



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 13th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Fr. Geoffrey Smith
11.30am Sofia Yousif RIP
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 14th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Gill Taylor

Tuesday 15th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Margaret Eileen Roberts RIP

Wednesday 16th March Lenten Feria
12.00noon Dora Weller RIP

Thursday 17th March St. Patrick
10.00am Bill Gilmour 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 18th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Steve Barlow
Followed by Stations of The Cross
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 19th March St. Joseph
10.00am Eddie Hillier RIP

Sunday 20th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Hannah & Joel Collins – Wedding anniversary
5.00pm Fr. Peter Sebastian
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

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

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 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.

HELP FOR THE UKRAINE

During Lent the Parish is going to collect money in aid of the people of the Ukraine. We will send this to 'Aid To The Church in Need' who have launched an appeal for this to support the work of the Church in Ukraine providing aid and comfort to their fearful people, to refugees displaced by violence, to vulnerable children in orphanages, single mothers and the elderly. All are facing the challenge of surviving as costs spiral as a result of the war. Your kind donation, of whatever you can afford, will help get aid to where it is needed most at this distressing time. For the rest of Lent, the black iron collection box at the back of the church will be used to collect money. You can also put donations in envelopes marked 'Ukraine' in the normal Sunday collection bags, or hand them into the sacristy or Parish Office. For more details of Aid to the Church in Need's appeal go to acnuk.org/our-campaigns/emergency-appeal-for-ukraine/

St. Mark's Church, on St. Mark's Hill in Surbiton are collecting items of aid with the local Ukrainian community to be sent via a lorry to the Ukraine. They need the following items.

Medical: bandages, first aid kits and non prescription drugs (neurofen/ ibuprofen).

Toiletries: toothpaste, women's sanitary items and bodywash.

Baby stuff: baby dried formula milk and nappies.

Please no clothes, blankets or duvets.

For more information, please call St. Mark's Parish Office on 020 8390 9129

Today's Gospel shows us that it was out of the abundance of his divine love that God gave a glimpse of the future glory of Christ in his risen humanity to the three disciples at the Transfiguration. He understood the human weakness of the disciples and foresaw the shock to their faith which the sad scenes of the passion and crucifixion of their beloved Master would be some weeks later. So, to strengthen and forearm them for that sad trial, he gave them a glimpse of the future glory which was to be theirs, too, if they persevered. It is for this same reason that this all-important event in the life of Christ and of his Apostles has been preserved for us in the Gospels and is put before us today.

Like the Apostles, we, too, believe firmly in God. We, too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God—something the Apostles did not then understand. But we are still very like them in our human weakness, and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose.

The Apostles had to face the awful test to their faith and trust in God, which the passion and crucifixion of Christ was for them. We now accept with gratitude and realize that Christ "had to suffer and thus enter into his glory." We even understand that the very purpose of Christ's passion was that, in spite of our mortality and weakness, we also might enter into eternal glory through his suffering, on condition that we remain true to our faith.

In our moments of cool, calm reasoning we can see clearly how good God has been to us, how wonderful his love which has arranged for us an eternity of happiness, the perfect fulfilment of every rational human desire. We can also see how little God asks of us during our few short years here, in return for the everlasting happy home he has prepared for us.

But unfortunately we have many moments in life in which cool, calm reasoning does not prevail. We have moments when our vices and not our virtues take charge, moments when we are prepared to sell our eternal heritage in exchange for a mess of earthly pottage. Some of us may already have bartered our heavenly home for some temporal gain or pleasure—but while there is life there is hope. We can still put things right with God.

"Lord, it is good for us to be here"; it is wonderful to be adopted sons of God on the road back to our Father. It is wonderful to be assured that in death this body of ours with its pains and aches, its attraction to earthly things and worse still its propensity to sin, will give place to a glorified body. This glorified body will be free from all pain and corruption and will possess all the human spiritual gifts of intelligence and will to so much greater a degree as will enable us to appreciate and enjoy the eternal happiness in store for us.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Our next Faith Formation session will take place today after the 9:30am Mass in the library.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY - There will be a 2nd collection today in support of poor parishes. this collection helps the Archbishop make grants to poor parishes in the Archdiocese.

STRICTLY MINUETS - Tuesdays in the hall at - 6.30pm this week there will be a St Patrick's Day theme. For more information Call Kate on 07747 465046



Stations of the cross

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO -
Toby, Ethan, Thomas and Alessia
Who were Baptised here at
St. Raphael's recently.

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.

ST. JOSEPH

On Saturday we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. He was an ordinary manual labourer although descended from the royal house of David but he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled the role of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary. The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture.

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 and used again, 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 crate 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.