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# ST. RAPHAEL

## CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH ~ CHAPLAINCY TO KINGSTON UNIVERSITY

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Fr. Vincent Flynn ~ **Parish Priest**

### The Parish Diary This Week

#### Wednesday

Church Cleaning after Mass  
Open Door Prayer Group in  
the Church 7.30 - 8.30pm  
Children's 1<sup>st</sup> Confession

#### Thursday

No Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament whilst the new  
heating system is being  
installed in the Church.  
RCIA 7.30pm in the Church

#### Saturday

First Holy Communion  
Class in the Church  
10.30am - 12 noon  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament 10.30am -  
11.00am

#### Sunday

Children's Liturgy during  
9.30am Mass  
Rosary & Benediction 4pm

**The Rosary is recited daily  
at 9.40am except Friday  
when it is said at 8.40am  
and Sundays when it is said  
at 4.00pm**

### 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010, The Second of Advent (A) Psalter week II

**9.30 am Family Mass**      **James Mulcahy RIP**  
**11.30am Sung Mass**      **Denis Sumner RIP**  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass**      **The People of the Parish**

**No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm**

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria
10.00am	Christopher Howell RIP
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> December	St. Ambrose
10.00am	The White & McCarthy Family
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> December	The Immaculate Conception
10.00am	Janetta Hammerton - Fraser RIP
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria
10.00am	Joseph Black (Foundation Mass)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria
09.00am	Alfons Balinski RIP
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria
10.00am	Anne Searle (Welfare)

### 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010, The Third Sunday of Advent (A) Psalter week III

**9.30 am Family Mass**      **Paul Howell RIP**  
**11.30am Sung Mass**      **Denis Jennings RIP**  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass**      **The People of the Parish**

**Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm**

### Confessions

Sundays  
9.00am - 9.20am  
11.00am - 11.20am  
4.30pm - 4.50pm  
Saturdays  
10.30am - 11.00am  
Thursday  
11.00am - 11.45am  
(when there is exposition)

**Restoration of our Stained  
Glass Windows In Memory of  
Fr. Dominic O' Sullivan, a  
much loved Parish Priest**  
**Total needed £50,000**  
Please sponsor a panel for  
£20.00 see details at the back  
of the Church  
Amount raised to date  
**£32,068.83**

*If you would like a Sanctuary  
Lamp to burn night and day  
before the Blessed Sacrament  
either for yourself, a loved one  
or for a special intention please  
contact either the Parish Office  
or the sacristan.  
Recommended donation is £5.*



**Thank you for last Sunday's collection  
£647.12 loose + £281.50 Gift Aid = £928.62**

**The Sanctuary Lamps this  
week are burning for  
A Special Intention &  
In Thanksgiving to Our Lady**

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Fairfield ~ Kingston Upon Thames ~ KT1 - 2UP ~ Tel. 020 8546 - 7178 ~  
email [jsp@rbksch.org](mailto:jsp@rbksch.org) ~ website [www.stjosephsprimary.net](http://www.stjosephsprimary.net)

Children Aged 3-11 ~ Breakfast Club & After School Clubs

**CREATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ~ A CARING & ENCOURAGING CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT**

Mrs. Merryl Roberson ~ Headteacher

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### SUNDAY BENEDICTION & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Because of the lack of heating in the Church and the bad weather, there will be no Children's Liturgy or Rosary & Benediction today.

### ST. RAPHAEL'S CHRISTMAS CARDS & CD

There are some St. Raphael's Christmas cards for sale at the back of the Church in aid of our Stained Glass Window appeal. They cost 40p each or 10 for £3.50. The cards show the beautiful mosaic of the Nativity, which is on the south wall of the Church near Our Lady's Altar. Our Christmas C.D. is also available at the back of the Church.

### CHURCH HEATING

Work is now well under way installing the new Church heating system. Whilst this is going on portable heaters will be used in the Church, so do please be careful in observing normal health and safety precautions, particularly in regard to children. Portable heaters should never be covered or obstructions placed in front of them.

### BALHAM 2010

A new year retreat for those in their late teens or twenties at Holy Ghost Church Balham that runs between the 29th Dec – 1st Jan.

The programme will include daily mass, rosary, talks by dynamic speakers, workshops, discussion groups, social time to make new friends, great music and New Year party celebrations!

Please see the poster in the porch or visit their website <http://www.youth2000.org/content/balham-2010> for more information.

### 2011 CALENDARS

There are some free calendars produced by the Association for the Propagation of the faith, available at the back of the Church, please help yourselves.

### INTERNAL LIGHT

a Christmas concert performed by the Kingston University Chamber Choir and Orchestra will take place at 7.30pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at St. John's Church, Church Grove, Hampton Wick. Music by Howard Goodall, Elgar, Barber & Rutter. Tickets cost £10 (£5 concession and £2 N.U.S. members) Tel 8 417 5430 for more information and tickets.



### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is about Our Blessed Lady, but it is also about us. We honour the great work of God in Mary and renew our participation in His work in us.

Some people feel awkward about honouring Mary. Some people feel that honouring Mary takes away from Jesus Christ. When we understand what we celebrate—that at the beginning of her life, God protected Mary from sin—then we realize we do not simply honour Mary, we honour God. When we honour a painting, we give praise to the artist. God is the supreme 'artist' of the Immaculate Conception.

If we know our own sin, we know the need for this singular gift to Mary. We know that, like Adam and Eve, we are fearful of what God asks of us. Sin makes us afraid, grace allows us to say yes. If there were no grace, no Immaculate Conception, Mary would not have been free to say yes, to say "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord!"

At the same time, there is grace for us. There is grace through Jesus Christ so that we too may say yes, we too may say "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord!" God desires for us to be free from sin. God desires for us to not simply refrain from anger but to pray for those who harm us. God desires us to be fully alive, choosing him at all moments.

What God desires for us is not self-fulfilment but full participation in His own life. What the world calls "self-fulfilment" is a contradiction and is also too little for us. We have a loftier destination. We might say that conversion consists precisely in not considering ourselves as our own "creators" and thereby discovering the truth, for we are not the authors of ourselves.

Pope Benedict XVI



Next Sunday we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to help pay for the flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas. Please be as generous as you can.