



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 15th May – 5th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am Mark Dixon
11.30am Cyro Fonseca RIP
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
(1.30pm 1st Holy Communion Mass)
No Rosary & Benediction today

Monday 16 th May	St. Simon Stock
10.00am	The Holy Souls
Tuesday 17 th May	Feria in Eastertide
10.00am	Mary, Michael and Paul McLoughlin
Wednesday 18 th May	Feria in Eastertide
12.00noon	Vernon Freeman RIP
Thursday 19 th May	Feria in Eastertide (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am	Denis Curtin RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.	
2.00pm	Requiem Mass for Cornelius O'Driscoll RIP
Friday 20 th May	Feria in Eastertide
10.00am	Richard Hourigan
A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat	
Saturday 21 st May	Feria in Eastertide
10.00am	Kathleen Ireland

Sunday 22nd May – 6th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Veda, Blaize and family
5.00pm The deceased friends and relations of the Woolliscroft and Roberts families
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

MASS FOR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1982 VISIT OF POPE ST JOHN PAUL II TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On 28 May at 12.30pm Archbishop John will celebrate Mass to mark the fortieth anniversary of the visit of St John Paul II to St. George's Cathedral. During this celebration, the sacrament of anointing of the sick will be administered, as it was on the occasion of St John Paul II's visit. If you would like more information on this – either for yourself or on behalf of someone else, please speak to Fr. Michael.

The Cathedral will be hosting an exhibition in the period 16 – 30 May about the visit of St John Paul II to St George's. Those who have photographs or other items relating to the visit which they might wish to loan are asked to write to admin@stgeorges.org.uk with details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION'S

This afternoon at 1.30pm 22 children from the parish will make their First Holy Communion. Please pray especially for the children today.

OF YOUR CHARITY,

please pray for the repose of the souls of

Cornelius O'Driscoll

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

Margaret Wendy Ford

whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on 30th May at 10.00am.

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. 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.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am.

4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on Saturday 9th July at St. George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

Some families in the parish plan to visit Aylesford Priory near Maidstone Kent for Holy Mass, the Rosary, picnic and family games on Saturday 28th May at 11.45am. We would love other families in the Parish to join us. You will need your own transport and to bring a picnic. For more information, please email dymphna.subash@gmail.com

JAZZ IN THE PIAZZA BY THE RIVER CHARTER QUAY KINGSTON 4th JUNE

If you are in Kingston on the Saturday of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations – come and enjoy an afternoon of Jazz between 1.00pm - 4.00pm. The Dave Jones Quartet will play a range of jazz styles featuring a saxophone, piano, double bass, drums and a vocalist. It should be fun!!!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who supported last Saturday's concert in the hall in aid of 'Life' £252.00 was raised for this excellent charity which does so much good work.

HELP FOR UKRAINIAN MUSICIANS

There is a group of Ukrainian musicians who have been touring the UK to foster good relationships with the UK. You may have heard about their tour on RADIO 4. They all have Seasonal Working Visas, however, these expire on 29th May. None of them wish to return to Ukraine and are therefore looking for work, accommodation and sponsorship. If you could help them, there are 2 married couples, 1 woman and 5 men, please telephone Christina, 07361016667

AY 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 of the 1st World War. Sr. Lucia, one of the children later said 'There is 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, especially in Ukraine.

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

*Love one another
as I have Loved you*
-John 15:12

One day, as St. Teresa of Calcutta and her Missionaries of Charity were tending to the poorest of the poor on the streets of Calcutta, they happened across a man lying in the gutter, very near death. He was filthy, dressed in little more than a rag and flies swarmed around his body. Immediately, Mother Teresa embraced him, spoke to him softly and began to pick out the maggots that were nesting in his flesh. A passer-by was repulsed by the sight of the man and exclaimed to Mother Teresa, "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." Her response was immediate, "Neither would I!"

Obviously, monetary gain did not motivate the diminutive woman known as the Saint of Calcutta; love did. In her writings, Mother Teresa frequently affirmed the motivating power of love. Quoting Jesus in today's Gospel, she wrote, "Jesus said, 'Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other.'" She continued, "We must grow in love, and to do this we must go on loving and loving and giving and giving until it hurts – the way Jesus did. Do ordinary things with extraordinary love: little things, like caring for the sick and the homeless, the lonely and the unwanted, washing and cleaning for them."

In today's gospel, Christ gives us a new commandment "I give you a new commandment, love one another; you must love one another..." Through this, Christ reminds us that the only way we can overcome the tribulations and persecutions of this world is by remaining united in love. In times of trials and persecutions, love is the greatest virtue that sustains us all. This love that Christ talks about is an identification mark. Hence He says: "...By this love everyone will know that you are my disciples." In other words, it is what defines us as true disciples of Christ. Only those who love sincerely can enter the New Jerusalem that the risen Christ promised his people. This love is a mark of the newness of life that Christ brings to all his people this Easter season.