



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday (C)

8.00pm (Saturday) Alexander Raphael RIP

9.30am Beryl Sims RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

(No 5.00pm Mass or Benediction today)

Monday 18 th April	Monday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am	Eric Harris RIP
Tuesday 19 th April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am	Denis Curtin RIP
Wednesday 20 th April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
12.00noon	Jannett Hamerton-Fraser & family RIP
Thursday 21 st April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am	Johanna Stapleton's intentions
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)	
Friday 22 nd April	Friday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am	Tom Kelleher & Family RIP
(As all the days of the Easter Octave are Solemnities we are not asked to abstain from eating meat today)	
Saturday 23 rd April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
10.00am	Melanie Ambrose RIP



Sunday 24th April - Low Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday (C)

9.30am Tommie Kelleher & family RIP

11.30am Vincent Mario Rapa

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

CONFESSIONS

Sundays -
9.00am - 9.20am.
4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays -
10.30am - 11.00am

The rosary

is recited daily in
the Church
Monday -Saturday
before Mass and
on Sundays at
4.00pm

NEXT SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY - We shall have the Divine Mercy Devotions here at St. Raphael's. The afternoon will begin at 3.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Prayers, Confessions and Rosary. Concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.50pm.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - On Sunday the 1st May we will welcome the Mayor of Kingston Cllr Sushila Abraham to the 9.30am Mass. During this Mass a presentation will be made to Mrs Sarah Keefe, the former Head Teacher of St. Joseph's, our parish primary school.

THANK YOU - To David Kennedy for his excellent talk last Sunday on Blessed William Way. £100 was raised towards our appeal for Ukraine.

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.

EASTER OFFERINGS

The collection taken at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday is your personal offering to our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael. This collection forms part of his income to support his personal needs and expenses during the year ahead. Easter Offering envelopes are available for your use at the back of the Church. (If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme please use the special envelope in your packet.) Thank you for your kind and generous support.

FR MICHAEL WRITES:

A Happy Easter to everyone, with many Blessings. Although some Covid restrictions are still in place, numbers of those attending on Sundays have continued to increase. The community is coming together with Services over Lent and a flourishing refreshment gathering after 9.30 Mass. It has been a joy to welcome so many small children after the Children's Liturgy and both their work and their answers have been impressive. The 12 noon Mass has continued to increase in numbers for Mass and for the Social which follows. Our Lent Project has focused on collecting for Ukraine and many thanks for your giving. Some may have given material assistance through the collection at St Mark's, Surbiton. May you be blessed for this.

It has been another blessing to welcome Fr Peter Sebastian among us once more, as he prepares for his next appointment. I am, as always, very grateful to Fr Geoffrey Smith for his presence and regular Supply work every week. Both Fathers have played an important part in this year's Holy Week.

Special **congratulations** go to those who receive the Easter Sacraments: Gemma, to be received as a Catholic and Confirmed. Alfred and Nicholas Afolabi to be Confirmed and James to be received as a Catholic from the Greek Orthodox Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

There are so many people I need to thank, and the list grows longer and longer! Vera and Ginette worked hard to analyse responses to the Synod exercise and presented these to the Diocese. The Diocese has now responded nationally. Catechetical instruction has picked up again. Thanks to those providing regular instruction. I thank welcomers, sacristans, readers, the organiser of the readers, musicians and the choir, servers, handmaids, cleaners, refreshment providers, the Gift Aid secretary, collectors and counters, linen launderers, repository staff, our flower arrangers, the person who oversees our website, members of the Parish Council and Michael Pearce, who presides over much of all this. His expertise was noticed by the Archbishop's Secretary, who invited him to serve at the Altar during this year's Chrism Mass, which he did with great dexterity. If I have left anyone out, please accept apologies.

I am sorry the car park is taking so long. The stop-start slow progress is mainly due to RBK Planning restrictions and objections to our plans by a local group. We continue in adversity. Thanks also to our Finance group and particularly Richard, our Chairman, who has helped so much in persevering with the car park.

Finally, a word of thanks to those who have sent personal greetings and gifts to me as we reach Easter day. Thank you, everyone, for your generous giving and friendship.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

During Lent the Parish has been collecting money in aid of the people of the Ukraine. **Please note today is your last chance to contribute.** We will be sending this to 'Aid To The Church in Need' during the coming week. They have launched an appeal for this to support the People of Ukraine. The black iron collection box at the back of the church can 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/

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.

ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED?

Please note if you are planning to get married here at St. Raphael's – or indeed in any other Catholic Church, you must contact Fr. Michael before you make any plans. Please also remember that you must give a minimum of six months' notice to get married in any Catholic Church.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

We will have the annual 2nd collection next Sunday for the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral – The Mother Church of our Archdiocese.

THE MAYOR'S CHARITABLE TRUST

There are two events coming up in aid of the Mayor's Charitable Trust which parishioners may be interested in.

70s Disco - Saturday 23rd April at 7.30pm to 11.30pm at Shiraz Mirza Community Hall, Malden Road, New Malden. Entrance tickets cost £5 (adults only so +18 years old).

Mayor's Golf Tournament - Wednesday 11th May at Malden Golf Club, New Malden. £340 for a team of 4 players (£75pp). Includes 18 holes of golf, breakfast roll and tea/coffee on arrival, 3 course lunch and competition prizes & prize presentation.

For more information for both of these events go to <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/events>

MUSICAL EVENING

Saturday 7th May at 7 pm at St Raphael's Church Hall. Piano recital by Michael Bevan playing Rachmaninoff, Schumann, Moszkowski and Bach. Entrance free, light refreshments served, doors open from 6.30 pm. Retiring collection in aid of Kingston Friends of Life. (Charity for the unborn)

LIVE-IN CARER NEEDED

A live in carer is needed for a Lady while her daughter is at work. She lives along the riverside in Kingston. It will be a live in stay for the month of May. From the 1st of May to the 31st inclusive. Please call Ellie on 07398246848 for more information.