

ST. RAPHAEL

**Catholic Parish Church
Chaplaincy to Kingston University**

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29th January 2012, 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) psalter IV

9.30 am Family Mass **The People of the Parish**
11.30am Sung Mass **Brenda McQuillan RIP**
5.00pm Quiet Mass **Fenton & Jethrd**

Monday 30 th January 10.00am	Feria Brenda McQuillan RIP
Tuesday 31 st January 10.00am	St. John Bosco Fenton & Jethrd
Wednesday 1 st February 10.00am	Feria Monica Okafor
Thursday 2 nd February 10.00am	The Presentation (Candlemas) Fr. Austin Daly RIP
Friday 3 rd February 09.00am	St. Blaise (followed by blessing of throats) Bridget Cartmel RIP
Saturday 4 th February 10.00am	Our Lady Anne Bennett

5th February 2012, 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) psalter I

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

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collections:
£816.85 loose + £216.41 Gift Aid = **£1033.26**
Plus £79.06 for the Stained Glass Windows
& £85.24 for the Stations of the Cross

Parish Diary
Mass
Monday - Friday in
Alexander House

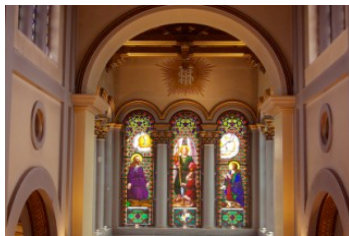
Tuesday
Yoga
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Alexander House

Wednesday
Open Door Prayer
Group 7.30pm
Alexander House

Thursday
RCIA 7.30pm
The Library

Saturday
10.30am - 11.00am
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and
Confessions.
1st Holy Communion
Classes

Sunday
Children's Liturgy during
9.30am Mass



Stained Glass
Restoration
Target £50,000
RAISED £44,566.02
NEED £5,433.98
Restored in memory of:
Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan
A much loved Parish Priest



**NEW STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
TARGET £18,480.00
RAISED £12,056
NEED £6,424.00

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

ALL
ARE
WELCOME

ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2012

With Lent approaching (22 February) we need to consider Lenten Project options that we can support this year and would welcome suggestions from parishioners. You may wish to consider the following issues when generating project options:

- We usually raise between £2-3k, so ideally we should want a project that could feel the real benefit of such a sum.
- The project will require a co-ordinator who can communicate information and market the aims, objectives and work of the project, such as putting together a display board, organising and delivering a presentation at each mass, an article for the newsletter etc., and who can explain how the money raised would be used.
- Ideally we should need someone linked to the project to drive forward co-ordination of activities. This will require identifying parishioners to lead on events and initiatives to raise money or equipment, sponsorship etc., and be the focal point of queries relating to the project or associated fundraising activities.

Please could you inform Tom Morrell at tom.morrell1@googlemail.com of your Lenten Project options by Sunday 5 February.

MONEY BOXES

We have had three of the money boxes at the back of the Church repaired. These are for:- The Church Restoration, The Poor & The Holy Souls.

CELEBRATING FAMILY

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's landmark document on the role of the Christian family, *Familiaris Consortio*. At Amigo Hall, next door to St. George's Cathedral, on Saturday 11 February from 1.30-5pm, there is going to be a celebration to mark that event. As well as a keynote speaker, there will be workshops on marital and family spirituality, the importance of communication in marriage, passing on the faith and helping children experiencing loss. Anyone with a pastoral interest in couples and families is welcome to attend. Admission is free but booking essential.

For more information see the poster in the porch or tel. 020 8690 9310 or email marriage@tiscali.co.uk.

THE PILGRIM

Copies of the February edition of 'The Pilgrim' are available at the back of the Church. They cost 50p. Please buy a copy and help support this new venture.

APPEAL FROM LIFE

Baby clothes and equipment are urgently needed at our LIFE Caring Centres in London and Hounslow. If you have any items you no longer require we should be grateful to receive them to distribute to mothers in need. Please contact Therese on 020 8390 1080 who will arrange collection. The LIFE Charity exists to help unsupported mothers and their babies. Thank you.

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE CANDLEMAS

The feast of the Presentation was originally known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin and is an ancient celebration. The Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth.

According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24) in the temple (thus the "presentation" of the child). On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified (thus the "purification").

Our Lady and Saint Joseph kept this law, even though, since Our Lady was a virgin, she would not have had to go through ritual purification.

Originally, the feast was celebrated on the 14th February, the 40th day after Epiphany because at that time Christmas did not have a separate feast. (Christmas, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, and the feast celebrating Christ's first miracle at the wedding in Cana were all celebrated on the same day.) By the last quarter of the fourth century, however, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on the 25th December, so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to the 2nd February, 40 days later.

When Christ was presented in the temple, "there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25) When Our Lady and Saint Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Cantic of Simeon: "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

Inspired the words of the canticle ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Cantic of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas.

ST. BLAISE

Friday is the feast of St. Blaise. Following the 9.am Mass, there will be the traditional Blessing of Throats.

RAFFLE IN AID OF OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Sunday 5th February there will be a raffle in aid of the Stained Glass Windows and Stations of The Cross. Tickets will be on sale after the 9.30 & 11.30 mass in Alexander House during tea/coffee.