of God with the limited yardstick of their own finite and puny compassion.

Thanks be to God, for his infinite compassion! Thanks be to God, for Christ his Son, who came and dwelt amongst us! He put heaven and a share in the life of God within our reach; he has shown us how to attain them, giving in his Church and the sacraments, all the necessary aids. But we still need all of Christ's compassion if we are to get there. Because of our inclination to sin and because of the many times we unfortunately give in to that inclination, nothing but the mercy of God can save us from our own folly. However, that mercy is available, if only we ask for it. What we sinners need is the faith and confidence of the leper in today's gospel reading. He believed firmly in the power and the mercy of Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean," was his approach to Jesus.

This should be our approach too, if we have the misfortune to fall into serious sin. Jesus does will and does want our salvation. His incarnation, and death on the cross, proves that. The fact that he left the power to forgive sins to his Church is another proof of both his will and desire to help us. "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth," he stated. Part of that power which he left to his Church is in the sacrament of penance where the leprosy of sin can be washed away and the sinner restored to new and perfect spiritual health. What folly for any Christian then, to commit sin and isolate himself, like the unclean leper, from God. But it is greater folly still, to remain in this unclean state when the cure for his disease is so easily available to any sincere penitent.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Growing in Faith Together 'GIFT' is a course for engaged and married couples. Explore your faith, enrich your friendship & love. Four weekly online sessions at: 10.30am Saturday mornings, starting 19th February. To register go to ace.rcaos.org.uk/together.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINE

A reminder that we have a contact payment machine at the back of the church. Simply select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish. You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it. Thank you for your generosity.

CANNON BERNARD GRADY RIP

This coming Saturday will be the 30th anniversary of the death of Canon Bernard Grady. Canon Grady was Parish Priest here at St. Raphael's for thirty years from 1956 – 1986. He died in 1992 and is buried in the crypt beneath the High Altar of the Church. May He Rest in Peace

BEREAVEMENT WEEKEND – GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Trying to cope with feelings out of control? If so, this retreat is for you. It runs from Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March at Aylesford Priory. For more information telephone 01622 717272.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14th March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com for more information.