



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 23rd February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 24th February

10.00am

Tuesday 25th February

10.00am

Wednesday 26th February

12noon

Thursday 27th February

10.00am

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

Friday 28th February

10.00am

Saturday 1st March

10.00am

Sunday 2nd March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Margaret and Alquin Noronha RIP

John Jo O'Mara RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction

Feria in Ordinary Time

Stephanie Barlow & family

St. Ethelbert

Simone Dyer

Feria in Ordinary Time

Leo Collins

Feria in Ordinary Time

Nancy & Clarette Mederos (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Feria in Ordinary Time

Christopher Gardener & Margaret Ellis

St. David

Thomas Gomes RIP

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gina Blancotto RIP

Dr. Benjamin Cummings & Leo Collins

Missa Pro Populo

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.

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 – During the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday 10.30am in Alexander House

CONFIRMATION GROUP - This evening at 6.15pm in the Church

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Sunday 9th March, 10.30am in the Library.

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

RCIA – Next Saturday, 10.30am in the Library.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

Of Your Charity
Please pray for the repose of
the soul of
Cameron Cottee
who died recently. Details of
his funeral to follow
May He Rest In Peace.

In today's gospel it would at first sight appear that the demands that Christ makes on our charity here are anything but easy. Loving one's enemies is asking a lot. Blessing them and praying for them might be all right for St. Francis but expecting it of us seems to be going very far. Asking for a blow on the second cheek while the first is still twinging with pain seems fit only for a martyr. Not to try to take back what was stolen from us looks very foolish. Yet it was Christ who made all these demands.

However, before we give up in despair and decide that this is not for us, let us look a little more closely at the demands that are made. To love our enemy does not mean we must throw our arms about them every time we meet them. It means we must do all in our power to rid our minds of any hatred of them and try to see the good that is in them.

Not judging and condemning comes under this heading. Human sinful beings that we are, our faculty for seeing in our neighbour the real man as he is before God, is very limited and very prone to error. There are justly convicted robbers and murderers in our jails, in whom God can see a lot of goodness even now, and perhaps future citizens of heaven later on.

Not demanding back what was unjustly taken from us does not mean that we may not have recourse to the legal or other means available to us for obtaining compensation in such cases. What it does forbid is personal (generally forceful) restoration of our rights and property.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before. Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal charity in place of this. Every man should truly love his neighbour for he is his brother. What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbour must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that.

You would like your neighbour to help you to reach heaven. "You go and do likewise" to your neighbour and you will both get there.

PARISH HELPERS MASS & LUNCH

Last Saturday's Mass & Lunch celebrations for the parish helpers was much appreciated. Some of the comments received mentioned: the opportunity to socialise with friends in the parish, meeting people from 'other Masses', the food was splendid, for which thanks go to the De Menezes family and it was lovely to see so many of the younger congregation helping to serve and clear the meal as well as having a very enjoyable time themselves.

The Votive Mass of Our Lady, in thanksgiving, prior to the meal brought comments of the joy of coming together in prayer out of the wish to be together. The musical accompaniment and rich choice of hymns added to the Mass, for which thanks to our organist and choir leaders of the singing. Thanks to everyone who took part.

Fr. Michael

PEOPLE'S MISSALS

The Catholic Truth Society have published new people's hardback missals which contain the new mass and lectionary translations. Orders made through the parish get a 10% discount. There are three versions of these. Sunday Missals cost £17.96, Weekday Missals (does not include Sundays) cost £49.50 and Daily Missals (Sundays and Weekdays) cost £62.99. (These prices include the discount) The Parish is going to make a one off order of these for those who are interested. If you would like to order one please contact Michael in the Parish Office. Payment please will be required with all orders, we accept, cash, cheques, contactless and online payments. The deadline for placing your order is 16th March.

TODAY

Today there will be the annual collection for the '**Clergy Support Fund**'. The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

TALK AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH KINGSTON

26th February at 6.30pm "Coming Home: What is good housing and how can we provide it for everyone?" This subject is very much in the public eye. England has a housing crisis. The talk will be a town hall style event with questions invited. The speaker will be Bishop Graham Tomlin, director of the Centre for Cultural Witness, former Bishop of Kensington. On the panel will be Cllr Emily Davey, Georgie Forshaw, CEO of Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness and Alex Scott-Whitby, Associate Professor of Architecture Kingston University. The talk will be hosted by Rev Joe Moffatt Vicar of All Saints Kingston. The talks are free but ticketed. The link for reserving free tickets is: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-church-kingston/faith-talks-coming-home-what-is-good-housing-and-how-can-we-provide-it-for-everyone/2025-02-26/18:15/t-vvoyelx>

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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