



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 24th November – Christ The King (B)

9.30am Agnes and Alexander D'Souza RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The Holy Souls

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 25th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Fr. David Barnes - welfare

Tuesday 26th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am John & Mary Savile RIP

Wednesday 27th November Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon Maria Metcalf RIP & Fr Morris Nicholas RIP

Thursday 28th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Joseph De Lord RIP (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood and Peace concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

Friday 29th November St. Cuthbert Mayne

10.00am The Lee family

Saturday 30th November St. Andrew

10.00am The deceased relatives of Maria

Sunday 1st December – The First Sunday of Advent (C)

9.30am May Conley RIP

11.30am Paul McNaught RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Rosary and Benediction – Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm

Thursday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 10.00am Mass – concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

R.C.I.A - The next session will be next Saturday 30th November at 10.30am in Alexander House.

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is said before Mass Monday - Saturday and at 4.00pm on Sunday.

TEA AND COFFEE - After the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and following the midday Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – There is Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturdays at 10.30am in Alexander House.

CONFIRMATION GROUP – Next Sunday 6.15pm

FAITH FORMATION GROUP – Next Sunday 10.30am in the Library

THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our parent and child group meet on Wednesday afternoons 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hall.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

Today is the feast of Christ The King and also National Youth Day. There will be a 2nd collection in aid of the Catholic Youth Service which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays

9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

BISHOP JOHN HINE RIP

Bishop John Hine, the retired Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark died peacefully on the 16th November fortified by the sacraments of the Church.

Bishop John served the Church in Southwark with great dedication and humility throughout his life. Born on 26 July 1938 in Tunbridge Wells, he was educated at both Stonyhurst and Mayfield Colleges. He studied for the Priesthood at the Venerable English College in Rome, where he was ordained priest on 28 October 1962.

Over the years, Bishop John faithfully served the archdiocese in various pastoral and curial roles, gaining the respect and affection of those to whom he ministered. On 27th February 2001, he was ordained bishop, to serve as an Auxiliary Bishop for Southwark and appointed titular bishop of Beverley. His episcopal ministry focused particularly on the pastoral care of the Kent episcopal area, a responsibility he undertook with pastoral zeal and kindness. Bishop Hine's warm pastoral character, deep spirituality and wise leadership were appreciated greatly and even in retirement, he continued to serve quietly but effectively, remaining a much-loved presence in our archdiocese. Details of Bishop John's funeral will follow in due course. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY

From Next Sunday the Church in England and Wales will be using a new version of the Lectionary. The Lectionary is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments and is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship and therefore to provide a better text for use in liturgical settings.

Today at all Masses the copies of the new Lectionaries will be blessed in preparation for their use, starting next week.

DEANERY REQUIEM FOR DECEASED CLERGY - The annual Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of the deanery will take place at St. Catherine's Church, Leatherhead Road, Chessington, this Friday at 7.00pm.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL – The assisted suicide bill introduced by Kim Leadbeater MP will be voted on by MPs this coming Friday, the 29th November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk (This is the SPUC website)

'As followers of the Lord Jesus we are called care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death'
(Archbishop John)

ADVENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY' - Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent and copies of the Advent edition of 'My Day by Day' are available at the back of the Church, they cost £1.00 (Please put money in the box marked Newspapers or pay with the card reader.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during advent and is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas.

There are still some **Advent Calanders** and **Christmas Cards** available for sale in the Hall.



CHRIST THE KING

The kings of this earth demand of their subjects that they should be ready, if necessary, to lay down their lives to defend their king and realm. Men and women have always accepted this and millions have gladly given their lives to defend their country and rulers. We have a king who laid down his life for us and set us an example unlike that of any earthly king. Following his Father's will, he did this to make us worthy to share in the Father's eternal kingdom. The incarnation, which made us adopted children of God, and the crucifixion, which obtained remission of our sins, surely prove to us the love and the esteem in which God holds us. It should also show how important is our future life. Christ did not come on earth to make us healthy, happy or prosperous in this world; he came to open heaven for us where we could be happy forever. This was God's purpose in creating us. This is his purpose for us still. All our other interests in this life are secondary when compared with this.

In honouring Christ today as our King, let us especially thank him for all the humiliations and sufferings he endured on our behalf. If our Christian way of living makes some demands on us let us not forget how trivial they are when compared with what Christ's earthly life cost him. He made these severe sacrifices for us; we are asked to make our small offerings for ourselves. Our self-interest alone should inspire us, but our gratitude to Christ should especially move us to play our part. Let us promise to be grateful and loyal subjects of his for the rest of our days. He has made us members of his kingdom on earth—the Church—and is preparing a place for us in his everlasting kingdom. Let no one be so foolish as to forfeit an eternal happiness because of some earthly attachment to the passing things of this world.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING SESSION

- For our Reception 2025. 4th December at 9.15am. To book a place please contact the school office on 020 8546 7178, or email office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Our annual parish carol service will take place on Sunday 15th December at 6.15pm. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Alexander House. This year the Deputy Mayor of Kingston will attend.

KEYS – We need to do an up-to-date audit of key holders for both the church and hall. If you have a key for either, please contact Michael in the Parish Office.