

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 12th November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – (A)- Remembrance Sunday

9.30am

The Dead of The Two World Wars and Subsequent Conflicts

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

The Deceased Members of the Pearce and Brennan families

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 13th November

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

10.00am

Michael Mitchell RIP

Tuesday 14th November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

In thanksgiving and a special intention

Wednesday 15th November

St. Albert the Great

12.00noon

The welfare of the Okpan & Antunes family

Thursday 16th November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Daniel Keenaghan RIP (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

Friday 17th November

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Terry Burchett RIP

(12noon Deanery Requiem Mass for deceased clergy – St. Ann's Kingston Hill)

A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat.

Saturday 18th November

The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul

10.00am

The Rupa, Park & Tangri families

Sunday 19th November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am

The welfare of the Okpan & Antunes family

11.30am

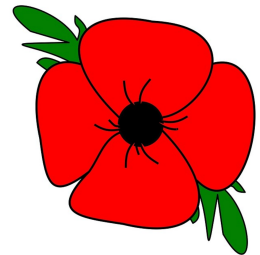
John & Gabrielle Butterly RIP

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 – After the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 9.30am Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Sundays at 4.00pm and after Mass on Thursdays concluding with Benediction at 11.45am

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am,

4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES- Our 1st Holy Communion group meets on Saturday 10.30am.

RCIA -The next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) session is on Saturday, 10.30 - 12.00 in the library. New members are always welcome. There is no obligation to remain on the course.

DEANERY REQUIEM FOR DECEASED CLERGY - The annual Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of the deanery will take place at St. Anne's Church, Kingston Hill on this Friday at 12noon. All are welcome. (The 85 bus from Kingston stops near the Church)

LITTLE CHERUBS- St. Raphael's baby and toddler group will meet on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3pm. We meet every Wednesday afternoon in term time. All children welcome with their parent or carer. For further details email us at; straphaelslittlecherubs@outlook.com
See our Facebook page, St. Raphael's Little Cherubs, or speak to Dymphna or Leela after the 9:30am Mass.

“DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME”

These words of Christ at the Last Supper were more than a simple command to commemorate. They are a call to awakening that in this life this important historical figure, Jesus of Nazareth, has left his mark on the world. As we come to the altar to follow this command the effects of that first Good Friday are not only called to mind but are brought to effect having a direct bearing on our lives.

Our memory forms us, it has an impact on who we are as individuals and as a society. The Early Church Fathers spoke of the memory as being ‘a power of the soul’; the great philosopher, Aristotle referred to it as being the ‘scribe of the soul’, such is its effect. Memory informs, rightly or wrongly, and impacts our decision making and therefore our future. It also keeps the events of the past effective in our lives.

This Month of the Holy Souls is a particular time where we recall with an act of memory those who have gone before us from this life and have left their mark, directly or indirectly. It is good that we should have a season of the year for remembrance a time when we feel that that veil between time and eternity is thin, and we can sense a greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong. The Church has settled this feast on a time in the turning of the year when the pre-Christian Celtic religions were accustomed to think of and make offerings for the dead. The Church kept the day, but it changed the custom.

The greatest and only offering, to redeem both living and dead, has already been made by Christ, and if we want to celebrate our loving connection on both sides of the veil, we need to make gifts for and to the living. Today we especially ‘remember’ those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten.

The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As the Lord commanded the apostles to “Do this in memory of me” we gather this day praying for the graces of the great sacrifice of Calvary to engulf the whole world that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed; and to our fallen we say “We will remember them”.

TODAY – THE ARCHBISHOP’S APPEAL - The Archbishop’s Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop’s Appeal 2023. Every gift is welcome.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ AT ALL SAINTS - A place to talk about the pain of bereavement and loss and find mutual support from others. 8th & 22nd November and 6th & 20th December from 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the church café, All Saints, Kingston Market Place

CHRISTMAS SALE - Our annual sale of Christmas cards, advent calendars and cribs continues in the Hall. Do call in and have a look at our large selection of religious Christmas gifts and cards. All profits go to Church funds.

CONFIRMATION REUNION - We would like to invite all the young people Confirmed this summer to coffee and doughnuts in the upper room after 9:30 Mass next Sunday 19th November.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION for Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and Readers takes place on Saturday 2nd December from 10.30am to 3.30pm, including lunch, at St. Boniface parish, Tooting for the SW area and is led by Canon Gerard Bradley. All welcome.

INTER FAITH WEEK – Inter Faith week begins this week and there are a number of events taking place around Kingston that all are welcome to attend.

A Service of Remembrance –

Sunday 12 November at 11.15am at All Saints Kingston.

An Inter Faith Walk in Kingston –

Tuesday 14 November from 1.00 – 5.00pm Meeting at Kingston Train Station. Hosted by Rashid Laher. A free walking tour that will visit 5 different places of worship in Kingston. Come to visit and learn about some of the historic diverse places of worship in Kingston. Meet at 1.00pm at Kingston Train Station entrance (Wood Street). Refreshments will be provided at the end of the walk. Please wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes. Email <strategy@kingston.gov.uk> to participate.

‘Noah’s Pudding’ –

Wednesday 15 November from 7:30pm - 9:30pm at All Saints Church, Kingston. An Inter Faith Activity and Discussion: As the Anatolian tale goes, after the flood waters gradually began to recede, Noah wanted to celebrate surviving the flood with a dessert. By sharing this ancient traditional Turkish dessert (‘Noah’s Pudding’) together, people from different faiths and beliefs have the chance to respectfully engage with each other.

‘Noah’s Pudding’ Ingredients:

Crushed wheat, Rice, Sugar, Apple, Orange, Pomegranate, Dried figs, Dried apricots, Seedless raisins, Cinnamon sticks, Ground cinnamon, Cloves, Bay leaves, Coconut

‘Mitzvah Day’ –

Sunday 19 November from 2.00pm – 4.00pm at Kingston Liberal Synagogue. Led by Rabbi Rene Pfertzel, ‘Mitzvah Day’ is the UK’s largest faith-led day of social action. Mitzvah means ‘good deed or act of kindness’. This year, the synagogue has partnered with RBKares, a local charity who are supporting vulnerable groups in the borough. Take part this year by helping to pack the “Kindness bags” which will be distributed out to these communities. Refreshments are provided. Email <strategy@kingston.gov.uk> to participate. All welcome.