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# ST. RAPHAEL

**Catholic Parish Church  
Chaplaincy to Kingston University**

**PARISH OFFICE**

**(Mon. - Fri. 9.00am - 4.00pm)**

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**4<sup>th</sup> December 2011, The Second Sunday of Advent (B)**

**9.30 am Family Mass Berni Family, Francesca Poulter & Susan Martin**  
**11.30am Sung Mass Denis Sumner RIP**  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria  
10.00am Kelly Dagleish RIP

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December St. Nicholas  
10.00am Anthony O'Neil

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December St. Ambrose  
10.00am Rodger Knott RIP

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December The Immaculate Conception  
10.00am Janetta Hammerton Fraser RIP  
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8pm)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December Requiem Mass  
10.00am Tina Healy RIP

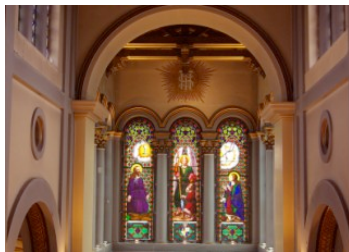
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria  
10.00am Kelly Dagleish RIP

NO 9.00AM  
MASS TODAY

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2011, The Third Sunday of Advent (B)**

**9.30 am Family Mass Margaret O'Malley RIP**  
**11.30am Sung Mass Denis Jennings RIP**  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish**

**Thank you** for Last Sunday's Collections:  
 £556.57 loose + £276.00 Gift Aid = £832.57  
 Plus £107.59. for the Stained Glass Windows  
 & £87.07 for the Stations of the Cross



*Stained Glass  
Restoration*

**Target £50,000**

**RAISED £43,185.66**

**NEED £ 6,814.34**

Restored in memory of:

Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan

A much loved Parish Priest



**NEW STATIONS  
OF THE CROSS**

**TARGET £18,480.00**

**RAISED £10,263.78**

**NEED £8,216.22**

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

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**PARISH DIARY**

**THIS WEEK**

Mass Monday to Friday  
is celebrated in Alexander House

**Monday**

9.45am Rosary

10.00am Mass

2.30pm Parents &  
Children Group Christmas Party  
Alexander House

**Tuesday**

9.45am Rosary

10.00am Mass

7.00pm Yoga

Alexander House

**Wednesday**

9.45am Rosary

10.00am Mass

7.30pm Open Door Prayer Group  
Alexander House

**Thursday**

**A day of Prayer for  
Fr. Vincent and our Parish**

9.45am Rosary

10.00am Mass

Followed by Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament until 8pm

7.00pm Children's First

Confessions

7.30pm RCIA

**Friday**

9.45am Rosary

10.00am Requiem Mass

**Saturday**

9.45am Rosary

10.00am Mass

10.30am - 11.00am

Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Confessions,

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Classes

**Sunday**

9.00am - 9.20am Confessions

9.30am Mass

(Children's Liturgy during  
9.30am Mass)

11.00am - 11.20am Confessions

11.30am Mass

12.30pm Baptisms

4.30pm - 4.50pm Confessions

5.00pm Mass



## St. Raphael's Carol Service

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

at 6.30pm.

Followed by Mulled Wine

& Mince Pies.



### FLOWERS

We will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next Sunday to help pay for flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas.

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR FR. VINCENT AND OUR PARISH

This coming Thursday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. On this day we will have a day of prayer for Fr. Vincent and the needs of our Parish.

9.45 am Rosary

10.00am Mass

10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 noon Angelus & Rosary

3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

6.00pm Angelus & Rosary

8.00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

If you are able to commit ½ an hour to spend before the Blessed Sacrament on this day, please sign the list in Alexander House.

### PLEASE SAY A PRAYER -

For all our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion children who will make their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession on Thursday evening.

### WOMEN'S GROUP STATION OF THE CROSS

Thank you to all the women of the Parish who have donated money towards the 6<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross, "Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus", in memory of all the women of the Parish. If anyone else would like to make a donation, please place it in one of the special envelopes marked "Donation for the 6<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross" and either put it in the ordinary Sunday Collection bags or hand it into the Sacristy or Parish Office, by next Sunday. There are spare envelopes available at the back of the Church.

### RESTORATION UPDATE

This week the workmen started laying the new floor tiles in front of the Communion Rails. It is hoped by the time work stops for Christmas, on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, they will have finished the area in front of the Altar and the main aisle. The rest of the floor should be finished by the middle / end of January.

### OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Bishop John Jukes O.F.M.

Roger Knott & Tina Healy

May They Rest in Peace



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

### FUNDRAISING CONCERT AT CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

Come and join us for a special concert at Corpus Christi Primary School, Chestnut Grove on 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. The young people of St. Pius X church have arranged a special fundraising event featuring a young and exciting new singer, Ashley Fayth (see [www.ashleyfayth.com](http://www.ashleyfayth.com)) in aid of their new church hall. For only £8 on the door or telephone Rick on 07900204428 for tickets; price includes light refreshments and mulled wine.

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

In 1854, Blessed Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" (or "highly favoured"). In that context this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life.

Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

*"Mary gave to the world the Life that renews all things, and she was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role. Adorned from the first instant of her conception with the splendours of an entirely unique holiness, the Virgin of Nazareth is, on God's command, greeted by an angel messenger as 'full of grace' (cf. Luke 1:28). To the heavenly messenger she replies: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word' (Luke 1:38)"*  
(Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 56).