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# ST. RAPHAEL

**Catholic Parish Church  
Chaplaincy to Kingston University**

**PARISH OFFICE**

**(Mon. - Fri. 9.00am - 4.00pm)**

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**13<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Thirty Third Sunday for the Year (A) psalter week 1  
Remembrance Sunday**

**9.30 am Family Mass    The dead of the two World Wars  
and subsequent conflicts**  
**11.30am Sung Mass    Charles Yallop RIP**  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass    The People of the Parish**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November    Feria  
10.00am    Michael O'Neill RIP

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November    Feria  
10.00am    Val & Helen Weston

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November    St. Margaret of Scotland  
10.00am    Peter Barry Smith RIP

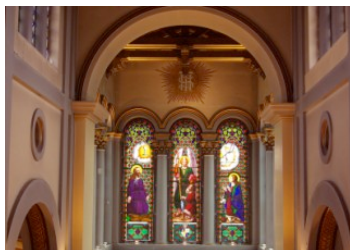
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November    St. Hugh of Lincoln  
10.00am    Francis Gutridge

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November    The Dedication of the Basilica's of SS. Peter & Paul  
**09.00am**    Jimmy Gaffney RIP    (A day of abstinence)

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November    Our Lady  
10.00am    Fr. Vincent's Intentions

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Christ the King (A) psalter week II**  
**9.30 am Family Mass    The People of the Parish**  
**11.30am Sung Mass    Dennis Boulton RIP**  
**5.00pm Quiet Mass    The deceased members of the Mobley Family**  
**No Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament**

**Thank you** for Last Sunday's Collections:  
£728.60 loose + £222.65 Gift Aid = £951.25  
Plus £82.37. for the Stained Glass Windows  
& £70.55 for the Stations of the Cross



*Stained Glass  
Restoration*

**Target £50,000**

**RAISED £42,746.35**

**NEED £ 7,253.65**

Restored in memory of:

Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan

A much loved Parish Priest



**NEW STATIONS  
OF THE CROSS**

**TARGET £18,480.00**

**RAISED £8,521.96**

**NEED £9,958.04**

## PARISH DIARY

### THIS WEEK

Mass Monday to Saturday  
is celebrated in Alexander House

#### Monday

9.45am Rosary  
10.00am Mass  
2.30pm Parents &  
Children Group  
Alexander House

#### Tuesday

9.45am Rosary  
10.00am Mass  
7.00pm Yoga  
Alexander House

#### Wednesday

9.45am Rosary  
10.00am Mass  
7.30pm Open Door Prayer Group  
Alexander House

#### Thursday

9.45am Rosary  
10.00am Mass  
7.30pm RCIA

#### Friday

8.45am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

#### Saturday

9.45am Rosary  
10.00am Mass  
10.30am - 11.00am  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament, Confessions,  
1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Classes

#### Sunday

9.00am - 9.20am Confessions  
9.30am Mass  
(Children's Liturgy during  
9.30am Mass)  
11.00am - 11.20am Confessions  
11.30am Mass  
12.30pm Baptisms  
4.30pm - 4.50pm Confessions  
5.00pm Mass

#### 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**



**Whilst the scaffolding is in the Church, please take special care and ensure that Children are supervised at all times.**

#### **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Thursday 24th November AT 7.30p.m. in Alexander House. Come along and learn a new skill and claim your free drink! Please bring some "nibbles" and join us for an evening to remember!!

#### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Thank you to Sheila and all those who helped with our Quiz and Pizza night last Sunday which raised £340 for our Stained Glass Window Appeal.

#### **"PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT"**

A presentation for young adults by Sr. Mary Forrest SMG to be held on Friday, 25th November from 7.00pm - 9.30pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. No booking needed. There will also be Advent Retreat led by Fr. Richard Nesbitt (Chaplain to the Vocations Group) from Fri 9th - Sun 11th December. Booking essential for this retreat. For further details visit the events page of [www.free2become.org](http://www.free2become.org) or call 01277 373848.

#### **NOVEMBER ENVELOPES**

November envelopes are available at the back of the church. Write a list of the names of your loved ones, place the list in the envelope along with an offering, if you so wish, and hand it into the Sacristy. These names will be placed in a casket under the Altar and be remembered at every Mass during the month. For every £10 given, Holy Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like an individual Mass celebrated for your loved ones, then please use the ordinary Mass envelopes. The usual donation for a Mass is still £10.

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY**

Each year, the parish of St. Andrew's and St. Mark's organizes a free lunch party for those who are facing the prospect of a Christmas alone. They accept all those in need of cheer regardless of religion. The lunch has been held for a number of years. A large number of guests are regulars who look forward to this special day. They enjoy eating a traditional Christmas dinner, and being able to spend the holiday with others.

For more information and an invitation, please telephone Sarah Stokes on 020 8399 2527.

#### **THE GUILD OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM**

The Guild's annual Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the church of SS. Anselm & Cecilia, Kingsway, London WC2. on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am

*Of your charity please pray for the repose of the Soul of Virginia Rose Whelan who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be in Alexander House on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10am. May She Rest in Peace.*

#### **BUILDING AND RESTORATION UPDATE.**

Work on replacing the floor will start this week. This will take about 10 weeks so the Church will still be out of use during the week until the middle/end of January. (However the work will stop on the 16<sup>th</sup> December to allow us to prepare the Church for Christmas.) Whilst the work is being carried out, parts of the floor will be boarded over at the weekends so that we can use the Church, please be careful when moving around as it may be uneven in places.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS. A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December we are looking for some volunteers to help clean the Church for Christmas. So if you can spare an hour or so after the 10.00am Mass, please come along.

#### **VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS**

Would you like to volunteer overseas with the Jesuits for six months or longer? We have assistant teaching placements in Africa, Asia and South America. Training takes place in July and departures are in September 2012 and January 2013. Please see the website [www.jesuitmissions.org.uk](http://www.jesuitmissions.org.uk)

#### **ST. MARGRET OF SCOTLAND**

Margaret of Scotland was born in 1045 and was married to the Scottish King Malcolm. He was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, but because of his love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper and help him become a virtuous king. They had six sons and two daughters and she personally supervised their religious instruction and other studies.

Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding the poor especially orphans. In 1093, King Malcolm and his eldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband.

There are two ways to be charitable: the "clean way" and the "messy way." The "clean way" is to give money or clothing to organizations that serve the poor. The "messy way" is dirtying your own hands in personal service to the poor. Margaret's outstanding virtue was her love of the poor. Although very generous with material gifts, Margaret also visited the sick and nursed them with her own hands. She and her husband served orphans and the poor on their knees during Advent and Lent. Like Christ, she was charitable the "messy way."

Her confessor said of her "When she spoke, it was with the salt of wisdom. When she was silent, her silence was filled with good thoughts."