



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 2nd May – 5th Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am

Rachel Ward RIP & Family

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Kathleen Ireland RIP

Monday 3rd May

10.00am

SS. Philip and James

Jacob Ezekiel RIP

Tuesday 4th May

10.00am

The English Martyrs

Mrs. Mary Jean Brannigan RIP

Wednesday 5th May

12.00noon

Feria in Eastertide

Edward Hillier RIP

Thursday 6th May

10.00am

Feria in Eastertide

In thanksgiving

Friday 7th May

10.00am

Feria in Eastertide

In reparation for the sin of abortion

(A day of abstinence when the Church asks us to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 8th May

10.00am

Feria in Eastertide

Mina Cawley

Sunday 9th May – 6th Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am

Adanno Obodo

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Richard Hourigan RIP

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.



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

Today's reading from the Gospel of St. John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. St. John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In his Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

The Gospel reading is taken from the middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship with his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that He began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches His disciples about the importance of the words He has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will His words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in His name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in His name.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection called 'The Day of the Lord' on the post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. The document also praises families, parish communities and those who have worked tirelessly in hospitals, care homes, schools and prisons during these challenging times of ill-health, grief and isolation. The Bishops salute the leadership of our priests and also express gratitude for the immense efforts of those who have provided food for those most in need:

The generosity shown in the distribution of so very many meals has given eloquent expression to the mercy, love and compassion which are at the very heart of God. Many have been touched by the joy of meeting Christ in the poor; and many of the poor by the joy of meeting Christ in selfless parishioners. To read the document go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes is ready for collection at the back of the church. Please do not use the old envelopes. 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

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
michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk

Eric and May are new parishioners who have recently arrived from Hong Kong and 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.

THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Recently Fr. Michael was asked to take part in a webinar - an online seminar about the 'Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham' The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham was established in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI to allow Anglicans to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church whilst retaining much of their heritage and traditions. In the Archdiocese of Southwark we have two parishes that our run by the Ordinariate, one in London (Borough) and one in Kent (Mongeham & Sandwich). In addition there are other groups based in Croydon, Deal, Folkestone, Maidstone, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells. You can read Fr. Michael's account of the evening on the Parish Website.

NEW HEADTEACHER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S OUR PARISH PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

St Joseph's our Parish Primary School in Kingston are seeking an exceptional Headteacher to make our Good school Outstanding from September 2021 Full details available from the school's website <https://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/> Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Mrs. Julie Lynch on 020 8546 7178

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Have launched a 'Pentecost Challenge', with a focus on helping Christian families keep their children in Christian schools. You can support their appeal by visiting their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost or by sending a donation to FHL, Farmer Ward Road, Kenilworth CV8 2DH. You can also register to join the 84-mile virtual pilgrimage between Bethlehem and Nazareth, using just 2 miles/day of your exercise. For more information, call 01926 512980 or email office at office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk