



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 23rd April – 3rd Sunday of Easter – (A)

9.30am

Fr. Geoffrey

11.30am

The Holy Souls

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 24th April

St. George

10.00am

Memorial Mass for Greg Dunsford-White RIP

Tuesday 25th April

St. Mark

10.00am

Leonardo Capili RIP

Wednesday 26th April

Feria in Eastertide

12noon

Mimi & Philip - welfare

Thursday 27th April

Feria in Eastertide (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for

vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

Friday 28th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Peter Sillem RIP

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

Saturday 29th April

St. Catherine of Siena

10.00am

Fr. Timothy Fitzpatrick RIP

Sunday 30th April – 4th Sunday of Easter – (A)

9.30am

Fr. Peter Sebastian

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Anne Piddock RIP

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited in the Church

Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm
on Sundays

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion programme

continues on Saturday mornings at 10.30am

TEA AND COFFEE - There is tea and coffee
today after the 9.30am Mass. There is also tea
and coffee after Mass on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am, 4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

2ND COLLECTIONS

TODAY- There will be the annual 2nd collection for the
maintenance of St. George's Cathedral, the mother church
of our Archdiocese. This collection helps with the costs of
its running and maintenance.

NEXT SUNDAY- Priest Training Fund. The priesthood has
always been essential to the life of the Church, from the
time of Jesus until today. Next Sunday - Good Shepherd
Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests,
and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection.
This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests
in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests
dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our
parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in
service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and
Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the
Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000
a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years
before being ordained a Catholic priest.

The Gospel of today's Mass presents us with an appearance of Jesus on the evening of his Resurrection. Two disciples are making their way to Emmaus, having lost all hope because Christ, in whom they had placed the whole meaning of their lives, was dead. Our Lord catches up with them, as if He too were just another traveller and walks with them without being recognized. They engage in broken conversation, as happens when people talk as they are going along. They speak about their preoccupation: what has happened in Jerusalem on the Friday evening—the death of Jesus of Nazareth. The Crucifixion of Our Lord had been a very severe test for the hopes of all those who considered themselves to be his disciples and who to some extent or another had placed their trust in him. Things had all taken place very quickly and they still hadn't got over all they had seen with their very eyes.

These men who are returning home after having celebrated the Paschal feast in Jerusalem show by the tone of their conversation their great sadness and how discouraged and disconcerted they are: We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. But now they speak of Jesus as a reality belonging to the past:

These men did know about Christ's promise of rising on the third day. They had heard that morning the message of the women who had seen the empty tomb and the angels. Things had been sufficiently clear for them to have nourished their faith and their hope; but instead, they speak of Christ as belonging to the past, as a lost opportunity. They are a living picture of discouragement. Their minds are in darkness and their hearts are numbed.

Christ Himself—whom they did not at first recognize but whose company and conversation they accept—interprets those events for them in the light of the Scriptures. Patiently He restores in them their faith and their hope. And the two of them recover also their joy and their love: Did not our hearts burn within us, they say later, while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures? It is possible that we too may sometimes meet with discouragement and lack of hope because of defects that we cannot manage to root out, or of difficulties in the apostolate or in our work that seem to be insurmountable.... On these occasions, provided we allow ourselves to be helped, Jesus will not allow us to be parted from him. Perhaps it will be in spiritual direction, once we open our souls in all sincerity, that we will come to see Our Lord again. And with him there will always come joy and the desire to begin again as soon as possible: And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. But it is essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we are ready to be docile to the advice that we receive.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP

The next meeting of our Confirmation group will take place next Sunday after the 9.30 Mass. We will also have a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Confirmation Mass

CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING GEORGE IV!

Strictly Minuets invites you to George IV's Coronation celebrations on Tuesday May 2nd 6.30-9.00pm. Herb strewers, the King's Champion, George IV's chef Marie-Antoine Carême, dancing and festive fun. It is rumoured that Queen Caroline will attend. £10 on the door. Please message Kate on 07747 465046 or email kate@minuetter.com

URSULINE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Ursuline Preparatory School, Wimbledon, is hosting an Open Event on Wednesday 26th April at 9:30am. We are an Independent Roman Catholic School for girls aged 4 to 11 years with a Coeducational Pre-School. We offer exceptional teaching in a nurturing environment with Year 6 results seeing entry into some of the best schools in the country. Parents are invited to sign up at www.ursulineprep.org/admissions/open-events We look forward to meeting you.

VISITS TO LONDON'S NATIONAL GALLERY, LOOKING AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The St Francis Leprosy Guild are organising free visits to the National gallery to view the forthcoming exhibition on St. Francis of Assisi. These will be on Saturday mornings at 11.00am on May 13th, 27th June 3rd, 24th July 1st, 8th and 29th Eileen Murray their newly appointed community fundraiser will guide people through the first major art show in the UK of St Francis of Assisi and explain why this saint remains a figure of enormous relevance to our time due to his spiritual radicalism, commitment to the poor, and love of God and nature, as well as his powerful appeals for peace, and openness to dialogue with other religions. There will also be an opportunity to update people on the important work they do. Please email Eileen if you would like to join for a free guided tour of the exhibition.

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HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED YOU MAY BE CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR THE RELIGIOUS LIFE?

Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-minute webinar on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm entitled The Good Shepherd Calls where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by using following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONT>