



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 6th March – 1st Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Gracia Mata Wetou
5.00pm Vincent Mario Rapa
4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 7th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Bill & Ethel Larkin RIP

Tuesday 8th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Peter Bingham Daley RIP

Wednesday 9th March Lenten Feria
12.00noon The Sheridan & Horrocks family

Thursday 10th March Lenten Feria
10.00am The Menezes & Adams family (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying
for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 11th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Mable Ezechiel RIP
Followed by Stations of The Cross
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 12th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Theresa Roberts

Sunday 13th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent (C)

9.30am Fr. Geoffrey Smith
11.30am Sofia Yousif RIP
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.

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.

'In recent days we have been shaken by something tragic: war. Time and again we have prayed that this road would not be taken and let us not stop talking; indeed, let us pray to God more intensely.... Those who wage war forget humanity.... They trust in the diabolical and perverse logic of weapons, which is the furthest from the logic of God. And they distance themselves from ordinary people, who want peace, and who – the ordinary people – are the real victims in every conflict, who pay for the follies of war with their own skin. I think of the elderly, of those who seek refuge in these times, of mothers fleeing with their children... They are brothers and sisters for whom it is urgent to open humanitarian corridors, and who must be welcomed. With a heart broken by what is happening in Ukraine – and let us not forget the wars in other parts of the world, such as Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia... – I repeat: put down your weapons! God is with the peacemakers, not with those who use violence.'

Pope Francis

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Christ's voluntary self-mortification of forty days' fast, with its accompanying temptations, was but part of the self-mortification, with its climax on the Cross, which He gladly underwent for our salvation. He did not need to fast in order to keep the inclinations of the body in subjection, He did not need to allow the insult of temptation. He could have said, "begone Satan" at the beginning as easily and as effectively as he said it at the end. But He willingly underwent this humiliation in order to set us an example and to prove to us the infinite love He bears us and the value, the priceless value, He sets on our eternal salvation. He became like us in all things (except sin) in order to make it possible for us to become like Him—the beloved of his Father—and co-heirs with Him in the kingdom of heaven.

With this example given us by Christ no Christian can or should expect to travel the road to heaven without meeting obstacles and temptations. Our weak human nature is of itself, even without any external tempter, a source of many temptations to us, especially of those three illustrated in the case of Christ. Our body desires all the pleasures and comforts that can be got out of life and resents any curtailment of these desires even on the part of our Creator and Benefactor. Our gifts of intelligence and free-will often tempt most of us to look for power, political or economic, over our fellowmen. We want to be better off than others in this world, when our purpose in life is to help ourselves and our fellowmen to the better life. Finally, so fully occupied are many in the mad rush after pleasure and power that they have no time to devote to the one thing that matters, the attainment of eternal life.

Yet, through some foolish logic of our own, we expect God to do for us what we refuse to do for ourselves. We are tempting God by presuming he will save us if we have deliberately chosen the road to perdition.

There are few, if any, amongst us who can honestly say: "I am free from such inclinations or temptations." The vast majority of us can and should beat our breasts and say with the publican: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." And merciful he will be if we turn to him with true humility. He may not remove all our temptations, all our wrong inclinations, but he will give us the grace to overcome them if we sincerely seek his aid.

VACANCY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE - We currently have a vacancy for a Priests' Welfare Officer. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website – www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

LENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY' - There are copies of the Lent edition of 'My Day by Day' available at the back of the Church - they cost £1.00. Please put money in the box marked Newspapers or pay via the card machine. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

THE FOUNTAIN THERAPY TRUST - This is local Christian counselling charity based in New Malden. They are running a 6 week support course for those who have been bereaved through Covid. For more information please contact - Helen Macallan, Team Leader on 07939 001462

SAVING GRACE - A Southwark Diocesan retreat for Lent, introduced by Archbishop John Wilson, and led by members of the Spirituality Commission. Our diocese is offering a retreat experience for its people and parishes during Lent 2022, beginning on the first Sunday of Lent and ending in Easter week. Drawing on the Old Testament readings for the Sundays of Lent, saving Grace will explore our shared story as the people of God.

Individuals can access Zoom groups organised by the Spirituality Commission. These will run on different days of the week and times of day, and links will be listed on the Spirituality website. To sign up and receive materials directly, please visit: https://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz

2ND COLLECTION TODAY –

THE CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - The collection that was due to be taken last Sunday, will be taken today. Please be as generous as you can and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you.

KINGSTON MOBILE MOP UP PROJECT -

The Mayor's Charitable Trust is running a campaign this year to reuse old or unused mobile phones, laptops, tablets, cables and mobile accessories. These will be cleaned and recycled in an environmentally friendly way to be used again as a new handset, or stripped for parts depending on the condition. All phones will be wiped free of any data at the start of the process.

There is a crate at the back of the church should you wish to donate any items. This will remain for the next few weeks. Please ensure you remove any Sim cards from phones before you donate them.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Our next Faith Formation session will take place next Sunday, 13th March, after the 9:30am Mass in the library.

STRICTLY MINUETS - Tuesdays in the hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15th March there will be a St Patrick's Day theme. For more information Call Kate on 07747 465046



Stations of the cross

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

New in our repository

We have a selection of cards for St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter available in the card stand in the hall near the repository.