



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 29th May - 7th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am Ninette, Tony & Neil Pinto
11.30am The Vasanth family
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 30th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Requiem Mass - Margaret Wendy Ward RIP

Tuesday 31st May The Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Derek Jacobs RIP

Wednesday 1st June St. Justin
12.00noon Neville RIP

Thursday 2nd June SS. Marcellinus & Peter
10.00am Charles Webb

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 3rd June St. Charles Lwanga & Companion Martyrs
10.00am In reparation for the sin of abortion
A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat

Saturday 4th June Feria in Eastertide
10.00am The deceased members of the Nary & Stanley Family

Sunday 5th June - Pentecost Sunday (C)

9.30am Her Majesty The Queen
11.30am Rajendrababu RIP
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

ANNUAL MASS AND PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Sons of Divine Providence, will be holding their annual procession and Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes this afternoon at 5.00pm at 25 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick

YOUR MARRIAGE: TIME FOR A SERVICE?

In the same way your car needs servicing to continue to run efficiently, so your marriage too will benefit from a 'service'. That's what Building A Better Marriage' is, a half-day online course taking place from 9am till 1pm on June 11. It is designed for couples married years or decades with average-to-good marriages. Booking is essential. For more information call : 07983 524 727

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

OF YOUR CHARITY,

please pray for the repose of the soul of
Margaret Wendy Ford
whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on
Monday at 10.00am.
May She Rest In Peace.

CONFESSIONS

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

2nd COLLECTION TODAY

Today is 'World Communications Day' and there will be 2nd Collection in aid of the 'Catholic Communications Network'.

**Congratulations to Maya Olivia who was
Baptised recently here at St. Raphael's**

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

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

If you are in Kingston this Saturday—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!!!

VACANCIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education

This is initially a 12 month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position which requires someone with considerable previous secretarial experience and excellent organisational skills. Must be very self-motivated.

Diocesan Central Services Administrator

Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as covering reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities.

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.