



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 18th June - 11th Sunday in ordinary Time - (A)

9.30am

Miriam Smith RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

The deceased members of the Wilson family

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 19th June

St. John Rigby

10.00am

Denis Curtin RIP

(We welcome the children from years 3 & 4 from St. Joseph's School to Mass today)

Tuesday 20th June

St. Alban

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Wednesday 21st June

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

12noon

Francisca Rosario RIP

Thursday 22nd June

SS. John Fisher and Thomas More

10.00am

Roxi (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for

vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

Friday 23rd June

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

For the gift of a baby boy - Raphael

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

Saturday 24th June

The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

10.00am

Fra. John Dunlap - Prince and grand Master of the Order of Malta

Sunday 25th June - 12th Sunday in ordinary Time - (A)

9.30am

Michael Pearson RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Andreina da Silva Kayall RIP

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited in the Church

Monday - Saturday before Mass

4.00pm on Sundays

TEA AND COFFEE

There is no tea and coffee today after the 9.30am Mass as the hall is being prepared for the parish lunch.

There is tea and coffee after Mass on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am,
4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Monday 26th June

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – FAMILY/BBQ PICNIC

From 1.00pm - 4.00pm on Sunday 9th July, we will have a BBQ/picnic, with families and children of the parish especially welcome. Please bring your own picnic rugs and drinks, as well as a salad or side dish to share. If you plan to attend, please email Michael.j.nicholson@hotmail.co.uk so we can plan appropriately.

Today's Gospel from St. Matthew 9:36, tell us that "Jesus had compassion for them." Who were the "crowds" on whom he had compassion? Among them were tax-collectors who cheated, robbers who robbed, murderers who murdered, harlots who lived lives of unchastity, adulterers who violated their marriage vows, nominal believers in God who never went to the temple or honoured God in private. These may have been a minority, but there was no town or district in Palestine of that time in which some, or all such sinners, could not be found. Yet Jesus, who read their innermost minds, had pity on them for he saw that most, if not all of these sinners, acted through ignorance and through lack of instruction. They were lost sheep because they had no shepherd to lead them. The exalted opinion of their own sanctity that their official teachers had, caused them to shun the people, lest they be contaminated.

Christ said the harvest of such poor, misguided souls was plentiful and he needed more harvesters. That, indeed, was true in his day, but it is a hundred percent truer today. Any of our modern larger cities today has a population greater than the whole of Palestine in Christ's day. And the percentage of sinners in these cities would be greater, not less, than the percentage of sinners then in Palestine.

Christ too is unchanged. He still has compassion for today's sinners and wants them to be saved, not lost. But for this he needs "harvesters," apostles, who will help him. Here is where all good Christians, all who really love God and their neighbour, must help. He is not asking us to give up our present occupation, or to leave home and family to become priests or missionaries. The work we can do and which he is asking us to do is on our very doorsteps. In some cases it is inside—in our own homes.

The first movement towards this apostolate to our fellow men is to show the good example of a truly Christian life. In the home and in our place of employment, example may go unnoticed or sometimes even be ridiculed by the very ones who need it, but with the grace of God, which always accompanies it, it will eventually produce good fruit. There are thousands of men and women in heaven today who owe their salvation, under God, to the good example of a sincere Christian neighbour. After good example, comes good advice. A suggestion, a hint, an encouragement, kindly and charitably offered, may often turn a neighbour from evil ways. This good advice must always be humbly and charitably given. Nobody, a sinner least of all, wants to be lectured or "preached at." St. Francis de Sales, the gentlest of apostles, said that one will catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar. There are pious Christians who abhor sin so much that they abhor and repel the sinner, as well. In this, they are more pharisaical than Christlike. He abhorred sin, but he still loved the sinner and wanted him saved.

The harvest is plentiful; indeed it is huge. But let not its huge size frighten us. If everyone reaps his own corner, we shall all meet in the centre of the harvest-field some day.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE - The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames would like your help in supporting the new arrivals from Ukraine to thrive and prosper whilst Ukraine is still under attack, and its people still need your help.

Over 400 people have arrived in Kingston under the Homes for Ukraine scheme since March 2022 and many are now looking for new hosts to accommodate them. Your generosity could transform the lives of people who have fled the devastating war in Ukraine.

Are you interested in becoming a host for Ukrainians? For more information visit our webpage for more information <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/ukraine> or email us ukraine@kingston.gov.uk

Next Sunday we welcome Mariia Gordieieva to the 9.30am Mass, to speak about this scheme.

TODAY IS 'A DAY FOR LIFE' - This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. There will be a 2nd collection to support the church's work in promoting the sanctity of all human life.

LIFE SPONSORED 10 BRIDGES OF LONDON WALK
Life will be holding a sponsored walk around the 10 bridges of London on 25th June. Please contact Therese on 07984515947 for more information or see the poster in the Church porch.

SUMMERTIME 2023: FOR ALTAR SERVERS AGED 11 – 17 - This year's 'Summertime' will take place at the oratory school in Reading from the 1st – 4th August. Total Cost £169.00. It is a excellent few days of prayer and recreation. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen: Tel: 01322 220075 or go to www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com