



St. Raphael's Church

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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)

Monday 22nd May

St. Rita of Cascia

10.00am

Jeff Brand RIP

Tuesday 23rd May

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Wednesday 24th May

Feria in Eastertide

12noon

The Holy Souls

Thursday 25th May

St. Bede

10.00am

The Holy Souls (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 26th May

St. Philip Neri

10.00am

The Holy Souls

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

Saturday 27th May

St. Augustine of Canterbury

11.00am

Confirmation Mass

No 10.00am Mass or Confessions today.

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost Sunday – (A)

9.30am

Fr. David Howell

11.30am

John Ferns RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THE ROSARY

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

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 1.30pm 26 children from the Parish will make their 1st Holy Communion. Please pray especially for them today.

Next Saturday morning, 20 young people from the parish will be confirmed by Rev. Canon Gerard Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar for the Southwestern part of the Archdiocese. Please remember our Confirmandi in your prayers.

Please note there is no Rosary and Benediction this afternoon because of the 1st Holy Communion Mass.

There will be no 10.00am Mass or Confessions next Saturday

This coming Saturday, twenty young people from our Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Canon Gerard Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar for the Southwestern part of the Archdiocese.

Below are some words from the late Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI to young people as they made their Confirmation.

'Dear young people, the whole of Christian life is a journey, it is like following a path that winds up a mountain — therefore it is not always easy but climbing a mountain is something beautiful — in the company of Jesus. With these precious gifts your friendship with him will become even truer and closer. It is continually nourished with the sacrament of the Eucharist, in which we receive his Body and his Blood. For this reason I invite you always to take part joyfully and faithfully in Sunday Mass, when the entire community gathers together to pray, to listen to the word of God and to take part in the Eucharistic sacrifice and also receive the sacrament of Penance and Confession: it is an encounter with Jesus who forgives our sins and helps us to do good. Receiving the gift, starting out anew is a great gift in life, knowing that I am free, that I can start again, that everything is forgiven. Then do not omit your personal, daily prayer. Learn to converse with the Lord, confide in him, tell him of your joys and anxieties and ask him for enlightenment and support for your journey.'

'Dear young men, dear young women, I ask you all to, strive for high ideals, everyone can attain a high standard, not only a few! Be holy! But is it possible to be holy at your age? I answer you: of course, it is! Look to the witness borne by so many Saints the same age as you, such as Domenico Savio and Maria Goretti, demonstrate it. Holiness is the normal path for Christians; it is not reserved for a few chosen ones but is open to all. Naturally, with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit whom we will not lack if we hold out our hands and open our hearts! And with the guidance of our Mother. Who is our Mother? She is Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Before dying on the Cross Jesus entrusted all of us to her. May the Virgin Mary therefore always preserve the beauty of your "yes" to Jesus, her Son, the great and faithful Friend of our life. So may it be!'

'We, the people of God, the chosen race of the New Testament are God's Church on earth. It is for you and me that the Holy Spirit is at work this very day.'

'While we are faithful members of the Church, and of Christ's mystical body, while we remain live branches safely attached to the vine who is Christ, we have nothing to fear; we are on the sure road to heaven, to enjoy eternal happiness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit whom we shall thank and glorify forever.'

LIFE SPONSORED

10 BRIDGES OF LONDON WALK

Life will be holding a sponsored walk around the 10 bridges of London on 25th June. The walk begins at Tower Bridge at 1.00pm and finishing at Lambeth Bridge. Spectacular views of London. Please contact Therese on 07984515947 for more information or see the poster in the Church porch.

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 OTHERWISE YOU WILL BREAK THE STOPPERS AND MAGNETS.

THANK YOU

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

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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.