



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 27th March – 4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday (C)

9.30am Patricia Single RIP
11.30am Joachim Yhombi – Opango
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 28th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Sydney Cudmer RIP

Tuesday 29th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Brigit Ezechiel RIP

Wednesday 30th March Lenten Feria
12.00noon Maureen Catherine Melia RIP

Thursday 31st March Lenten Feria
10.00am Sylvia Dainty (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying
for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 1st April Lenten Feria
10.00am Ethel Shore RIP
Followed by Stations of The Cross

Saturday 2nd April Lenten Feria
10.00am Peter Sillem RIP

Sunday 3rd April – 5th Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Stan Conley RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm The deceased friends and relations of the
Woolliscroft & Roberts Family
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



This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had Gaudete Sunday, so in Lent we have a Sunday commonly called Laetare Sunday. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is our foretaste of Easter joy.

The parable of the prodigal son is perhaps one of the most well-known parables mentioned in Scripture. Not only does it paint a picture of God's love for us, but it also demonstrates how we should love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

A son asks his father for his inheritance, then squanders it recklessly as he lives a life of indulgence. With nothing left of his fortune, he is forced to work as a hired hand for a pig farmer. He is so destitute that he longs to eat the food of the pigs. Realizing that his father's servants have better working conditions, he resolves to return to his father, beg forgiveness, and ask to be his servant.

However, upon arriving at his father's house, he is welcomed with loving arms. His father is overwhelmed with joy at his son's return, and holds a feast in his honour:

However, the prodigal son's older brother, who has remained serving in his father's house, does not share his father's joy. Instead, he is jealous that his

father has not honoured him. His father urges him not to resent his brother, but instead to be happy for him. The story of the prodigal son is a picture of God's love for us as His children. God's love for us does not depend on our faithfulness; it is unconditional. He loved us while we were still sinners. Though we are demanding and do not remain faithful, God is still our faithful and loving Father. When we come to repent of our sins, He is willing to forgive us and welcomes us with open arms.

The example of the elder son demonstrates how we should not treat other believers. We are all equal in His sight — sinners saved by God's grace.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE – Our Baptism

Preparation Courses are restarting. All parents wishing their children to be Baptised need to attend a course prior to the Baptism. The next course will be on Saturday 30th April from 10.00am in Alexander House – the Parish Hall. Please apply for a place via Fr. Michael or the Parish Office.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY - There will be a 2nd collection today flowers to decorate the church for Easter.

STRICTLY MINUETS - Tuesdays in the hall at 6.30pm. For more information Call Kate on 07747 465046

LENT TALK – BLESSED WILLIAM WAY – On Sunday 3rd April David Kennedy will give a talk in the hall on our local Catholic martyr Blessed William Way who was martyred at Kingston during the Reformation. Join us for a glass of wine at 6.00pm followed by the talk at 6.30pm - a suggested donation of £8.00. All profits will go to our appeal on behalf of Aid To The Church in Need for the Ukraine.

New in our repository

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

Today is Mother's Day.
Let us all remember our mothers today,
to thank God for them and to pray
for them



Stations of the cross

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

GIFT AID BOXES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly collection envelopes, your new box of envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you previously used envelopes but no longer require them, could you please advise the Parish Office. – Many thanks

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 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.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

is seeking to recruit a part time Organising Secretary to help administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months. Closing date 27 March 2022. For further details please visit <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>