



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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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

Monday 28th February Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am The Sheridan Family

Tuesday 1st March St. David

10.00am Anna Brown RIP

Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday

12.00noon The Holy Souls

7.30pm Andreilina da Silva Kayall RIP

Thursday 3rd March Lenten Feria

10.00am The Holy Souls (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 4th March Lenten Feria

10.00am The Holy Souls

Followed by Stations of The Cross

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

Saturday 5th March Lenten Feria

10.00am Maria Gibney RIP

Sunday 6th March – 1st Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Gracia Mata Wetou

5.00pm Vincent Mario Rapa

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. There will be two masses in the Church that day –

12 noon and 7.30pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Everyone aged 14 years or older is bound to abstain from meat and everyone aged 18 or older and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast. You can be exempt if your health or ability to work would be seriously affected.

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 -

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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Today's Gospel reminds us that while we ourselves are blind to, or wanting in, many necessary virtues, yet we can spot this lack in our brother Christian and have the audacity to offer to lead him on the right road. We are often lacking in the basic knowledge of the teachings of our faith and yet we can find a thousand faults in the official doctrine of the teaching Church. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbour's Christian behaviour whilst our own Christian way of living is giving far greater scandal.

In other words, most if not all of us, are to some degree hypocrites. We pretend to be what we are not, but should be. We pretend to be producing good fruit: figs and grapes, whereas we are only thornbushes and brambles which produce nothing but harmful thorns which sting and poison ourselves and our neighbours. While we are reading this, are we thinking - Mrs. X or John Y need to read this, I hope they are taking it in, when what we should all be thinking is, how truly our Lord read my heart. How many times in the past week have I criticised my fellow men without knowing all, or any perhaps, of the true facts. How seldom have I honestly examined my own conscience to see my own more serious defects and tried to correct them?" When our Lord spoke these words, his purpose and intention was not to condemn his hearers, the vast majority of whom were guilty of the defects he mentioned, but rather to open their minds and their hearts to their shortcomings so that they would change for the better and learn to live with their neighbour's faults, and do all in their power to correct their own.

It is for the very same purpose the Church has selected this particular lesson for us today. We are all guilty of rash judgment and unjustified criticism, to a greater or lesser degree. Let us turn this criticism on ourselves rather, and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct. We shall not become saints in a week or a month but little by little, imperceptibly at first perhaps, we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian and therefore more charitable towards our neighbour and less critical of the faults of others.

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.

VACANCY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

We currently have a vacancy for a Priests' Welfare Officer. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website – www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

LENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

There are copies of the Lent edition of 'My Day by Day' available at the back of the Church - they cost £1.00. Please put money in the box marked Newspapers or pay via the card machine. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.



Stations of the cross

Every Sunday during Lent at 4.00pm and on Friday mornings following the 10.00am Mass

2ND COLLECTION TODAY – 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. Thank you.

KINGSTON MOBILE MOP UP PROJECT

The Mayor's Charitable Trust is running a campaign this year to reuse old or unused mobile phones, laptops, tablets, cables and mobile accessories. These will be cleaned and recycled in an environmentally-friendly way to be used again as a new handset, or stripped for parts depending on the condition. All phones will be wiped free of any data at the start of the process.

There is a create at the back of the church should you wish to donate any items. This will remain for the next few weeks.

Please ensure you remove any Sim cards from phones before you donate them.

New in our repository

We have a selection of cards for St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter available in the card stand in the hall near the repository.