



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday (B)

9.30am Denis Spalding RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Stephen Clark - welfare



Monday 29 th March	Monday in Holy Week
10.00am	Angeline, Mathew & Francis Rodricks, Joan & Charles Pereira & Margret Noranha RIP
Tuesday 30 th March	Tuesday in Holy Week
10.00am	Alexander, Agnes & Clifford D'Souza & Sybil Gonsalves RIP
Wednesday 31 st March	Spy Wednesday
12.00noon	Sylvia Dainty RIP
Thursday 1 st April	Maundy Thursday
8.00pm	All priests and for vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday
10.00am	Stations of the Cross
3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
(A day of fasting and abstinence)	
Saturday 3 rd April	Holy Saturday
8.00pm	Missa Pro Populo

Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday (B)

9.30am The Barlow Family

11.30am Ena O'Sullivan RIP

(No 5.00pm Mass today)

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 on Good Friday – There will be confessions on Good Friday from 10.00am and also after the 3.00pm liturgy – these will be heard in private pew.

We will have a 2nd collection today in Aid of the Manna Society

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

Because of the pandemic – to keep people safe, the Bishops have made the following changes to the liturgies during Holy Week.

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.

Maundy Thursday – There will be no washing of feet and procession and watching after Mass. Following Holy Communion there will be a short period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the final prayer.

Good Friday – There will be no individual veneration of the Cross. (As this service is normally very crowded we will have an overflow into the hall where the service can be watched on the television screen. You may wish to consider this year attending the Stations of the Cross at either 10.00am or 7.00pm instead)

Holy Saturday – There will be no ceremony of the fire outside the church, no individual candles, no sprinkling of Holy Water. There are no baptisms, receptions or confirmations and the number of readings will be reduced.

EASTER OFFERINGS

The collection taken at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday is your personal offering to, our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael. This collection forms part of his income to support his personal needs and expenses during the year ahead. Easter Offering envelopes are available for your use at the back of the Church. (If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please use the special envelope in your packet.) Thank you for your kind and generous support.



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

Rated Good by Ofsted

Easter Cards

There is a selection of Easter Cards available for sale from the card rack which is outside the Library in Alexander House



HOLY WEEK

Who would have thought that the crowd, which welcomed Jesus with such enthusiasm during his entry into Jerusalem, would turn against him so quickly? Their welcome and shouts for Jesus were superficial. Their support for him was only skin deep. It was easy to be part of the crowd that welcomed Jesus and it was easy to be part of the crowd that condemned him to death. The crowd was not there for Jesus when he needed them most. The crowd did not go to the cross - the crowd abandoned Him. So much for the crowd!

During the Last Supper Peter said he would be willing to go to prison with Jesus, even die with him - yet a few hours later he denied even knowing him. How quickly he turned when the pressure was on him. He could make fine promises but when the crunch came he decided to save his own skin. Do we cave in to the pressure like Peter or do we stand by Jesus like the women and John and go right to the cross?

Peter heard the cock crowing after he denied Jesus and repented of his actions but sometimes we are so caught up with the world and our own self importance, that maybe we don't even hear our conscience crowing any more when we sin.

How can we not hear the account of the Passion and not be moved? It moves us because it is we who have inflicted this suffering on Jesus. It was not just the chief priests and soldiers who brought this suffering - it was our sins because there is no past, present or future for Jesus, he is outside of time - "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb 13:8) When we sin we crucify Jesus.

When we go to Confession we turn to Jesus again and ask for his mercy and through his Passion we receive forgiveness, "through his wounds we are healed." (Isa 53:5) When we are hurt by things in our own life, hurt by what we see happening in the world around us, need answers, healing and reassurance, let us turn to the Passion of Jesus and find the answer there - "through his wounds we are healed."

Do not waste this week. Spend this week with Jesus meditating on his Passion. Come to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. The crowd which welcomed Jesus with palms turned against him just as quickly and abandoned Him - will we? Peter turned from Jesus to save himself. Do we hear our conscience crowing any more when we sin? Do we see what we have done to Jesus? Do we flee from sin and are healed - "through his wounds we are healed."

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

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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.

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

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/>

Congratulations to Alejandro who was baptised last week here at St. Raphael's. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.

Congratulations and best wishes to Joel & Hannah who were married here at St. Raphael's recently.

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Edward (Eddie) Hillier who died recently. *May He Rest in Peace.*