



St. Raphael's Church

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

9.30am The D'Souza family
 11.30am Missa Pro Populo
 5.00pm Charles Piddock RIP
 4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 4th September Feria in Ordinary Time
 10.00am Edith - welfare
 Tuesday 5th September Feria in Ordinary Time
 10.00am Philip Grant RIP
 Wednesday 6th September Feria in Ordinary Time
 12noon Giancarlo Fois - welfare
 Thursday 7th September Feria in Ordinary Time
 10.00am Paolo Fois - welfare (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
 Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.
 Friday 8th September The Nativity of Our Lady
 10.00am Zita & Clovis Moraes RIP
 A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat.
 Saturday 9th September Our Lady
 10.00am Terry Burchett RIP

Sunday 10th September – 23rd Sunday in ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am The Rodricks family
 11.30am Richard Leeson RIP
 5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
 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 - Sunday tea and coffee resumes next Sunday. There is tea and coffee after the Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Resumes next Sunday.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday Rosary and Benediction resumes today at 4.00pm. Thursday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on the Thursday.

CONFESSIONS

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

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

2ND COLLECTIONS

Today there will be a Second Collection for the **Catholic Education Service**. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Next Sunday we welcome Fr. Rozario Arputhamthere who make the annual Mission appeal in aid of 'The Society of African Missions.'

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

If your child will be in Year Three or above in the Autumn term, they are eligible to join the First Holy Communion course which starts in late September/October. The course runs on Saturday mornings during term time and the First Holy Communion Mass will be in May 2024. Application forms are now available in the Sacristy. **Please ensure the form is completed fully and handed in with a baptismal certificate by next Sunday, the 10th September.** Please note if the course is oversubscribed, priority will be given to parishioners. There will be an introductory meeting for parents on the 28th September at 7.00pm in Alexander House. If you have any queries, please speak to the catechists - Ginette Howell and Kate Freeman.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

'I am Julius Twesige Kwezi, 48 years old. Ugandan by nationality

I am a PG student at Kingston University.

(student no. K2039811) in my last semester. I am writing to inquire about anyone who can provide a small room for rent for a maximum of 5 months, from September to January 2024, at a reasonable price of about £500 per month. The payment will be made monthly.

Furthermore, any temporary employment is also welcome.

My telephone number is 07466575013'

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from October 6th -8th. The cost is £230 for a single room and £210 for a shared room. For more details or to book, email reception@thefriars.org.uk, or phone 01622 717272.

On Friday we celebrate The Nativity of Our Lady. We know that everyone has a birthday. Scripture does not tell us about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents probably took one look at their new-born daughter and knew that she was special. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any new-born infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes we do not see how special we are. Sometimes we forget that God is calling us too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world. When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honour Jesus too. Let us thank God for the gift of life and give honour to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.

RUN THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE - SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners.

Registration fee: £20

Fundraising goal: £300

All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good.

Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

For more information contact Prathiti Kumar

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RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) INFORMATION SESSION

Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic or reconnecting with your Faith? Maybe you have missed out on one of the Sacraments? Just curious about the Catholic Faith? If you have any questions or are interested, or know someone who may be interested, there is an information session on Saturday 23-Sep-23 at 10.30am in the library. By joining the small and friendly parish RCIA group, there is no obligation to remain, you can leave the group at any time.

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC KINGSTON AND CREAM TEA WITH THE MAYOR

This summer, the Mayor is offering a unique opportunity, which will delight anyone interested in local history, or those of you who have always harboured a secret desire to have tea with the Mayor! Our official Town Crier/Tipstaff and local historian, Mike Seigel, will be leading an hour-long walking tour of Kingston's historical sights, highlighting some of the fascinating history of our Royal Borough. This will be rounded off with a cream tea, hosted by the Mayor, in the Queen Anne Suite of the Guildhall, with special access to view the Mayor's Parlour and the artefacts contained there. Tickets cost: £25 per person. This event is in aid of The Mayors Charitable Trust which in 2023-24 is supporting two local charities: Voices of Hope & Kingston Charitable Foundation. For more information go to <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/tour-and-tea>

Congratulations to
Anastasia & Andrew
who were married here at
St. Raphael's on the 28th August