

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 11th April - Low Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday (B)

9.30am

Patricia Single RIP

11.30am

John O'Sullivan RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

Monday 12th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

William Morin

Tuesday 13th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Jackie Woolliscroft RIP

Wednesday 14th April

Feria in Eastertide

12.00noon

Andreina de Silva Kayall RIP

Thursday 15th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Ivan Flanagan RIP

Friday 16th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Ethel Shore RIP

(A day of abstinence when Catholics should abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 17th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Rosemary Mackett RIP

Sunday 18th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am

Stan Conley RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Stephen Clarke welfare



*For the sake of
His sorrowful passion -
have mercy on us and
on the whole world.*

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.

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 and there is also an overflow available in the Hall where Mass is live streamed

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.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Thank you once again for your generous Easter Offerings



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2UP.

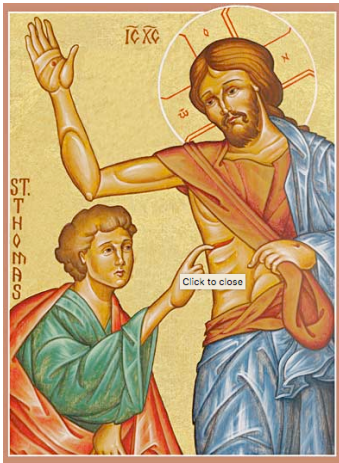
Tel. 020 8546 7178

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

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Rated Good by Ofsted



In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining

this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Today we will have the annual 2nd collection for the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral – The Mother Church of our Archdiocese.

The original cathedral building was designed by the great Victorian architect Augustus Pugin, and was considered the most important Catholic Church in England when it was built. It could seat about 3,000 people, and the building was 240 feet long by 72 feet wide. The church was solemnly opened by Bishop Wiseman on 4th July 1848.

Two years later Blessed Pope Pius IX restored the English hierarchy and St George's was chosen as the Cathedral Church of the new Diocese of Southwark, which was to cover the whole of Southern England. For the next half-century, until the opening of Westminster Cathedral, St George's was the centre of Catholic life in London.

On the night of 16 April 1941, an incendiary bomb hit the Cathedral, starting a fire, which destroyed the wooden roof and much else. The architect Romilly Craze was commissioned to rebuild the cathedral and work began in 1953.

On 4 July 1958 the rebuilt cathedral was consecrated and solemnly opened by Bishop Cyril Cowderoy. On 28th May 1965 the diocese of Southwark was elevated to a metropolitan see and bishop Cyril Cowderoy became the first Metropolitan Archbishop of the new Archdiocese of Southwark.

Eric and May are new parishioners who have recently arrived from Hong Kong are looking for paid part time employment (gardening, cleaning, ironing etc) They are also looking for somewhere to live with their two young teenage sons with a rent below £1000 a month. Please contact them directly on 0774 525 6393 for more information.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy we remember the words of St Faustina: "that in difficult moments we might not despair... but with great confidence submit ourselves to [God's] holy will, which is love and mercy itself". We pray these words especially for all women considering abortion, that the love, hope and mercy of Christ would be with them in their difficulty, and that they would find care and support in their family and friends so that they can keep their unborn child. Lord hear us

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

CATHOLIC VOICES - "SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY"

Catholic Voices, a project which began in the UK to improve the Church's representation in the media, above all in news programmes and debates, will be hosting an online conference titled "Sharing the Church's Story" on April 17th. It will consist of a variety of speakers sharing simple, powerful tips and workshops so that everyone can share the Church's story with charity, clarity, and confidence. Email info@catholicvoices.org.uk for more info or to sign up.

NEW CHURCH CAR PARK

Work began last week on the new car park on the south side of the church. When completed this will provide fourteen extra parking spaces for the parish and will help ease congestion on Sundays and other busy occasions in the church. The work is expected to be completed at the end of July – beginning of August. Please be assured that the car park will not interfere with any of the graves along the boundary wall, which will be separated with a strip of grass.

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, under normal circumstances we would have held the Divine Mercy Devotions here at St. Raphael's at 3.00pm, unfortunately this year we are unable to do so. The Divine Mercy Apostolate in London will be live streaming devotions from 2.00pm this afternoon. Please go to <https://www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk/> for more information.