



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 12th January

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

The Baptism of The Lord (C)

Alan Chapman RIP

Paul Rocca RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction

The end of the Christmas season

First week in Ordinary Time, ferial cycle 1

Monday 13th January

10.00am

St. Hilary

Fr. Peter Ryan RIP (Parish Priest 1914 -1930)

Tuesday 14th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Michael Dwyer RIP

Wednesday 15th January

12noon

Feria in Ordinary Time

Ruth's intention

Thursday 16th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

(Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Una Annett RIP

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

Friday 17th January

10.00am

St. Anthony

Fr. David Barnes RIP

Saturday 18th January

10.00am

Our Lady

The Holy Souls

Sunday 19th January

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Missa Pro Populo

Michael, Mary & Paul McLoughlin

Bobby O'Connell RIP

Rosary and Benediction



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm.

Thursday - Exposition from after the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

R.C.I.A - The next session will be on Saturday in Alexander House.

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is said before Mass Monday – Saturday.

TEA AND COFFEE - There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass today and after Mass on Wednesday.

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday 10.30am in Alexander House

CONFIRMATION GROUP - Today at 6.15pm in the Church

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Today at 10.30am in the Library.

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays - 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

*Fr. Geoffrey would like to
thank everyone for their
cards, gifts best wishes
and generosity over Christmas.*

CRIB COLLECTION - This year we are collecting for the 'Friends of The Holy Land'. This is a non-political Christian Charity. Their mission is to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the Holy Land. The focus of their work is providing practical help directly to the most needy and vulnerable of our Christian brothers and sisters through a balance of funding immediate relief of emergency needs and practical small projects to help create a sustainable future in the Holy Land – most importantly to give them hope. They work with a team of locally based lay and clerical professionals who identify and verify all the cases they support. For more information go to their website

<https://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/>

Today is the feast of The Baptism of The Lord and the end of the Christmas season and our crib will be taken down during the week– so today will be your last chance to make a donation.

TWO IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - On the 28th May 1965 Pope St Paul VI created the Metropolitan See of Southwark which raised The Diocese of Southwark to statutes of a Metropolitan Archdiocese. To mark the 60th Anniversary of this there will be a major celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7th June. More details to follow.

This year also marks the 175th anniversary of the opening of our Church in 1850 – which was built by Alexander Raphael. To mark this occasion Archbishop John has graciously agreed to come and celebrate the 11.30am Mass here on Sunday 28th September – the nearest Sunday to our patronal feast (Monday 29th September).

PEACE SUNDAY - Peace Sunday is on 19th January this year: the theme chosen by the Holy Father for 2025 is '*Forgive us our trespasses; Grant us your peace*'. Pax Christi is an official church organisation basing its work on the Gospel values of peace, justice and non-violence. Pax Christi prayer cards on the Peace Sunday theme will be distributed after all of the Masses on 19th January. Please continue to pray for peace in our troubled world.

KINGSTON CHURCHS ACTION ON HOMLESSNESS WRITES – RE THE KINGSTON NIGHT SHELTER

"As the temperatures drop and the nights grow longer, our community faces a challenge: there are rough sleepers right here in Kingston who need a warm, safe space to rest. The Kingston Winter Night Shelter is more than just a roof over someone's head; it's a beacon of hope, a place where lives are changed; both for the guests and for the volunteers who make it possible.

This winter, we need your help. Whether you've volunteered before or are considering it for the first time, this is your chance to make a truly meaningful contribution. No prior experience is necessary – just a compassionate heart and a willingness to help. Volunteering doesn't just help those in need – it's deeply rewarding for you as well. Many of our volunteers have told us how this experience has shifted their perspective and given them a renewed sense of purpose.

We understand it might feel daunting if you've never done something like this before, but you won't be alone. We'll provide training, guidance, and a supportive environment to ensure you feel confident and comfortable. There will always be a paid member of KCAH staff on-site.

Give it a try with no commitment. Even helping for one shift will allow the Winter Night Shelter to run smoothly and if it's not for you then at least you have tried something new and made a difference to others!"

For more information visit <https://kcah.org.uk/>

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child. Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel and as the Son of the Father to the entire world.

The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

His Baptism in the Jordan is His spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus and the voice from Heaven proclaims to the World that from the very beginning, He was always the Lord, He was always God.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

PIANO AND FLUTE TEACHER AVAILABLE

Beginners to advanced students.

Recommended by a parishioner. Contact Mary Parker 07973413056 (music teacher)

FILM SHOW -Another chance to see Classic Clips and Rare Reels on Saturday 8th February at 7.00 pm in Alexander House. Admission free. Refreshments served. Retiring collection in aid of the Life charity.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret (Peggy) Beehan** who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be here on the 30th January at 10.00am.
May She Rest In Peace.