



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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Sunday 3rd April – 5th Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Stan Conley RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm The deceased friends and relations of the
 Woolliscroft & Roberts Family
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 4th April Lenten Feria
 10.00am The Holy Souls
 Tuesday 5th April Lenten Feria
 10.00am Dennis & Elizabeth Cox RIP
 Wednesday 6th April Lenten Feria
 12.00noon George Stephens RIP
 Thursday 7th April Lenten Feria
 10.00am The Holy Souls (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
 Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying
 for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 8th April Lenten Feria
 10.00am The Holy Souls
 Followed by Stations of The Cross
 (A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 9th April Lenten Feria
 10.00am Bill Edwards RIP

Palms will be blessed
 at all Masses next
 Sunday. The 9.30am
 Mass will start with a
 procession from the
 garden

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday (C)

9.30am Frances Boyle
11.30am Fr. David
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

CONFESSIONS

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

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited in the
 Church daily. Monday – Saturday
 before Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Takes
 place on Sundays during the
 9.30am Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Our next Faith Formation session
 will take place next Sunday, 10th
 April, after the 9:30am Mass in
 the library.

HELP FOR UKRAINE - During Lent the Parish is going to collect money in
 aid of the people of the Ukraine. We will send this to 'Aid To The Church in
 Need' who have launched an appeal for this to support the work of the
 Church in Ukraine providing aid and comfort to their fearful people, to
 refugees displaced by violence, to vulnerable children in orphanages, single
 mothers and the elderly. All are facing the challenge of surviving as costs
 spiral as a result of the war. Your kind donation, of whatever you can afford,
 will help get aid to where it is needed most at this distressing time.
 For the rest of Lent, the black iron collection box at the back of the church will
 be used to collect money. You can also put donations in envelopes marked
 'Ukraine' in the normal Sunday collection bags, or hand them into the sacristy
 or Parish Office. For more details of Aid to the Church in Need's appeal go to
acnuk.org/our-campaigns/emergency-appeal-for-ukraine/
 St. Mark's Church, on St. Mark's Hill in Surbiton are collecting items of aid
 with the local Ukrainian community to be sent via a lorry to Ukraine. They
 need the following items.

Medical: bandages, first aid kits and non prescription drugs (neurofen/
 ibuprofen).

Toiletries: toothpaste, women's sanitary items and bodywash.

Baby stuff: baby dried formula milk and nappies.

Please no clothes, blankets or duvets.

For more information, please call St. Mark's Parish Office on 020 8390 9129

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.

Stations of the Cross

Every Sunday during Lent at
 4.00pm and on Friday
 mornings following the
 10.00am Mass

The Gospel for today continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the story of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes - either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing.

The Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

LENT TALK – BLESSED WILLIAM WAY

This evening David Kennedy will give a talk in the hall on our local Catholic martyr Blessed William Way who was martyred at Kingston during the Reformation. Join us for a glass of wine at 6.00pm followed by the talk at 6.30pm - a suggested donation of £8.00. All profits will go to our appeal on behalf of Aid To The Church in Need for Ukraine.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our Baptism Preparation Courses are restarting. All parents wishing their children to be Baptised need to attend a course prior to the Baptism. The next course will be on Saturday 30th April from 10.00am in Alexander House – the Parish Hall. Please apply for a place via Fr. Michael.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & VULNERABLE ADULTS AT ST RAPHAEL'S.

The Archdiocese of Southwark is committed to the safety and welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. The Diocese co-operates fully with the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS), which aims to help the Church become an example of best practice in the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults and develop a "culture of vigilance" to ensure that those in our care are kept safe from harm.

Here at St Raphael's we are committed to protect and safeguard our children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We are currently undergoing updates of all DBS (enhanced police checks) for all adults who kindly volunteer in many roles within our parish. The safeguarding officers for the parish are Marguerite Kinsella and Helen Layng, we can be reached via the emails below, in person or via Fr Michael or the parish office. We are in the process of getting in touch with all people needing a new or a renewed DBS.

Only certain roles need to have DBS including catechists, adult servers and extraordinary ministers or visiting roles. Others which don't include readers, people who help with teas and coffees.

If we have not been in contact with you yet and you believe you should have a DBS, or if you have any questions or concerns about safeguarding in general, please get in touch with the safeguarding officers on the following emails: Marguerite: surbitonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk
Helen: surbitonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk
Parents please be reminded that, you are responsible for your children when at the church. Please do not let them go unattended to the toilets or the hall.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility! Please talk to us if you have concerns or worries.

GIFT AID BOXES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly collection envelopes, your new box of envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you previously used envelopes but no longer require them, could you please advise the Parish Office. It will be assumed that any boxes remaining after Mass next Sunday are not required and they will be cancelled. Many thanks.

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Rated Good by Ofsted