

ST. RAPHAEL

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Fr. Vincent Flynn ~ Parish Priest

9th January 2011, The Baptism of the Lord (A)

9.30 am Family Mass	The People of the Parish
11.30am Sung Mass	Denis Sumner RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Paul & Stephanie Ferro's welfare

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
(The end of the Christmas Season - 1st week in Ordinary Time)

Mon 10th January	Feria
10.00am	Rita & Sebastian Ferro's Welfare
Tue 11th January	Requiem Mass
10.00am	Peter Stewart RIP
Wed 12th January	Feria
10.00am	The Altar Society (Foundation Mass)
Thu 13th January	Requiem Mass
10.00am	Martin Kelly RIP
Fri 14th January	Feria
10.00am	A Vander Linden
Sat 15th January	Our Lady
10.00am	Chunyere Onukoeu's Welfare

16th January 2011, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) psalter II

9.30 am Family Mass	Paul Howell RIP
11.30am Sung Mass	Mrs Diane Lawrence
5.00pm Quiet Mass	The People of the Parish

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

The Parish Diary This Week

Wednesday

Church Cleaning after Mass

Open Door Prayer Group
In the Church
7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Resumes 27th January)

RCIA 7.30pm in the Church

Saturday

First Holy Communion
Class in the Church
10.30am - 12 noon

Sunday

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

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

£32,772.36

Confessions

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

The Rosary is recited daily at 9.40am except Friday when it is said at 8.40am and Sundays when it is said at 4pm

The Sanctuary Lamps this week are burning for Ann, Pat & Mary



Thank you for last Sunday's collection
Loose £476.10 Gift Aid £146.50 = £622.60

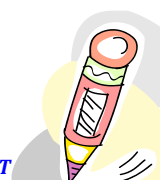
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Fairfield ~ Kingston Upon Thames ~ KT1 - 2UP ~ Tel. 020 8546 - 7178 ~
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Children Aged 3-11 ~ Breakfast Club & After School Clubs

CREATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ~ A CARING & ENCOURAGING CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT

Mrs. Merryl Roberson ~ Headteacher





THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do.

In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary, not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

The Baptism of the Lord has historically been associated with the celebration of the Epiphany. Even today, the Eastern Christian feast of Theophany, celebrated on the 6th of January as a counterpart to the Western feast of Epiphany, focuses primarily on the Baptism of the Lord as the revelation of God to man.

After the Nativity of Christ (Christmas) was separated out from Epiphany, the Church in the West continued the process and dedicated a celebration to each of the major epiphanies (revelations) or theophanies (the revelation of God to man): the Birth of Christ at Christmas, which revealed Christ to Israel; the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, in the visit of the Wise Men at Epiphany; the Baptism of the Lord, which revealed the Trinity.

SUNDAY ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Resumes next Sunday at 4pm.

MASS TO PRAY FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE. FR. AGNELO

Sunday 23rd January at 2.00pm at St. John Fisher Church 207 Cannon Hill Lane, London SW20 9DB followed by Tea in the hall. Please bring a plate of nibbles. Contact Luisa DeSouza on 8542 0224 for more information.

KINGSTON CHURCHES' ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS - WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

This year the KCAH winter project for people who are homeless or vulnerably housed is well under way lasting until the end of February. Volunteers would be most welcome to help with the project. Volunteer roles include welcoming guests, cooking and serving food, eating and socialising with the guests, sometimes playing games (table tennis, board games etc), waking them in the morning, tidying and cleaning the venues etc. It is generally a fairly leisurely pace. Volunteers can serve for one shift, one per week, or as many as they want.

All volunteers need to have attended a short training course, (and feel free to come along to the training before you commit to volunteering if you have any concerns). The next training date is: Thurs 13 Jan 9-10pm at Berrylands Christian Centre Hall, 41, King Charles Rd, Surbiton, KT5 8PF. If you plan to come along please let Paul Farmer know beforehand – MOB: 07895 260605 or email: paul.farmer@kingston-college.ac.uk.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Kelly who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday at 10.00am
May He Rest in Peace



CRIB OFFERINGS

Once again the offerings left at our Parish Crib will be donated to the Comboni Sisters in Bethany to help support the small nursery school they run for the poor children living in this part of the Holy Land.

Please be as generous as you can to help support the sisters in their work in this dangerous area surrounded by soldiers with automatic weapons and security fences. Above all, particularly at this time of year, pray for peace amongst all the peoples who live in the Holy Land. The crib will be taken down during the week.

Have you made a New Year resolution to spend more time in prayer? The *Open Door Prayer Group* offers a welcome, one-hour, midweek breathing space. Come and feel the peace! Wednesday 7:30pm – 8:30pm