



## St. Raphael's Church

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### Sunday 6th February – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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| 9.30am  | Missa Pro Populo                              |
| 11.30am | Gracia Meta Wetou                             |
| 5.00pm  | Catalda                                       |
| 4.00pm  | Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament |

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| Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                      | Feria in Ordinary time                                                             |
| 10.00am                                                                                                                            | Jane Daly RIP                                                                      |
| Tues. 8 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                     | Feria in Ordinary time                                                             |
| 10.00am                                                                                                                            | Peter Freeman                                                                      |
| Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                      | Feria in Ordinary time                                                             |
| 12.00noon                                                                                                                          | The Sheridan and Horrocks family                                                   |
| Thur. 10 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                    | St. Scholastica                                                                    |
| 10.00am                                                                                                                            | Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP – Parish Priest 1986 -2002<br>(Latin Mass – Novus Ordo) |
| Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon. |                                                                                    |
| Fri. 11 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                     | Our Lady of Lourdes                                                                |
| 10.00am                                                                                                                            | Olga Villena de Stevenson RIP                                                      |
| (A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)                                                         |                                                                                    |
| Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                                     | Our Lady                                                                           |
| 10.00am                                                                                                                            | Brian Godding RIP                                                                  |

### Sunday 13th February – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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| 9.30am  | Eddie Hillier RIP                             |
| 11.30am | Missa Pro Populo                              |
| 5.00pm  | Leo Goh RIP                                   |
| 4.00pm  | Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament |

### THANK YOU

The 'Friends of the Holy Land' sent the following message to the Parish this week.

*'Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who raised £620.62 for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging, especially as they face another Easter season with limited numbers of pilgrims. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.'*

Thank you also for the £414.98 which was collected in aid of SPUC last week. A cheque has been sent to them this week.

### UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH

Following the recent updates from the Government and the updated guidelines issued by the Catholic Bishops, there has been some relaxing of the restrictions on worship in our churches.

The wearing of face masks is no longer compulsory in churches, however please feel free to wear one if you wish.

A physical sign of peace may be used, but please be conscious of parishioners who may still wish to offer a sign without making physical contact with others.

Readers no longer need to sanitise their hands, however sanitiser will still be available for the time being for those who wish to do so.

The priest no longer needs to wear a mask for the distribution of Holy Communion but he will sanitise his hands before and after Holy Communion.

Please do not enter the Church if you have a temperature, a new a persistent cough, loss of taste/smell or any other covid symptoms.

If you have not yet had your Covid jab or booster jab – for the sake of everyone, please book it.

Hand sanitiser is available at the back of the Church, please help yourselves.

### St. Joseph's - Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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After Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon Peter, "Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch!" Pope St. John Paul II proposed Jesus' imperative "Put out into the deep water" as the motto of the Church. He did this because so often we in the Church today can feel that we're in Peter's shoes. In many areas of life, but particularly in our discipleship, we can work so hard and seem to have so little to show for it. We're called, like Peter, Andrew, James and John to leave behind whatever might keep us from the Lord and follow him, being sent out into the deep water of the world to fish for souls. We're called, like St. Paul, to "work harder than any" of the rest, because of the Lord's great mercy, love and trust in calling us and sending us.

In today's Gospel, we see how the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! If a businessman of today (or even of the year 28 A.D.) were choosing a chairman and assistants for the world-wide enterprise he was about to set up, is it likely that he would choose them from among the unknown, unlettered fishermen of Galilee? Yet Christ, who was about to set up not only a world-wide institute but an everlasting one, chose these simple fishermen and made them his assistants and his successors in the work that he had taken in hand.

And it wasn't that he was restricted in his choice. There were many highly educated priests and scribes in Jerusalem whom he could have won over, men who could preach and instruct so much more eloquently than Peter or Andrew. There were Roman officers in Palestine who were highly educated, and who would be much more eagerly listened to in the Gentile world. There were Greek philosophers whose very name would add prestige to the Gospel message had they been Apostles. Yet it was to none of these that Christ entrusted the arduous task of spreading the good news of the Gospel, it was to none of these that he gave the keys of his kingdom.

Christ was not influenced in his judgement by external, accidental qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the society that he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a free transport system to heaven. The truths he was committing to its keeping were not based on earthly wisdom which would require eloquence and prestige to bolster them up. They were the eternal, divine truths which needed no human propaganda, no help from mere men.

Thus, in the selection of his Apostles, Christ has given us an extra proof, if one were needed, of his own divine wisdom and of the divine origin of the Christian religion which we profess. Our religion is not man-made, God is its author. While thanking God today for our Christian religion, with its clearly-drawn map of salvation, let us show our appreciation by doing our own little part, as humble apostles, weak but willing helpers of Christ. This we can do without eloquence, or personal prestige. We do so by living as true Christians in our homes, in our places of work, and in our recreations, by carrying our cross daily and patiently, ever ready to give a hand when the neighbour's cross seems too heavy for him. This will be Christian eloquence, this will be a true apostleship of Christ, because actions speak louder than words.

### **CONFESSIONS**

Sundays – 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm  
Saturdays – 10.30am – 11.00am.

### **THE ROSARY**

The Rosary is recited in the Church daily. Monday – Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Takes place on Sundays during the 9.30am Mass.

### **EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Sundays at 4.00pm and Thursdays following the 10.00am Mass concluding with Benediction at 12noon.

### **TEA AND COFFEE**

There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday mornings. There is also tea & coffee after the midday Mass on Wednesdays.

### **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. DOMINIC O'SULLIVAN RIP**

On Thursday we remember Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan who was Parish Priest of St. Raphael's from 1986 until his retirement in 2002. Fr. Dominic came to the parish as Canon Grady's assistant in 1971 and succeeded the Canon when he retired in 1986. Fr Dominic was ordained to the priesthood on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1952. During his time in the parish he married hundreds of couples and baptized thousands of babies. Fr Dominic was a much-loved parish priest. He had a natural affinity for people and stood by them through difficult times. Parishioners will always remember him as a most caring and loving shepherd of his flock who wanted to be with them to the end of his life. Fr Dominic retired in 2002, shortly after his Golden Jubilee as a priest. Following retirement, he continued to live in the parish and, until his health began to fail, to come to the church daily and concelebrate mass with Fr Vincent, his successor. He died on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and was buried in Waterville, Ireland, from where his family came.

### **FAITH FORMATION GROUP**

Our next Faith Formation session will take place after the 9.30 Mass today in the library.

### **BEREAVEMENT WEEKEND - GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST**

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Trying to cope with feelings out of control? If so, this retreat is for you. It runs from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Aylesford Priory. To book or find out more telephone 01622 717272.