

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 5th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30am Pam O'Sullivan RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The Holy Souls

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 6th March

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Joyce Morrell RIP

Tuesday 7th March

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Jim Donoghue

Wednesday 8th March

Lenten Feria

12noon

The Holy Souls

Thursday 9th March

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

10.00am

David Kaimal's intentions

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

Friday 10th March

Lenten Feria

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Followed by Stations of The Cross.

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 11th March

Lenten Feria

10.00am

The Holy Souls

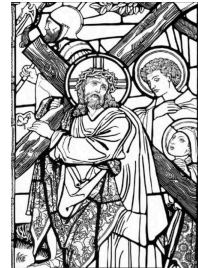
Sunday 12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30am Neil Townsend RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The Holy Souls

4.00pm Stations of the Cross



There are Stations of
The Cross every
Sunday during Lent at
4.00pm and on Friday
mornings following the
10.00am Mass

This Sunday (2nd in Lent) we are launching our Lent Project, which this year will be for the Charity 'Bread of Life'.

The Sons of Divine Providence community in Hampton Wick, under the direction of Fr John Perrotta have had this outreach for some time now, Registered Charity: 1088675. I have come to know Fr John quite well in recent years and the work he does for this charity. Some of you may also know him and his church community. The charity works, mainly in Africa, to help children who are homeless, orphans, victims of war or disabled and needing support for basic education. These are the things we take for granted, such as homes, education, living in peace and so on.

In Malawi, little Nelson had a wheelchair purchased for him so that he could go to school and church and be able to meet with his friends. Also in Malawi, a bag of maize was given to a family to enable them to eat for a month. Food and clothing were provided in Sri Lanka following heavy rain and flooding. A teacher, Rose, was helped to qualify in Meru, Kenya. These are just some of the ways in which Fr John's charity has helped the needy.

Any Lenten Alms we collect will be given to the project. We have decided to add the Ash Wednesday collection to the Lent Project as well. Dr David Kennedy will also be giving talks soon and contributions from listeners can be added. Our Wednesday Group has also helped the Lent Project in the past. If you have any ideas for helping the collection, please let me know.

Fr Michael

Between Moses and Elias Jesus shows forth His divine glory, thus foreshadowing His resurrection. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. Today's Mass places before us the transfigured Lord and the model toward Whom we must tend, and our own transfiguration as the goal we must attain. We attain this goal by a profound realization of our sinfulness and need of a Redeemer; by preserving purity of body and soul; by combatting our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the Mass.

Christ has asked us to follow him, carrying our daily cross, and the end of our journey is not Calvary but resurrection, the entrance to a life of glory with our risen Saviour. The Christian who grasps his cross closely and willingly, knowing its value for his real life, will find it becomes lighter and often not a burden but a pleasure. The man who tries to shuffle off his cross, and who curses and rebels against him who sent it, will find it doubles its weight and loses all the value it was intended to have for his true welfare.

Let the thought of the Transfiguration encourage each one of us today, to do the little God demands of us, so that when we pass out of this life we may be assured of seeing Christ in his glory, ready to welcome us into his everlasting, glorious kingdom.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY COURSE

St Matthew's Church in Surbiton is running another Bereavement Journey Course from the 18th April. It is a six week free course for those of faith and no faith to explore experiences of bereavement and grief. It may be that you are aware of those who have lost loved ones who might be helped by such a course which has a proven track record of assisting many as they grieve.

For more information please call Susan Kang on 07745 795395 or visit www.stmatthewskt6.org

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next Baptism Preparation Course will be on Saturday 1st April Alexander House from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. All parents wishing their children to be Baptised need to attend a course prior to the Baptism. Please apply for a place via Fr. Michael.

CONFESSIONS

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

THE ROSARY

is recited in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT

Thursday – Exposition from after Mass concluding with Benediction at 11.45am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion programme continues on Saturday mornings at 10.30am

TEA AND COFFEE

There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after Mass on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

THANKYOU

Thank you for £602.15 for the 2nd collection last Sunday in support of the Clergy Support Fund.

ST. PATRICK'S AND MOTHERS DAY CARDS

There is a selection of cards for St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day in the card rack in the hall.

A BIBLICAL JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Come and join us for a virtual pilgrimage in Alexander House on Wednesday evenings during March. We will reflect on the Lenten themes of evangelisation, justice and our commitment to living our faith in community. As pilgrims, we will draw on the wisdom of the books of Psalms, Proverbs and Ruth and reflect on Jesus' example of sacrifice and his role as King. The pilgrim's way, "The Augustine Camino" (Ramsgate to Canterbury) will link our biblical studies to the saintly men and women who lived the gospel and shared their faith with this country and the world.

This week we will focus on The Book of Ruth and SS. Bertha & Mildred, Minster Abbey and the work of Evangelisation.

The talks start at 7.30pm, there is tea and coffee available from 7.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have some free slots for Mass intentions in the Parish Diary. If you would like to have a Mass offered for an intention, please complete one of the Mass Intention Envelopes at the back of the Church and hand it in to either the Sacristy or Parish Office. If you have any specific dates for Masses later in the year, please book them in ASAP to avoid disappointment.

LENTEN TALK – THE EARLY PARISH PRIESTS AND CHAPLAINS OF ST. RAPHAEL'S

As you go into the Church, on the right-hand side of the vestibule is a white marble tablet which lists the Chaplains and Parish Priests of St. Raphael's. Have you ever wondered about these men? For example, what is known about the first six who are listed, Fathers Donovan, Clark, Doyle, Ainsworth, Morley and du Plerny? On Sunday 26th March at 6.00 pm, parishioner David Kennedy will be giving an illustrated talk on them as part of our Lenten fundraising project in support of our Lenten appeal. The suggested donation is £10 to include a glass of wine.