



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 21st March - The Fifth Sunday in Lent (B)

9.30am Denis Spalding RIP

11.30am Mabel Ezichael RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

Monday 22 nd March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Cafie Kellman
Tuesday 23 rd March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Sybil Gonsalves RIP
Wednesday 24 th March	Lenten Feria
12.00noon	Dora Mary Weller RIP
Thursday 25 th March	The Annunciation
10.00am	Joan Stevenson RIP
Friday 26 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Krishna & Mary
Followed by Stations of the Cross	
(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 27 th March	Lenten Feria
10.00am	Sydney Cudmer

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday (B)

9.30am Denis Spalding RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Stephen Clark - welfare

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.

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.

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 michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk

THE PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office is open Monday – Thursday.

The Church will open 15 minutes before Mass and close promptly afterwards for sanitation.

Changes to the celebration of the Mass and services during Holy Week.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Because of the pandemic – to keep people safe, the Bishops have made the following changes to the liturgies during Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday there will be no procession at the start of the 9.30am Mass. At all Masses palms will be blessed but not distributed until the end of Mass as people leave the Church. The short form of the Passion is to be read and the congregation should not join in with their usual parts.

Details of the changes effecting Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be given in next week's newsletter.

Gift Aid envelopes

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which start on 11th April, are ready for collection at the back of the Church.

Please do not start using these until then and please do not use the old envelopes after this date. Please also note some of the envelope numbers may have changed from previous years.

If you normally use weekly envelopes but have recently signed a standing order form and no longer need the envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you



Congratulations to Serena Isabella who was baptised recently at St. Raphael's. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.



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



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2UP.

Tel. 020 8546 7178

E.mail office@stjosephs.rbksch.org Web. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

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

Head teacher – Mrs Sarah Keefe

Rated Good by Ofsted

The Archbishop writes - As in many parishes, before each weekday Mass in my first parish, parishioners would take it in turns to lead the rosary. One particular gentleman had a very loud voice and broad Yorkshire accent. I say this, of course, as a fully paid-up Yorkshireman myself. He used to conclude the rosary with the same prayer

*I kiss the Wounds of Your Sacred Head with sorrow deep and true,
may every thought of my mind today be an act of love for You.*

*I kiss the Wounds of Your Sacred Feet with sorrow deep and true,
may every step I take today be an act of love for You.*

*I kiss the Wounds of Your Sacred Hands with sorrow deep and true,
may every touch of my hands today be an act of love for You.*

*I kiss the Wound of Your Sacred Shoulder with sorrow deep and true,
may every cross I bear today be an act of love for You.*

*I kiss the Wounds of Your Sacred Heart with sorrow deep and true,
may every beat of my heart today be an act of love for You.*

I look back now on that man and his prayer with great admiration. He had a deeply personal love for his Saviour whose wounds were fountains of grace and springs of mercy. This was not just something distant and outward; it was close and inward. He understood in his heart what the Lord Jesus had done for him and that everything done this day, done between earth and heaven, done between now and eternity, must be an act of love in return. The memory of that man challenges me: How is love for the Lord Jesus my real motivation for everything? In the sentiment of St Teresa of Calcutta, how is my life an offering of love for the Lord Jesus in service of the poorest and for the salvation of souls?

There are no boundaries to our Saviour's presence, nor to his power to heal our wounds. We may be willing to impose limits, but he is not. We may choose to live as if he's not part of things, not the very source and reason for our existence, but the Lord Jesus always seek us much more than we, impoverished though we are, seek Him. St John of the Cross put it straightforwardly: 'If a person is seeking God, His beloved is seeking him much more.'

By his wounds, we are healed. Let's try to allow ourselves to be found by his healing love and mercy.

Archbishop John

ARE YOU A FORMER PUPIL OF ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL?

If you were a pupil at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School and are interested in contributing your memories of school life to a school history booklet to mark the 85th Anniversary of the school, please email the school office office@stjosephs.rbksch.org Please mark your message "School History Booklet", and include your name and the dates you were a pupil. The school will reply to you, with some information on how you can take part.

CATHOLICS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis has produced a survey which aims to find out about the experiences of Catholics over the period of the pandemic. This research will help us to understand what has been happening during this time when churches have been closed and/or only opened for limited periods and Catholics have had to practice their faith 'at a distance'. Please consider completing the survey, selecting our Archdiocese from the drop-down menu. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and the deadline for submissions for Southwark is Sunday 4 July. Please go to
<https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/covid-19-survey-form/>

Today we celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day. We pray especially for the current attempts in Northern Ireland to protect babies with Down's syndrome from abortion, that elected representatives would pursue the protection of rights for all people with disabilities, and that babies with Down's syndrome are loved and protected equally.
Lord hear us

LENTEN PROJECT



For obvious reasons we are unable to run a Lenten Project this year – however we would like to raise some money for The Manna Society. If you would like to donate to this cause you can donate online to our parish bank account

A/C Name St Raphael's Catholic Church
A/C number 36110469
Sort Code 60-50-01
Bank Natwest, Croydon, Whitgift Centre Branch.

Please mark your payment 'Lent'

Tom and Catherine Morrell are holding fun, family online bingo sessions from 7.30pm - 8.30pm each Sunday during Lent in aid of this. You can make a donation online to the parish bank account marking your payment 'Bingo'. Please join in, we'd love to see you. Bingo is easy, great fun and will give you a chance to meet up with other parishioners. We will take you step-by-step in how to play online. It is very straightforward and your support would be appreciated. To join please register here: lenten.bingo@gmail.com. A Zoom link will be sent to you before we start - you do not need a Zoom account to join in.

If anyone else would like to organise a safe event, please speak to Fr. Michael or the Parish Office.

The Manna Society is a Catholic charity, which has run the Manna Day Centre since 1982, supporting homeless people in the heart of London. On average, they cater for around 120-150 people per day. What they all share in common is poverty and loneliness. The Manna Centre is open from 8.30am to 1.30pm, seven days a week, for 51 weeks in the year. Services are available every day. For more information, please visit <https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/>
Please be as generous as you can.

**We will have a 2nd collection next Sunday
in Aid of the Manna Society**