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ST. RAPHAEL

**Catholic Parish Church
Chaplaincy to Kingston University**

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27th November 2011, The First Sunday of Advent (B)

9.30 am Family Mass The People of the Parish
11.30am Sung Mass Rev. Rudolph McElroy RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Anthony O'Neill

No Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

Monday 28th November Advent Feria
 10.00am Ray & Diana Hamel-Smith RIP

Tuesday 29th November Advent Feria
 10.00am Kelly Dagleish RIP

Wednesday 30th November St. Andrew
 10.00am Denis Quinn RIP

Thursday 1st December Advent Feria
 10.00am Tony & Monica Hamel-Smith RIP

Friday 2nd December Advent Feria
09.00am In reparation for the sin of abortion (A day of abstinence)

Saturday 3rd December St. Francis Xavier
 10.00am Kelly Dagleish RIP

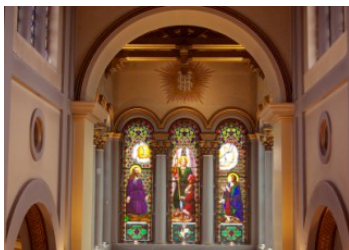
4th December 2011, The Second Sunday of Advent (B)

9.30 am Family Mass Berni Family, Francesca Poulter & Susan Martin
11.30am Sung Mass Denis Sumner RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish

No Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

Thank you for Last Sunday's Collections:

£634.22 loose + £321.50 Gift Aid = £955.72
 Plus £100.42. for the Stained Glass Windows
 & £86.68 for the Stations of the Cross



*Stained Glass
Restoration*

Target £50,000

RAISED £43,078.07

NEED £ 6,921.93

Restored in memory of:

Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan

A much loved Parish Priest



**NEW STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**

TARGET £18,480.00

RAISED £10,066.71

NEED £8,413.29

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
 3.15pm - 5.30pm
 St. Joseph's School
 Christmas Fayre

Saturday

9.45am Rosary
 10.00am Mass
 10.30am - 11.00am
 Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament, Confessions,
 1st 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

**2nd Collection today for our Stained Glass
Windows & Stations of the Cross**



St. Raphael's Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

at 6.30pm.

Followed by Mulled Wine

& Mince Pies.

CAROL SERVICE - VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

We are very fortunate at St. Raphael's to have a very cosmopolitan congregation. Many parishioners are either from or have connections overseas. This year along with our traditional mince pies and mulled wine it would be rather special if we could also sample traditional Christmas foods from other countries. If you have such a specialty and can bring it along to the carol service please contact Sheila on 07970 212761 or 8549 3077 to discuss.

We also, require someone to organize the mulled wine and mulled apple juice for the festivities after the carol service if you could help with this, please could contact Tom on 8390 3403 or tom.morrell1@googlemail.com.

Finally we need some people to help tidy up the hall afterwards. With five or six people this should only take about half an hour, if you could help with this, please speak to Michael in the Parish Office.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS. A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Saturday 17th December we are looking for some volunteers to help clean the Church for Christmas. So if you can spare an hour or so at 12 noon, please come along.

SITUATION VACANT

Part time Centre Secretary required from 4th January 2012, at the Centre for Catholic Formation in Tooting Bec. The person appointed should be a practising Catholic, with secretarial skills and I.T. experience. Responsibilities include welcoming of visitors, overseeing volunteers and collaborating as part of an active team. The role is varied, with some flexibility and generous holiday entitlement. The CCF is the agency for promoting evangelization, catechesis and lay formation in the Archdiocese.

For details contact, Graham Wallis 8672 7684 or gwallis@cectootingbec.org.uk. Closing date: 9th December.

Lucy & Tom's world fell apart when Dad left.....

Could you help Lucy & Tom see their Dad again at a Child Contact Centre? Do you have a few hours to spare on a Sunday afternoon? Are you caring, sensitive, discreet and reliable?

Would you like to be a rota Volunteer at a Child Contact Centre starting in 2012 at

Kingston United Reformed Church, Eden Street?

If so, please contact Jean Thompson –

e.jeant@btinternet.com

t. (020) 8 390 5232

Can you help to put their world together again?



Whilst the building work is taking place in the Church, please take special care and ensure that Children are supervised at all times.

ST. RAPHAEL'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join our Mother & Children's group on Monday 5th December, 2.30 - 4.30pm, to celebrate Christmas with festive food, music, and a special guest appearance from Father Christmas himself!

If you intend to come please let us know so that we can prepare accordingly, just text Anne-Claude on 07912648240 or email on anne.claude@hotmail.com with your name and the name and age of your children. Looking forward to seeing you there!

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This coming Friday, 2nd December from 3.15pm - 5.30pm In the school hall all are Welcome!

THE YEAR OF ST. MARK

Today the Church begins a new liturgical Year and we begin using the Gospel of St. Mark for the Sunday readings. It is believed that Mark's Gospel is the oldest of the Gospels and it is thought to have been written sometime in the 60s or 70s A.D. Some scholars believe it could have been the source used by Matthew & Luke in writing their Gospels.

Tradition calls the author Mark but we are not entirely sure which Mark he is. Some say he was John Mark who was a member of the Jerusalem Church. Papias a 2nd Century Church Father identifies him as "St. Peter's interpreter". It seems unlikely he was a Palestinian Jew as he seems ignorant of some local geography and Jewish customs and laws. He may have come from Rome as he uses Latin words (e.g. centurion in 15:39), and Roman coinage (12:42) and time (13:35)

Mark's Gospel has several Key themes. He talks of Suffering: Jesus fulfils His destiny by suffering and dying, and any disciple must likewise suffer (8:34 – 10:52). He writes of the The person of Christ, who Jesus is, first of all the 'Son of God' (15:39). He is also 'Christ' or 'Son of David', and 'Son of Man'. Mark writes of Discipleship - following Jesus in the way of the cross and what is involved in following Jesus in the Church. Another theme is The Kingdom of God: 1:15. The longest discourse he quotes are Christ's parables of the kingdom (4:1-34).

Mark's gospel ends abruptly, in fact in the middle of a sentence i.e.16.8. (Most people believe that a different author added verses 9-20 of that chapter later). We don't know why. Was the original ending somehow lost or did something happen to Mark when writing it? Was he arrested or taken ill? Or was it deliberate? Only we can complete the story, by following the way of the cross as a disciple of Mark's Jesus.