



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 1st May – 3rd Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am Cameron, Sonia & family
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Anne Piddock RIP
4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 2nd May St. Athanasius
10.00am The Holy Souls
Tuesday 3rd May SS. Philip and James
10.00am Jacob Ezekiel RIP
Wednesday 4th May The English Martyrs
12.00noon Stuart West RIP
Thursday 5th May Feria in Eastertide (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am Mrs Sheridan's intentions
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying
for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.
Friday 6th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am The Holy Souls
11.30am Requiem Mass for Margaret Finn RIP
A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat
Saturday 7th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Fr's Marin Gibney, Joseph Butt & Francis Redway RIP

Sunday 8th May – 4th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am Tim Healy RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Mina Crawley RIP
3.00pm May Procession in honour of Our Lady

Today we 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP

The Faith Formation group will meet next Sunday, May 8th at 10:30am in the library. We would like to invite all the children and their families to stay and join us for Sunday lunch. Please email me to let me know numbers on dymphna.subash@gmail.com.
Thank you, Subash and Dymphna.

OF YOUR CHARITY,

please pray for the repose of the
souls of

Margaret Finn

whose Requiem Mass will be
celebrated on Friday at 11.30am.

Cornelius O'Driscoll

whose Requiem Mass will be
celebrated on 19th May at 2.00pm.

Margaret Wendy Ford

Details of her funeral to follow.

May they Rest Peace

JANE DALY RIP

Many of you will remember Jane who died last year. Sadly because of the Covid restrictions in place at the time, we were unable to have a Requiem Mass for her at the time. A Memorial Mass for her will be offered on Friday 27th May at 11.00am followed by a reception in the Hall. All are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Scarlett who was baptised at St. Raphael's recently and to Alfred, Nicholas, & Gemma who received sacraments at the Easter Vigil and James who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

CONFESSIONS

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

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday there will be the annual 2nd collection for Ecclesiastical Education. This fund helps pay for the training of students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. There are some special collection envelopes available at the back of the Church for this.

This coming Wednesday, 4th May during tea and coffee after the midday Mass, your local Police Community Support Officer Simon Briggs, will be attending to introduce himself to you all and to talk about some of the scams criminals use and to provide some Personal Safety Advice. He will also be available for any questions you have afterwards.

MUSICAL EVENING

Next Saturday at 7.00 pm in the Hall, there will be a piano recital by Michael Bevan. He will be 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 -the charity supporting the unborn.

THE PASSAGE

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9th May. Every £1.00 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9th May makes £2.00 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

PROTECTING THE THAMES RIVERSIDE

The Thames Landscape Strategy is a non-profit organisation that was created to ensure that the riverside is protected from overdevelopment and can be accessible to everyone. We have an exciting new project called 'Rewilding Arcadia', which focuses on using nature-based solutions as a sustainable way to reduce flood risk in the communities along the Thames. We are currently in Phase one of the project, which involves carrying out a survey within the local community to gain an understanding of who uses the towpath along the river and what their thoughts are.

Here is the link to the survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8zd6jd>

MAY THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

In 1917 in Fatima Our Blessed Lady asked three shepherd children to pray the rosary every day for peace in the world and for the end to 1st World War. Sr. Lucia, one of the children later said 'There no problem a rosary can't solve.' The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, during this month let us say the Rosary daily for peace in the world, especailly in Ukraine.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are in Galilee, fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes.

There are also allusions in this story to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. This dialogue with him is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

**The rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and on Sundays at 4.00pm
Next Sunday we will have our May Procession around the grounds of the Church at 3.00pm**