



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 15th January – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time (A)

9.30am Agnes Rodrick RIP

11.30am Una Annett RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 16th January Feria in Ordinary time
10.00am Cathy Reilly RIP

Tuesday 17th January St. Anthony
10.00am The Altar Society

Wednesday 18th January Feria in Ordinary time
12noon Martin John Goddard - Welfare

Thursday 19th January Feria in Ordinary time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am Scholastica Ezechiel RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 20th January Feria in Ordinary time
10.00am William James Roberts
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 21st January St. Agnes
10.00am John Gibney RIP

Sunday 22nd January – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time (A)

9.30am Gina Biancotto

11.30am Kristiaan Corner – Munroe RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

TODAY - WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - Today we will hold the annual White Flower appeal in support of 'The Society for the Protection of Children' - (SPUC) They are Working to protect unborn human lives at the local, national and international level to build a world free from abortion.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world.

We campaign to end abortion in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and internationally. We advocate the need for a consistent life ethic – one that values the lives of all human beings – and so we also campaign against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse.

BISHOP HENDRICKS - our Auxiliary Bishop, who had special responsibility for this part of our Archdiocese, has after some 16 years moved to Kent where he will take over responsibility for that part of the Archdiocese. A collection is being organised to thank him for his ministry here in the Southwest part of the Archdiocese, if you would like to contribute you will be able to do so at the end of Mass next Sunday.

A Christian, a follower and disciple of Christ, is supposed to be someone who tries to be a good witness to Christ in word and deed. The first and great witness to Jesus in the gospel is John the Baptist, who showed him to people. But even John had to acknowledge that at first he did not know who Jesus really was and that he had to be converted, to learn who Jesus was and what he stood for. Only then could he become a firm witness. And we, do we not have to better learn who Jesus is and what he means to us and to people, so that we can become closer to him and attract people to him?

Who is Jesus for us? What is the name for us that would best fit him? The disciple of Isaiah called him the Servant of God. St Paul calls him Jesus Christ. John the Baptist points him out as the Lamb of God. Jesus is all these. It implies for us what we have to be with him: servants, saviours, if necessary victims. Let us celebrate this eucharist with Jesus.

Congratulations -

to Melia and Melissa who were Baptised here at St. Raphael's last week.

HELP WITH FOOD, FUEL AND UTILITY BILLS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

The Department of Work and Pensions have made additional funding available for low-income households in Kingston who meet the criteria and who are struggling to afford food, fuel, utility bills and other essentials.

This funding covers the period 01 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 inclusive.

For more information go to

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/covid-19-kingston/household-support-fund>

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Wednesday we begin the annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am. & 4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

THE ROSARY

is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

HOST NEEDED

Host Urgently Needed for Ukrainian Refugee Family. A Ukrainian refugee mother and daughter (aged 6) have arrived in Kingston to find that their expected host can no longer take them. They urgently need a local host to provide a room under the government Homes for Ukraine scheme. One room with either a double or two single beds. The mother speaks English. For more information contact Linda Davis 07787339243

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

A parishioner has kindly donated a beautiful Christmas hamper which we will raffle today in the Hall during tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass— tickets are on sale in the Hall today during tea and coffee.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP

The Confirmation group will be meeting today after the 9.30am Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion programme continues on Saturday mornings at 10.30am

MASS INTENTIONS

Please be aware that Mass bookings get booked up very quickly – particularly for Sundays. If you have any Mass Intentions for specific dates for 2023, please book them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

VACANCY - ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's School, are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher/Sendco for Easter 2023 or earlier. Further details can be found on:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-headteachersendco-1294383> Visits to the school are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Julie Lynch on 020 8546 7178 or by email office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

READERS FOR MASS

We are very short of readers for the Sunday Mass, especially the 5.00pm - having lost two volunteers in the last couple of months and trying to recruit some new ones. If you would be interested in this very important role and would like to volunteer, please speak to Michael in the Parish Office or email surbiton@rcaos.org.uk

STRICTLY MINUETS 2023

Our Tuesday dance sessions start again on January 24th with a Scottish Burns Night theme. £5 at the door. if you want to attend and bring friends please contact Kate: 07747 464046.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office is closed until Monday 30th January