

## ST RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE 30th ANNIVERSARY

This year marks 30 years of St Raphael's Hospice providing peace, care and support to people with terminal illness in Sutton and Merton. Illness puts a huge strain on individuals and families and St Raphael's are focused on supporting the patients under their care as well as friends and loved ones. All their services are provided free of charge and 80% of their running costs rely on charity fundraising, donations and legacies. Please visit [www.straphaels.org.uk](http://www.straphaels.org.uk) for more details about the Hospice and how you can show your support.

**The Knights of St Columba**—Council 328—are organising their Annual Sponsored Walk in aid of St Raphael's Hospice. The walk will take place on **Saturday 9 September** from 2pm around Nonsuch Park. The Knights first started their sponsored walk in 1987 and to date have raised in excess of £92,000. Their target for this year is £5000, so if you would like to sponsor them, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/steve-lobo>

## MISSIO RED BOXES

Your donations through the Red Box make a huge difference to the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the world.

Missio's APF and the Mill Hill Missionaries divide all of the money collected through the Red Boxes. The APF share is distributed to build churches, train Church leaders and support communities of faith, as part of its mandate to promote the worldwide mission of the Church. The Mill Hill share supports the Mill Hill Society, enabling it to train and maintain abroad its priests, brothers and lay associates and to support their overseas work.

We are very grateful to Joyce Brown and Margaret McGrath who have administered the red boxes at St Christopher's for many years. They are now stepping down and if we are to continue supporting Missio through the red boxes, we will need volunteers to come forward to collect in the boxes, empty them, and count and bank the money. If you would be willing to help, or would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office.

## CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

An introductory evening on the CCRS will be held on **Thursday 14 September** at the Centre for Catholic Formation, SW17 8BS, and this autumn a new short course, 'An Introduction to Liturgy' and for the second year running, 'An Introduction to Canon Law' are being offered by the Centre for Catholic Formation. Full details can be found on [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk)

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## NEWSLETTER

### AUGUST 2017

<b>August</b>	Hall Kitchen Project The kitchen will be out of use during August
<b>Mon 31 Jul— Tue 15 Aug inc</b>	Parish Office Closed
<b>Fri 4 Aug</b>	<b>Please note:</b> There will be <u>no</u> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass today
<b>Mon 7 Aug— Fri 11 Aug inc</b>	No Weekday Mass (Fr Bernard is taking a short break)
<b>Tue 15 Aug</b>	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity, holy day of obligation</b> Masses at 9.00am and 8.00pm
<b>Sat 9 Sep</b>	<b>Knights of St Columba Annual Sponsored Walk</b> in aid of St Raphael's Hospice, Nonsuch Park, 2.00pm

<b>6 August 2017</b>		<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>
Sat	5 1800	Joe Keegan RIP Anniversary (Pat Keegan & Family)
Sun	6 0830	People of the Parish
	1000	Pat Ford RIP Anniversary & Anne Ford RIP Anniversary (Breda Ford)
	1200	John O'Meara RIP (Downey Family)
Mon	7 )	
Tue	8 )	
Wed	9 )	<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	10 )	
Fri	11 )	
Sat	12 1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	1700-1730)	

<b>13 August 2017</b>		<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
Sat	12 1800	Patrick O'Callaghan RIP (Edith & John Hickey)
Sun	13 0830	People of the Parish
	1000	Frank, Marjorie & Peter Lodrick RIP, Auntie Em RIP & Baby Boy RIP (Pam Le Lievre)
	1200	Nora & Frank Frost RIP Anniversary (Evelyn Frost)
Mon	14 1000	<b>Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, Memorial</b> Deceased Relatives of Mrs Mills
Tue	15	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity, holy day of obligation</b>
	0900	Theresa Kerr RIP (Geraldine Kerr)
	2000	People of the Parish
Wed	16	<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	17 0900	Nan Kirton RIP (McGrath Family)
Fri	18 0900	Ilo Family (Benita Gregory)
Sat	19 1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	1700-1730)	

<b>20 August 2017</b>		<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
Sat	19 1800	Mary Moody RIP Anniversary (Moody Family)
Sun	20 0830	Martin Treacy RIP (Celia Hansberry)
	1000	People of the Parish
	1200	Wellbeing of Mrs Kitty Hett (Mrs Brennan)

Mon	21 1000	<b>Saint Pius X, Pope, Memorial</b> Marcus & Sarah Bell—Wedding Anniversary (Margaret & Lyonel Bell)
Tue	22 0900	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial</b> Bridget Eggs RIP Anniversary (John Eggs & Family)
Wed	23	<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	24 0900	<b>Saint Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast</b> Private Intention
Fri	25 <b>1100</b>	FUNERAL MASS: Mary Bridget Stone RIP
Sat	26 1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	1700-1730)	

<b>27 August 2017</b>		<b>TWENT-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
Sat	26 1800	Sean & Kathleen O'Donnell RIP
Sun	27 0830	People of the Parish
	1000	Mary Waldron RIP
	1200	Jim Cattini RIP Anniversary (Sylvia Cattini)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Mary Stone and remember in your prayers at this time her family, especially her son Brian. Her Requiem Mass is on Friday 25 August at 11.00am.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Patrick Allen, Michael Burke, Daisy Bushnell, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Pat Hanoman, Sean Healy, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Pauli Koskimies, Peter Mann, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Betty Steward, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar servers are welcome to serve at any Mass during the summer holidays. If you do not wish to be on the new rota or would like to serve at a different Mass in September, please let Vivienne in the parish office know by email. If you would like to be an altar server and have received your First Communion, please ask Fr Bernard for an application form.

**APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS**  
Parents of children of two years of age and older are reminded to collect a certificate after Sunday Mass, which will provide evidence of the record of attendance when they apply for a place at a Catholic school.