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# ST. RAPHAEL

**Catholic Parish Church  
Chaplaincy to Kingston University**

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## EMERGENCY

IF ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL REQUEST  
THAT THE ON DUTY CATHOLIC  
CHAPLAIN BE NOTIFIED

## WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Friday  
Alexander House  
(Enter via the right hand side  
of the Church)



**Whilst the scaffolding is  
in the Church, please take  
special care and ensure  
that Children are  
supervised at all times.**

**7<sup>th</sup> August 2011, Nineteenth Sunday (A) psalter III**

**9.30 am Family Mass Deceased members of the Swallow & Jarvis Family**

**11.30am Sung Mass Denis Sumner RIP**

**5.00pm Quiet Mass People of the Parish**

**No Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Dominic
10.00am	Fred Stevenson RIP
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
10.00am	Stan Conley RIP
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Lawrence
10.00am	Fr. Austin Daly & Jim Daly
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Clare
10.00am	David Larkin
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Feria
<b>09.00am</b>	Scolastica Rose Ezezial
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Our Lady.
10.00am	Dennis Boulton RIP

**14<sup>th</sup> August 2011, The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady (A)**

**9.30 am Family Mass Kelly Dagleish RIP**

**11.30am Sung Mass John & Gabrielle Butterly RIP**

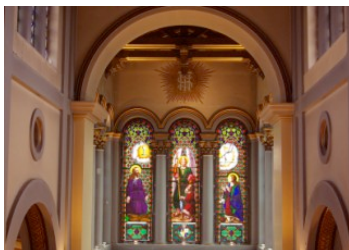
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**Thank you** for Last Sunday's Collections:  
£743.17 loose + £204.00 Gift Aid = **£947.17**  
Plus £286.70 for 'A Day for Life'

## CAKE SALE

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August There will be a Cake Sale after the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses to help raise funds for two young people from our Parish, Maria & Rose Byrne, to go to the World Youth Day in Madrid. Please drop in for a cup of tea and a piece of Cake.



*Stained Glass*  
**Restoration Target**  
**£50,000**  
**RAISED £39,460.99**  
**NEED £10,539.01**  
Restored in memory of:  
Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan  
A much loved Parish Priest



**NEW STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS TARGET**  
**£18,480.00**  
**RAISED £4,490.95**  
**NEED £13,989.05**

## Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am  
11.00am - 11.20am  
4.30pm - 4.50pm  
**Saturdays**  
10.30am - 11.00am

**2nd Collection today for our Stained Glass Windows & Stations of the Cross**

## RESTORATION UPDATE - THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

This week the erecting of the scaffold was completed and the laborious work of cleaning the beautiful ornately decorated beams commenced. To our surprise it was discovered that the decoration on the beams is not original but dates back to around 1896. Under the current decorative scheme one can clearly see the original fleurs-de-lis, which Lady Agnes Mexborough ordered to be covered together with the fleurs-de-lis behind the High Altar - for some reason she was not a fan of the Bourbon dynasty and its connection with the Church in which a number of royal weddings took place.

Last Monday the East Windows together with nine of the Clerestory Windows were taken down for restoration. The principle restorer commented that they were held up just by prayer! Without question one of the great glories of our Church is the stained glass. Not only is the glass extremely beautiful it is also unique. Pre-eminent is the East window over the High Altar. Nothing is known of the artist, though some believe that the glass was made in France. However the pattern of the other windows are said to be Armenian.

During the Second World War a bomb fell near the Church and the windows were damaged; later temporary repairs were made to them.

While the overall project will be in memory of our much loved former Parish Priest Fr. O'Sullivan, people are invited to sponsor part of a window and dedicate their section for a special intention such as: in memory of a loved one; celebration of a special occasion; for blessings received; in reparation; in thanksgiving; on behalf of a family.

Each of the East windows costs £10,000 and each of the nine top windows costs £2000. People are invited to either sponsor a whole window or to pay £20 and sponsor part of a window. All specific donations and intentions will be recorded in our special memorial book.

## PARISH SACRISTAN

One of the most important roles in a parish is that of a parish sacristan. They assist the parish priest in all aspects of the day to day running of the Church from preparing for the Sacred Liturgy to welcoming people and offering assistance to ensuring the Church is secure.

Over the past few months one of our sacristans returned home to South Africa whilst another has to dedicate more time to the care of a relative. While we still have two sacristans we are in need of more help in order to share the responsibility between a larger group of people.

As part of our good practice, it is essential that a sacristan be on duty whenever there is a service. This ensures that the safety of our children remains a priority, in accord with our child protection policy, and that we maintain our current high standards.

Sacristans decide how much time and on what days they wish to commit, which changes with their circumstances.

To be eligible you must be: reasonably fit and healthy, have a love for the Church, be able to work in a team and be thick skinned with a good sense of humour; all sacristans are police checked.

If you are interested then do please speak with Fr. Vincent or contact Michael in the Parish Office.

## LONDON SURREY CYCLE CLASSIC EVENT

This event will take place next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August and will cause major problems on many local roads which will be closed for a substantial period of the day.

## PARISH LIBRARY

A successful session was had this week with 480 books labeled. It really is great fun and requires little effort. We do need volunteers for the 8th, 15th and 22nd and 29th August. If you have some spare time, (young mums can bring baby) please leave your details with the Parish Office.

Of your Charity,  
please pray for the repose of  
the Soul of Susan Vernon who  
died recently.  
May She Rest in Peace.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES



will begin for those in year 3 and above on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. The 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 11.30am. Forms are available from the after Mass today.

## R.C.I.A.

This year's R.C.I.A. Course will commence this coming October. Application Forms are available from the Sacristy. The course is designed for those who wish to become a Catholic, or for Adult Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or for those who wish to learn more about their Catholic Faith.