



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 30th May - Trinity Sunday (B)

9.30am Carmel Walsh RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Derick Jacobs RIP

9th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 31st May The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am The Holy Souls

Tuesday 1st June St. Justin
10.00am Joe Cannata RIP

Wednesday 2nd June Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00noon Neil Steffensen RIP

Thursday 3rd June St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
10.00am The Holy Souls

Friday 4th June 1st Friday - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
10.00am In reparation for the sin of abortion
(A day of abstinence when the Church asks us to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 5th June St. Boniface
10.00am The deceased members of the Nary & Stanley family

Sunday 6th June - Corpus Christi (B)

9.30am The Sabbat family

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The deceased members of the Pearce & Brennan family



IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

As you will all no doubt remember, Peter Sebastian our former Parish Deacon was ordained a Priest last summer. Due to the covid pandemic we were unable to celebrate this wonderful occasion in a suitable manner. Fr. Peter's 1st anniversary will be on Sunday the 25th July. On this day he will return to the Parish and celebrate the 11.30am Mass and this will be followed by a parish garden party. More details to follow nearer the time but please put the date in your diary now. (Obviously this will be dependent on the Covid situation)

The Rosary is recited half an hour before Mass
Monday - Saturday

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 on Sundays 15 minutes before Mass and close promptly afterwards for sanitation. (The church will open half an hour before Saturday and weekday Mass for the Rosary 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

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

NEW HEADTEACHER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's School are about to appoint an exceptional new Headteacher to make our Good school Outstanding from September 2021

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR THOSE ATTENDING MASS

- Holy Communion can once again be received on the tongue for those who wish to do so. However, they need to come up at the end to receive. When the steward invites you to come forward, please advise them you are receiving on the tongue and go and wait at the back of the church until called forward. If you are receiving on the tongue, please make sure you tip your head slightly backwards and put out your tongue fully.
- For the present we are still unable to use the altar rails, however, you are free to kneel in the centre if you wish to do so.
- Votive candles may again be lit. However please do not linger by the stands if there are other people around.

Masks still need to be worn, hands sanitised and track and trace details still need to be taken.

Confessions will still be heard on request in the Private Pew or garden.

For the moment we will not be restarting Sunday or Thursday Benediction, hopefully after the next relaxation of restrictions in June we will be able to restart these devotions.

EDWARD (EDDIE) HILLIER RIP

Dianna Hillier and her family, would like to thank everyone for their cards, Masses and prayers following the death of her husband Eddie in March.

SOME DEFINITE SERVICE

Archbishop John is calling us to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese.' None of this will be possible without prayer. As we pray for our Church, we also pray that we may be renewed ourselves. Let us pray that we may know more deeply the love of God for us and the hope he gives, so that others may also encounter him. Are you interested in joining our prayer partners praying for the mission of the archdiocese? For more information email aec@rcaos.org.uk.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK - FRIDAY JUNE 11TH

Meet 6pm at the Church of the Most Precious Blood, O'Meara Street, London SE1 1TE (nearest tube: London Bridge). We will walk across London Bridge with its stories of Viking battles, to the birthplace of St John Henry Newman in the City.

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year or last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on Saturday 9th October at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details please email emailmflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

ALL SAINTS KINGSTON CHURCH TOPICAL LUNCHESES

Thursday, 17th June at 1.00pm – 1.45pm 'Kingston's Rose Theatre: Covid and beyond' with Robert O'Dowd, Chief Executive of the Rose Theatre. For information contact: info@allsaintskingston.co.uk



TRINITY SUNDAY

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is truly, the greatest mystery of God Himself.

There's a story about a young boy who climbs a mountain and meets a sleeping wise man, he wakes him up and asks him "I want you to explain God for me." The wise man smiles and he says, "A God that can be explained is not a God that you should worship." He smiled again and went back to sleep. A God that can be explained is not a God that you should worship, because if you can explain Him it means that you've reduced God, the Creator of the world, to being another one of us.

We might often ask ourselves, or hear others say, "Where is God? There is another story about a man at a well. A child watches, the man takes a cup of water, but he puts it down and keeps looking down the well. Finally, the child goes up to him and asks "What is down there? What are you looking at? The man replies, "Young man, God is down there." "Oh, can I look?" says the child. "Yes," says the man and he lifts him up over the well and he looks down. When he looked down, the child is very disappointed and he says, "There's nothing down there. All I could see was my face in the water." "Ah," the man says, "Now you know where God is. God is within you." That is where we should look for Him and if we don't look for Him there, then we might as well just give up, because we will not find Him anywhere else.

God our Father cares for us and cares for all that He has created.

Jesus is our brother, a brother who is one with us in every way, who became man, laid down His life for us, that we might understand who God is. When we see Jesus walking through Galilee and through the different places and preaching and teaching, we see the icon of God. We see the reality that God is among us in this very special way, for the Son of God has become man.

Jesus told us when He returns to the Father, He will send the Holy Spirit to us. That Spirit would make us understand who God is, who the Father is and who the Son is and who the Holy Spirit is. The Spirit will send us into the whole world to preach and to teach about the greatness of God, the caring of God and the love of God.

The great mystery of the Trinity is not a mystery it is a relationship. It's a relationship with a Father who loves us, created us, wants us always to be happy and wants, even more, to be loved in return. It is a relationship with a son who is a brother who walks beside us and a spirit who guides and empowers us.