

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday (B)

8.00pm (Saturday)

Missa Pro Populo

9.30am

The Barlow Family

11.30am

Ena O'Sullivan RIP

(No 5.00pm Mass today)

Monday 5th April

Monday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am

In reparation for the sin of abortion

Tuesday 6th April

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am

Eddie Hillier RIP

Wednesday 7th April

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

12.00noon

Teresa Nix RIP

Thursday 8th April

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am

Brigitte Ezechiel RIP

Friday 9th April

Friday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am

Bill Edwards RIP

(As all the days of the Easter Octave are Solemnities we are not asked to abstain from eating meat today)

Saturday 10th April

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

10.00am

Rose Webber RIP

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

9.30am

Patricia Single RIP

11.30am

John O'Sullivan RIP

5.00pm

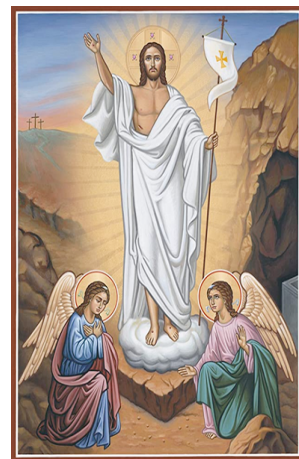
Missa Pro Populo

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.



FR MICHAEL WRITES

A Happy Easter to everyone, with many Blessings.

This Holy Week, we have been able to join together in person for the Liturgies, even though we are still subject to restrictions. In recent weeks, the numbers attending Masses have gradually been rising. We are getting closer to normality. Thank you for your patience as we have tried to continue operating as best we can in the circumstances of the pandemic. The team helping to make this possible are to be congratulated: sacristans, readers, musicians, singers, servers, cleaners and not least the stewards with no Service being without them and their vital operation. Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals have been able to go ahead with restricted numbers.

We 'look to the future with confidence' (St John Paul II) keeping present and future needs in prayer.

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

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



J.R.R. Tolkien coined a phrase that was the basis for his writing of 'Lord of the Rings', that phrase is 'Eucatastrophe'. This is an unexpected happening that brings goodness out of devastation. He writes that the effect of this sudden happy turn is so that joy can penetrate our hearts to the depth of our being and that the resurrection was the greatest Eucatastrophe in history. At the moment when all seemed lost, Mary Magdalen found the empty tomb and then went to get Peter and John to see.

When they entered the empty tomb only burial cloths greeted them. The fact that Jesus is no longer bound by these cloths shows us that He has passed through death and it no longer has power over him. This should give us joy on this Easter Sunday. Lent has been a lot more penitential than we expected – we are still all suffering because of this pandemic. However, Jesus is not - He can truly raise us up out of the things we are going through. As St. Paul says, "If you were then raised with Christ, seek what is above." We can still live our faith, we can still love our families, call those who need to talk, take care of those who are in need being safe and taking precautions. We can still do these things. It is because Jesus has risen from the dead that we can have joy in our hearts and try to bring some goodness to our devastated world. Let us remember today that Jesus took on the sin of the world in His death on the cross and peacefully rose from the dead.

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

As we celebrate the ultimate victory Christ won for us on the cross, we pray for victory in all the church's efforts. We pray especially for the church's battle to protect all life and the dignity and wellbeing of all human beings from conception to their natural passing. 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'

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.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this free worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. The course starts on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7pm and is made up of eight further evening sessions). For more information go to: comeandsee.org

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 michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday 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 on that day. Please go to <https://www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk/> for more information.