

ST. RAPHAEL

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Weekly Parish Diary

Monday

9.40am Rosary
10.00am Mass
7.30pm Choir Practice, Library

Tuesday

9.40am Rosary
10.00am Mass

Wednesday

9.40am Rosary
10.00am Mass
10.30am Church Cleaning
7.30pm Open Door Prayer Group

Thursday

8.40am Rosary
9.00am Mass
No Exposition
5.15pm Confirmation, Alexander House

Friday

(No Morning Mass or Rosary)
7.00pm Confirmation Mass
followed by the Official Opening
of Alexander House

Saturday

9.00am Parish Walking Group Car Park
9.40am Rosary
10.00am Mass
10.30am Confessions
No 1st Communion Class today

Sunday

9.00am Confessions
9.30am Mass
Children's Liturgy during
9.30am Mass in the Library
11.00am Confessions
11.30am Mass
Tea & Coffee Alexander House
after 9.30am & 11.30am Mass
12.30pm Baptisms
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction
4.30pm Confessions
5.00pm Mass
6.00pm Parish Council Library

22nd May 2011, 5th Sunday of Eastertide (A) psalter I

9.30 am Family Mass Thomas O'Malley RIP
11.30am Sung Mass The People of the Parish
5.00pm Quiet Mass Fr. John Tracy S.J. RIP

Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Mon 23rd May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Bernie Brown RIP

Tue 24th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Mrs. Cahill RIP

Wed 25th May St. Bede
10.00am James Johnson RIP

Thu 26th May St. Philip Neri
09.00am The Piper Family

Fri 27th May St. Augustine of Canterbury (No morning Mass)
07.00pm Confirmation Mass Celebrated by Bishop Hendericks

Sat 28th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Caroline Brady (Foundation Mass)

29th May 2011, 6th Sunday of Eastertide (A) psalter II

9.30 am Family Mass Patrick & Agnes Ward RIP
11.30am Sung Mass Anna Rennie 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 £37,053.82

Confessions

Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am
11.00am - 11.20am
4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

Thursday

10.40am - 11.45am
(when there is exposition)

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection:

£644.95 loose + £260.00 Gift Aid = £904.95
and £623.89 for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund

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 a Private Intention & Una Hunter

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

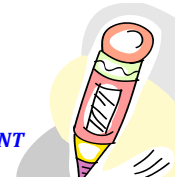
The Fairfield ~ Kingston Upon Thames ~ KT1 - 2UP ~ Tel. 020 8546 - 7178 ~

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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



ALL ARE WELCOME



ST. AUGUSTINE APOSTLE OF ENGLAND

In the year 596, some 40 monks set out from Rome to evangelize the Anglo-Saxons in England. Leading the group was Augustine, the prior of their monastery in Rome. Hardly had he reached France when they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons and of the treacherous waters of the English Channel. Augustine returned to Rome and to the pope who had sent them—St. Gregory the Great only to be assured by him that their fears were groundless.

Augustine again set out. This time the group crossed the English Channel and landed in our diocese in Kent, ruled by King Ethelbert, a pagan married to a Christian. Ethelbert received them kindly, set up a residence for them in Canterbury and within the year, on Pentecost Sunday, 597, was himself baptized. After being consecrated a bishop Augustine founded his see at Canterbury. He constructed a church and monastery near where the present cathedral now stands. As the faith spread, additional sees were established at London and Rochester. Work was sometimes slow and Augustine did not always meet with success but Labouring patiently, Augustine wisely heeded the missionary principle suggested by the Pope: purify rather than destroy pagan temples and customs; let pagan rites and festivals be transformed into Christian feasts; retain local customs as far as possible. The limited success Augustine achieved in England before his death in 605, a short eight years after he arrived in England, would eventually bear fruit long after in the conversion of England. Augustine of Canterbury can truly be called the "Apostle of England."

Augustine of Canterbury comes across today as a very human saint, one who could suffer like many of us from a failure of nerve. For example, his first venture to England ended in a big U-turn back to Rome. He made mistakes and often wrote to Rome for decisions on matters he could have decided on his own had he been more self-assured. He even received mild warnings against pride from Pope Gregory, who cautioned him to "fear lest, amidst the wonders that are done, the weak mind be puffed up by self-esteem." Augustine's perseverance amidst obstacles and only partial success teaches today's apostles and pioneers to struggle on despite frustrations and be satisfied with gradual advances as the pope explained in a letter to Augustine, "He who would climb to a lofty height must go by steps, not leaps."

WOMENS GROUP

Following a very successful re-launch of the Women's Group last week various events have been planned. The next gathering will be on Thursday 30th June at 7.30pm which will be a Summer Chese and wine evening weather permitting in the Cloister Garden. All are welcome.

THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

MY DAY BY DAY. copies of the June edition of My Day by Day available at the back of the Church. This little booklet contains meditations for each day of the month. They are free but a suggested donation in our Stained Glass window box would be appreciated.

THE VATICAN PAST AND PRESENT. Copies of this excellent magazine are available costing £3.50.

THE EVANGELIST. The magazine for St. John's Seminary, Womersley is also available. This excellent publication gives a unique insight into the life of our seminarians. It is free of charge, please help yourselves.

MISSION TODAY. The magazine of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith. This is a special anniversary issue celebrating 75 years of the famous Red Mission Boxes. These are free, please help yourselves.

GIFT AID

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, and use the weekly envelopes, please collect your new box of envelopes from the back of the Church today.

Please note that Mass this coming Thursday will be at 9am. And there will be no Mass on Friday morning because of the Confirmation Mass at 7pm.

PARISH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY

There will be a meeting for those going on the pilgrimage on Friday 3rd June at 7.30pm in Alexander House. There are also two spare places available if you would like to come and would like some more information, please contact Tom or Catherine Morrell at st.raphaelsramblers@gmail.com

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The Walk planned for Saturday 4th June has been cancelled. There will be a walk this coming Saturday. Please meet in the church car park at 9.00am with packed lunch and drink. The walk will be approximately 10 miles long around the Polesden Lacey area of Surrey. Please email Catherine at st.raphaelsramblers@gmail.com if you are going and if you can bring your car.

CHURCH TOILETS

Please use the new toilets in Alexander House, (There are male, female, and disabled with baby changing facilities) rather than the single toilet in the Sacristy. These can be accessed either through the door beside Our Lady's Altar or via the main door to Alexander House at the side of the Church. Please do not place any used nappies or towels in the bins in the toilets, these are for general rubbish only.

ROOM TO LET

A Double room is available in light, clean, airy, quiet house in New Malden. It has off street parking, river walk and park entrance across the road. There is Sky TV, good transport links to Kingston and Wimbledon (The K5 runs past the outside the house. The owner lives alone with no pets or children. Rent £90 per week including bills. For more information please contact Susan on Tel. 0208 942 0609.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DAIRY

This coming Friday the 27th May, Bishop Paul Hendericks will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm which will be followed by the official opening of Alexander House our Parish Centre.