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Fr. Vincent Flynn ~ **Parish Priest**

4th July 2010 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year C Ferial Cycle 2 psalter II

9.30 am Family Mass
11.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Quiet Mass

Sonia Cottee (*Welfare*)
Denis Sumner RIP
The People of the Parish

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Mon 5th July
10.00am

Feria.
The Beattie Family

Tue 6th July
10.00am

St. Maria Goretti
All past & present members of the Annett Family

Wed 7th July
10.00am

Feria
Gertrude Ezechial (*Foundation Mass*)

Thu 8th July
10.00am

Feria
Paul Howell RIP

Fri 9th July
10.00am

Feria
Jocie Burns RIP

Sat 10th July
10.00am

Our Lady
Peggy Hand RIP

11th July 2010 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year C Ferial Cycle 2 psalter III

9.30 am Family Mass
11.30am Sung Mass
5.00pm Quiet Mass

Padraic Devaney RIP
The People of the Parish
Gwendoline Mullens

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Our team of **Church Cleaners**, clean the church every Wednesday morning after the 10.am Mass

The Open Door Prayer Group meet on Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the Church

On Thursday there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** praying for vocations to the sacred Priesthood and Religious Life from after the 10.am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12 noon

The Children's Liturgy takes place during the 9.30am Mass on Sunday

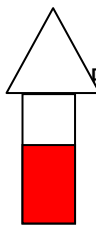
Restoration of our Stained Glass Windows In
Memory of Fr. Dominic O' Sullivan, a much
loved Parish Priest

Total needed £50,000

Please sponsor a panel for £20.00 see
details at the back of the Church

Amount raised to date

£27,351.99



Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection
£821.95 loose & £ 308.50 Aid = £1,130.45

There will be a 2nd collection today
for Peter's Pence which supports the charitable
work carried out by the Holy Father

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.

The Sanctuary Lamps this week are
burning for Aaron Pereira



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)

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Fairfield ~ Kingston Upon Thames ~ KT1 – 2UP ~ Tel. 020 8546 – 7178 ~
email jsp@rbksch.org ~ website www.stjosephsprimary.net

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

CREATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ~ A CARING & ENCOURAGING CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT

Mrs. Merryl Roberson ~ Headteacher





St. Maria Goretti

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti. She was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write. When she made her First Communion not long before her death at the age of 12, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbour, Alessandro, 18 years old, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

She was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family) and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Her murderer was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria, gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to go to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her mother (then 82), two sisters and a brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at her canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter of a million people and cried tears of joy. Maria may have had trouble with catechism, but she had no trouble with faith. God's will was holiness, decency, respect for one's body, absolute obedience, total trust. In a complex world, her faith was simple: It is a privilege to be loved by God, and to love him—at any cost.

"Even if she had not been a martyr, she would still have been a saint, so holy was her everyday life" (Cardinal Salotti).

Quarantore 40 Hours Devotion

Last weekend's quarantore was a huge success bestowing countless graces on the Archbishop, the diocese, the parish our families and us as individuals. I should like to express my sincere thanks to Daniel Stanton who meticulously planned the three days and produced wonderful devotional literature and the three offices – all hand typed. It was a real credit to Daniel that not only was it a huge success but he managed to continue working as manager of the Kairos centre and studying for his M.A. I know that Daniel, like many of us attempting projects, was ably assisted by Michael Pearce who, together with the flower arrangers, prepared a beautiful sanctuary. Finally, thank you to all of you who signed up and kept watch enabling the Church to remain open.

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and we will have the annual collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. It is the task of the Apostleship of the Sea to offer pastoral care to all those, regardless of race, culture, nationality or religion, who live from seafaring and fishing, their dependents and communities. Pastoral care means practical help to those in need; welcome and hospitality to those on the move; solidarity and support for the marginalised; and spiritual nourishment to all People of the Sea.

The Apostleship of the Sea does not demand any commitment on the part of those they help. They approach them as friends, accepting them on their own terms.

Seafarers' centres give visiting seafarers the chance to relax in a friendly and safe environment. Centres offer a meeting point and a source of information. Visiting seafarers are encouraged to communicate with their families by post, telephone or Internet, depending on what is available locally. Other services might include: exercise and leisure facilities; shops selling toiletries, phone cards and souvenirs; books and clothing available free or at a small charge; and a bar, restaurant or cafeteria.

Wherever possible, arrangements are made for Catholic seafarers to receive the sacraments from the chaplain or local parish priest. Many seafarers' centres have their own chapel or prayer room.

If you are a U.K. tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, then please take one of the special envelopes from the back of the Church.

Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury We are at the early stages of planning a parish pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral in September. The cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage since the murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket in 1170. Thomas' shrine was destroyed in 1538 on the orders of King Henry VIII; today, a simple candle marks the place where it once stood and the pink stone before it bears the imprint of thousands of pilgrims' knees. We are hoping to book a coach on Saturday 11th September to visit the cathedral and celebrate Mass in the East Crypt. Please indicate your interest without delay by contacting the parish office.



A tour for Altar Servers (and other interested parties) to see some of the wonderful treasures in the Victoria & Albert Museum on Saturday 17th July. Come and discover chalices, monstrances, crucifixes, pyxes, censers, reliquaries, sculpture, stained glass, chasubles and copes in the Sacred Silver and Stained Glass gallery and Medieval and Renaissance galleries.

Meet at Surbiton Station at 10am Arrive back in Surbiton by 4pm -
Bring a packed lunch

Cost: Free, except for travel to London and back.

To register your interest, please contact the Parish Office.