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# ST. RAPHAEL

## CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH ~ CHAPLAINCY TO KINGSTON UNIVERSITY

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Fr. Vincent Flynn ~ **Parish Priest**

### Weekly Parish Diary

#### Wednesday

Church **Cleaning** after Mass  
Open Door **Prayer** Group  
In the Church  
7.30pm - 8.30pm

#### Thursday

**Exposition** of the Blessed  
Sacrament for vocations to the  
Sacred Priesthood  
10.30am Benediction at 12 noon

**RCIA** 7.30pm in the Library

#### Saturday

**First Holy Communion Class**  
Alexander House  
10.30am - 12 noon

**Exposition** of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
10.30am - 11.00am

#### Sunday

**Children's** Liturgy during  
9.30am Mass in the Library

Rosary & **Benediction** 4pm

### 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) psalter I

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

**Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> February Feria  
10.00am Edward O'Conner Welfare  
Tue 8<sup>th</sup> February Feria  
10.00am Brigitta Ezechiel (Foundation Mass)  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> February Feria  
10.00am The White & McCarthy Families  
11.00am Josie Brown RIP (St. Joseph's School)  
Thu 10<sup>th</sup> February St. Scholastica  
10.00am Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> February Our Lady of Lourdes  
**09.00am** Olga Villena de Stevenson RIP  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> February Our Lady  
10.00am Eugenia Onukoeu

### 13<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) psalter II

**9.30 am Family Mass** Patricia Van der Linden  
**11.30am Sung Mass** Elaine Kitchen RIP  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass** The People of the Parish

**Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm**

The Restoration of our Stained  
Glass Windows is in memory of  
Fr. Dominic O' Sullivan, a much  
loved Parish Priest.

**Amount needed £50,000**

Please consider sponsoring a  
panel for £20.00, which can be  
dedicated for a special intention,  
anniversary or in thanksgiving.

**Amount raised £33,307.90**

### 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)

The **Rosary** is prayed daily:  
Monday to Saturday at 9.40am,  
except Fridays when it is said at  
8.40am. The Rosary is said on  
Sundays at 4.00pm

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: The Parish Office or a sacristan.  
Recommended donation £5.00

**The Sanctuary Lamps this week  
are burning for Jo**



**Thank you** for Last Sunday's Collection:  
£684.12 loose + £216.00 Gift Aid **£900.12 Total**  
**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next Sunday for the Catholic Education Service**

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## NEW KEY

Each area of the Church site will be divided into zones, accessible by use of a fob. In order to ensure that those who ordinarily have a key to the sacristy understand the new alarm and zoning system, the sacristy lock will be changed in a week's time. If you are a key holder please let the office know by 10.00am tomorrow, the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2011 LED BY ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH**

All are invited to join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place from Friday 19th August to Friday 26 August 2011. Travel by Rail from £642 and by Air from £694 and by Coach £475. Young Helpers fare £455 (by coach). For more information and booking forms, please contact Deacon Michael Kennedy (Pilgrimage Director) at 4, Orbel St., Battersea, London, SW11 3NZ. Tel: 07521 519482  
Email: [rcaspilgrim@btinternet.com](mailto:rcaspilgrim@btinternet.com)

### **ST. RAPHAEL'S RAMBLING GROUP**

Saturday 26 February. Meet in church car park 9.00am. The walk will start from Juniper Hill Wood car park, Headley Road, Dorking at 10am, and will be about 5-6 miles with the opportunity to shorten/lengthen it if required. Please let Catherine know if you are able to give a lift to someone to the start of the walk. Catherine at [st.raphaelsramblers@googlemail.com](mailto:st.raphaelsramblers@googlemail.com)

### **THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**

The Apostleship of the Sea are looking for a representative from our Parish with whom they could liaise on with on occasions like their annual appeal on Sea Sunday. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Michael in the Parish Office.

### **'SOME DEFINITE PURPOSE'**

A new programme has been launched to support the Catholic Community to contribute to the legacy of the Pope's Visit to the UK.

Called 'Some Definite Purpose' the programme reflects the content of Pope Benedict XVI's speeches, homilies and addresses during his September 2010 visit to the UK. A number of events and projects have been timetabled for 2011 and beyond, with the legacy of the Holy Father's visit categorised under six headings: 'To know our purpose', 'To grow in confidence', 'To witness to our faith', 'To serve others', 'To seek and engage in dialogue' and 'To point to the transcendent'.

Archbishop Vincent Nichols said: 'The visit of the Holy Father was a grace-filled occasion and a source of great joy for many. He presented us with a clear task for the months and years ahead. It is hoped that the new initiative, "Some Definite Purpose" will support every member of the Catholic Community, and those who are not Catholic, to make a positive and faith-filled contribution to life in the UK. A key focus is serving those who are most in need where we live and work.' For more information visit <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk>



### **FRIDAY IS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND IS ALSO THE WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK.**

'Dear Brothers and Sisters!  
'By his wounds you have been healed'  
(1 Pt 2:24)

Every year, on the day of the memorial of the Blessed Virgin of Lourdes, which is celebrated on 11 February, the Church proposes The World Day of the Sick. This event, as the venerable John Paul II wanted, becomes a propitious occasion to reflect upon the mystery of suffering and above all to make our communities and civil society more sensitive to our sick brothers and sisters. If every man is our brother, much more must the sick, the suffering and those in need of care be, at

the centre of our attention, so that none of them feels forgotten or marginalized; indeed, 'the true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to the sufferer. This holds true both for the individual and for society. A society unable to accept its suffering members and incapable of helping to share their suffering and to bear it inwardly through compassion is a cruel and inhuman society'

(Part of Pope Benedict's XVI message for the World Day of the Sick)

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin."

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters. There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film *Song of Bernadette*: "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."