



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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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

Mon. 21st February St. Robert Southwell

10.00am Vincent Mario Rapa

Tues. 22nd February The Chair of St. Peter

10.00am Maureen Davies – welfare

Wed. 23rd February St. Polycarp

12.00noon Fr. Michael Clifton RIP

Thur. 24th February Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Requiem Mass – Jalal Habboo RIP

Fri. 25th February Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Jack & Naelia Murphy RIP

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

Sat. 26th February Our Lady

10.00am The deceased friends and relations of the Woolliscroft & Roberts Family

Please note no Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament
this week.

Sunday 27th February – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Fr. Michael

5.00pm Robert Brook RIP

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. **(Please note not this week)**

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 It would at first sight appear that the demands that Christ makes on our charity here are anything but easy. Loving one's enemies is asking a lot. Blessing them and praying for them might be all right for St. Francis but expecting it of us seems to be going very far. Asking for a blow on the second cheek while the first is still twinging with pain seems fit only for a martyr. Not to try to take back what was stolen from us looks very foolish. Yet it was Christ who made all these demands.

However, before we give up in despair, and decide that this type of Christianity is not for us, let us look a little more closely at the demands that are made. To love our enemy does not mean we must throw our arms about him every time we meet him (he would not let us anyway!). It means we must do all in our power to rid our minds of any hatred of him and try to see the good that is in him. Not judging and condemning comes under this heading. Human sinful beings that we are, our faculty for seeing in our neighbour the real man as he is before God, is very limited and very prone to error. There are justly convicted robbers and murderers in our gaols, in whom God can see a lot of goodness even now, and perhaps future citizens of heaven later.

Not demanding back what was unjustly taken from us does not mean that we may not have recourse to the legal or other means available to us for obtaining compensation in such cases. What it does forbid is personal (generally forceful) restoration of our rights and property.

Another consoling point to bear in mind is that most of our fellowmen are not inclined to injure us in our person or our property and will never do so. If we feel we have a lot of enemies only waiting for the chance to pounce on us, we would do well to examine our own consciences very carefully and then look for the many good points there are in our neighbour's character.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before (Ex. 21 :23-25). Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal charity in place of this Law of Talon. Every man should truly love his neighbour for he is his brother. What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbour must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that. You would like your neighbour to help you to reach heaven. "You go and do likewise" to your neighbour, and you will both get there.

VOLUNTEER POST AT LIFE

The national pregnancy support charity Life is recruiting Trustees. It's crucial that they find the best Trustees so that they can help more people and save more lives. For more information – including a job description and how to apply, please contact:

stephensharpe@lifecharity.org.uk

SAVING GRACE

A Southwark Diocesan retreat for Lent, introduced by The Archbishop and led by members of the Spirituality Commission. It will begin on the first Sunday of Lent and end in Easter week and will draw on the Old Testament readings for the Sundays of Lent, 'Saving Grace' will explore our shared story as the people of God.

Individuals can access Zoom groups. These will run on different days of the week and times of day, and links will be listed on the Spirituality website. To sign up and receive materials directly, please visit: https://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz.

Of your Charity,

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of
Jalal Habboo

who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated this coming Thursday at 10.00am
May He Rest in Peace.

FR. MICHAEL CLIFTON RIP

This coming Wednesday will be the 5th anniversary of the death of Fr. Michael Clifton. Many of you may remember Fr. Clifton who after his retirement, regularly said Mass for us here, particularly on week days. May He Rest in Peace.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY – THE CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement and in time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Your donations to this worthy cause will ensure a dignified retirement for all our priests. Please be as generous as you can and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Please take one of the collection envelopes from the back of the Church today and return it next week. You can gift aid your donation by filling in your details on the back or if you are already a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use envelopes, then please use one of the blue envelopes in your packet of envelopes Thank you.