



St. Raphael's Church

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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

10th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 7th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am The Sheridan family & Edward Horrocks

Tuesday 8th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Alison Nary RIP

Wednesday 9th June St. Columba
12.00noon The Holy Souls

Thursday 10th June Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am HRH The Prince Philip RIP

Friday 11th June The Sacred Heart of Jesus
10.00am The Altar Society

Saturday 12th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary
10.00am Juana Capili and Sylvia Dainty

Sunday 13th June - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Francesca Poulter, the Martin and Bernie families

11.30am The Holy Souls

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo



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.

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



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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11.

Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

Rated Good by Ofsted



Today's great celebration of Corpus Christ, the Body of Christ, is a feast at the very centre and heart of the church, our faith and parish - the centre and heart of the lives of each of us - Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We might find it difficult to believe that bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus. We do not see any physical change in the bread or wine - there is no difference in the taste. It is going against logic. However, with our intellect we can understand that God must be keeping the universe together, that God is the origin of everything, but reason will only take us so far. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians tells us we need to add faith to our reason and intellect. "...we go by faith and not by sight" (2 Cor 5:7).

We need to be humble and open to God performing a miracle every day in this church, the miracle of the Eucharist. Can we be humble enough to add faith to our intellect and reason, to admit that intellect by itself does not provide all the answers and that God can perform miracles every day making it possible for bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Jesus, while keeping the same appearance? When we submit to God, we lose nothing but gain everything.

The Eucharist is a celebration of Jesus' love for us, his blood shed for us in love and his body scourged, crowned with thorns and crucified for us. The wine poured and the bread broken is the love of Jesus for us, body and blood given for us. Because the Eucharist is the love of Jesus for us - we should always approach Jesus in the Eucharist with the greatest respect and reverence, asking pardon for our sins.

At the start of every Mass we ask Jesus for mercy because we are so unworthy of his love and again before receiving Communion we express our unworthiness, "*Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*" Think of how precious a moment in our Mass it is when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. When we receive Jesus, He is in us and we are in him. The book of Genesis talks about the marriage of man and woman, being no longer two but one (Gen 2:24). It is the same when we receive Jesus. We are no longer two but one. "He who eats my flesh abides in me and I in him." (John 6:57).

Come to visit Jesus in the Tabernacle often, where you will have a wonderful opportunity to trust, surrender, believe and receive His love.

May Jesus in the Eucharist always be the very centre and heart of our church, the centre and heart of our faith, the centre and heart of our parish and the centre and heart of the lives of each of us.

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving Be every moment thine

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.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



On Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. When we hear the name "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus," most of us probably think of an image where Jesus stands with His heart, burning with joy and love for us, exposed to all. Many of us probably do not think any deeper about this image and yet we are called to think more deeply about it.

Pope Francis, in his 2013 homily on the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, said, "It is more difficult to let God love us than to love Him! The best way to love Him in return is to open our hearts and let Him love us." Every time we see the image we are reminded to open ourselves to the love of Christ and give ourselves completely to Him as He does to us. He lays His heart open before us as an example of how to live our lives.

It is easy to forget the humanity of Christ, after all He is the Son of God, walked on water, and rose from the dead, and yet He bled for us. When the soldier pierced His side with a spear, out flowed blood and water. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of Jesus' humanity and the significance of His sacrifice. He suffered, He felt pain, He literally laid down His life and set His heart upon us. It is our turn to pick up what God has given us and share it with the world. Let us open our hearts and share Christ's love.

As Friday is a Solemnity, the Church does not ask us to abstain from eating meat on this day.

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.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN

On Thursday it will be the second anniversary of Archbishop John Wilson's appointment as Archbishop of Southwark. Please remember the Archbishop in your prayers on this day.