



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 28th February – The Second Sunday in Lent (B)

9.30am The deceased members of the Morrell and Van der Linden family

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Peggy Cromey RIP

Monday 1 st March	St. David
10.00am	Anna Brown RIP
Tuesday 2 nd March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	David Morrell
Wednesday 3 rd March	Lenten Feria
12.00noon	Capt. Sir Tom Moore RIP
Thursday 4 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Maria Gibney RIP
Friday 5 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	In reparation for the sin of abortion
Followed by Stations of the Cross	
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 6 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Bill & Ethel Larkin RIP

Sunday 7th March – The Third Sunday in Lent (B)

9.30am Patricia Van der Linden RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Rita Souter

For the present there is no Sunday or Thursday Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass on Thursday mornings will be celebrated in English.

**FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN IN PLACES OF WORSHIP,
UNLESS YOU ARE EXEMPT. THIS IS NOW LAW.**

CONFESSIONS

Confessions can be heard on request but will normally take place in the Private Pew or the church grounds.

MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

Please email Fr. Michael for details
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THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will open Monday – Thursday this week

The Church will open 15 minutes before Mass and close promptly afterwards for sanitation. There is normally plenty of 'safe seating' available at all our Sunday Masses, particularly at the 11.30am and 5.00pm. There is also an overflow available in the Hall where Mass is live streamed.

COVID 19 VACCINES

There have been some concerns expressed about the processes involved in creating of the vaccine. The Bishops' Conference has shared information issued by the Vatican, which states that "all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines may have derived." The full text of the Bishops' Conference statement is online: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vatican-cdf-says-use-of-anti-covid-vaccines-morally-acceptable/> The Bishops' Conference message goes on to explain that we have a duty to protect our own health and especially to protect the weakest and most exposed. In the absence of other means to stop or prevent the epidemic, the vaccination is recommended.



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Head teacher – Mrs Sarah Keefe

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HOSPITAL - If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you are calling on behalf of someone in the hospital, please call the hospital main switchboard - 0208 546 7711. The Switchboard will contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

A prayer in this time of covid

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.

For those people who are worried about attending Mass.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others. For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend. Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us to turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Almighty Father, we remember all those who have died during the course of the pandemic.

+ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH RIP

This coming Saturday will be the first anniversary of the death of Archbishop Peter. He was Archbishop of Southwark from 2010 – 2019. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

ST JOSEPH'S OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, are taking applications for Nursery for September 2021 and January 2022. Children are able to start Nursery the term after they are 3. Application, Supplementary Forms and more information, can be found on our website: <https://st-josephs-surrey.secure-primariesite.net/admissions/> Forms should be returned to the school office by the closing date of 5th March 2021. Please do take a look at our Welcome video <https://st-josephs-surrey.primarysite.media/media/st-josephs>. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Julie Lynch on 020 8546 7178.

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT

Archbishop John and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home. Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week.

There are also additional materials for use by parish and other groups, either in person or via Zoom/Teams or similar.

If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on

<<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>> where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

*We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds.
Lord hear us*



In today's Gospel, the vision of Christ glorified, given to the three Apostles on Mount Tabor was surely a very special privilege, and it was one they did not forget. St. John writes about it in his gospel over sixty years later and St. Peter, writing from Rome to the churches in Asia Minor about thirty years later, also mentions this outstanding experience.

Yes, the three Apostles were privileged and we too are sharers in their privilege. The Transfiguration of Christ is but one among many of the incontrovertible proofs of the divine Sonship of Christ which we have in the gospel narratives and in the twenty centuries-long history of the Church which he founded. Were he not divine, that Church would long since have crumbled and fallen under the many vicious assaults from outside which it has undergone, as well as from the many human weaknesses which have beset it from within. But Christ is God and the Church has his divine protection and assistance. Therefore, it will go on to the end of time to continue his work of elevating and redeeming mankind.

This enlightening glimpse of Christ's future glory—a glory in which they would share—was given to these Apostles to strengthen and encourage them in the terrible test of their faith which the passion and death of Jesus would be for them very soon. It is for a similar reason that the Church orders this story of the Transfiguration to be read to us during this season of Lent. We are or should be mortifying ourselves during this season. This mortification can earn for us a glorious and unending future life. To encourage us to continue it, we are reminded that the One we are following, the One whose voice we listen to, is none other than the Son of God. There are the voices of many false prophets shouting around us, telling us to enjoy ourselves in this life, to "eat, sleep, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die," but there is the rub—tomorrow we shall die, but where shall we go then?

Let us thank our divine Lord today, for giving this consoling and encouraging vision of his glory to his Apostles and through them to us. It was for them, and it is for us, a guarantee and a foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we but persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh and the devil. This struggle is not easy for our weak nature, but our loving Saviour is ever beside us to "raise us up and tell us not to fear" if we but rely on him. When we are tempted to give way to our human weaknesses, or to give way under the weight of the crosses that sometimes are about to crush us, let us think of Mount Tabor, and the glorified Jesus, who a few weeks later faced his own real passion and cross cheerfully for our sakes. This thought will help us to carry our crosses as the thought of the future glory which will be ours should make us thank God that we have been created and thank his beloved Son for setting us on the road to that future glory.

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday morning following the 10.00am Mass