



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 14th May - 6th Sunday of Easter - (A)

9.30am

Imelda Qualter RIP

11.30am

Genny DeLord

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

3.00pm Annual May Procession in Honour of Our Blessed Lady

Monday 15th May

St. John Stone

10.00am

Mark Dixon

Tuesday 16th May

St. Simon Stock

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Wednesday 17th May

Feria in Eastertide

12noon

Nellie Cafolla RIP & Jaques Caroopen RIP

Thursday 18th May

The Ascension of the Lord

10.00am

Ray RIP (English Mass)

7.30pm

Missa Pro Populo

(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

Friday 19th May

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Denis Curtin RIP

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

Saturday 20th May

Our Lady

10.00am

Dorothy Ann Neil RIP

Sunday 21st May - 7th Sunday of Easter - (A)

9.30am

Denis Curtin RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Dorothy Elders

(1.30pm

1st Holy Communion Mass)

(No Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today)

HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION

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

This afternoon at 3.00pm, we will hold our annual May Procession around the grounds of the Church in honour of Our blessed Lady. This will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come along to honour Our Lady in this month of May which is dedicated to her.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY.

Next Sunday the Church celebrates World Communications Day when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to fund this important work. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications.

Today's Gospel is from St. John 14:15-21. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled. There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit.

During those two thousand years great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies and vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated like all things human. The names of one-time mighty men who ruled over millions are now nothing more than a nuisance for children in their history classes. The large tracts of our globe which they ruled are now divided and known by other names. This was, is, and will be the lot of all merely human enterprises. Today's despots, where they rule with iron hand, will share the same fate.

In the midst of all these upheavals the Church of Christ has continued to flourish because it was directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. How can we ever show enough gratitude to the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity who planned so lovingly and so efficaciously for our safe journey to heaven? The Father sent His Son as man among us so that we men could become His brothers and adopted sons of the Father. The Son suffered hardships, insults and misunderstandings during His temporary stay on earth, and ended like a crucified malefactor because of the sins of mankind. But He rose triumphantly from the dead and set up the Church as a society which would bring to men of all races, ages and colours the salvation and exaltation of mankind, which His life and death had won for us.

Knowing only too well the weaknesses and waywardness of human nature, He and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to remain with His Church as its infallible guide until the last man has entered heaven.

Thursday is the feast of The Ascension of the Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation – when Catholics are bound to hear Mass. There will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm that day

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 11th June is the feast of Corpus Christi. On that day we will move our solemn sung Mass to 11.30am and this will conclude with our Corpus Christi Procession around the grounds of the church, led our First Holy Communion Children. . This will be followed by a parish Lunch to which all are invited. Today we will have our annual May Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady around the grounds of the Church at 3.00pm

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

The Life in the Spirit Seminars provides an opportunity to find out more about a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit and to take the first steps into a new relationship with Our Lord. Run from St George's Cathedral and at 'hubs' across the Archdiocese of Southwark. Meetings will be held at the New Malden Hub at St Joseph Church Hall on Tuesdays from 7.30 starting on Tuesday 2nd May for 6 weeks. To learn more about the course please go to <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss>.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 18-25 AUGUST 2023

Message from Bishop Paul Hendricks. "For many years it has been my privilege and pleasure to take part in our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. After the restrictions of the past few years, I am delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us." For more information please go to <https://www.tangney-tors.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>

IMPORTANT – HOW TO CLOSE THE DOOR FROM THE CHURCH TO ALEXANDER HOUSE.

Sadly, once again the mechanism for closing the door to Alexander House has been broken – this time almost completely pulled off the wall. The unit had to be replaced at considerable expense. Please do not pull this door to close it – it is fitted with a magnetic doorstop.

To close, you must push the black button - which is located on the casing on the doorstop.

IF YOU CANNOT FIND THIS, PLEASE LEAVE THE DOORS AS THEY ARE OTHERWISE YOU WILL BREAK THE STOPPERS AND MAGNETS. THANK YOU