



## St. Raphael's Church

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### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 end of the Easter Season – 8<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary time – ferial cycle 1)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Mary Mother of the Church

10.00am

Fr. Kevin Stokes – Silver Jubilee of Ordination

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Leo Freeman RIP

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

The Visitation

12noon

The Freeman Family

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

10.00am

Leo Freeman RIP (English Mass)

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

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

In reparation for the sin of abortion

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

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

St. Charles Lwanga and Companion Martyrs

10.00am

For the gift of a baby boy – Raphael

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday – (A)

9.30am

Fr. Vincent Flynn

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Deceased members of the Pearce and Brennan Family

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

### CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

Congratulations to the 26 Children from the parish who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion last Sunday and the 20 young people who were Confirmed yesterday. Thank you to our team of Catechists who prepared the children and young people and all those who helped make these two events so special.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered full of fear in the upper room in Jerusalem. This marks the beginning of the Church. Like the disciples on that first Pentecost, for Christians in our world full of war, violence and hatred and the fears that come with it, this has been a time of waiting for the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

We welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and lives to give hope to the hearts that are frightened. Today's Gospel tells of how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples and by doing so he re-creates them. Jesus' life-giving breath mirrors the breath of God given to human beings at the beginning of creation when God breathes life into the clay and made humans a living creation. It is because of this divine indwelling that we have the power to forgive and thus continue Jesus' saving mission. We are the incarnation of the risen Lord in our world today. We are re-created by the Holy Spirit. The sign of this re-creation is forgiveness.

The Feast of Pentecost reminds us that there is an important connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded that the Church is called to be God's reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among all people.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. "Peace be with you," he says. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

As we celebrate this great feast of the Church's fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, how have we been a sign of reconciliation in our families, in our world, and among people of faith everywhere? Have we been an instrument of God's peace to everyone we meet?

### **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 which takes in spectacular views of London, begins at Tower Bridge at 1.00pm and finishes at Lambeth Bridge. Please contact Therese on 07984515947 for more information or see the poster in the Church porch.

### **SUMMERTIME 2023: FOR ALTAR SERVERS AGED**

**11 – 17** - This year's 'Summertime' will take place at the oratory school in Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August. Total Cost £169.00. It is an excellent few days of prayer and recreation. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen: Tel: 01322 220075 or go to

[www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com)

*Of your charity,*

please prayer for the repose of the soul of

**Donald D'Souza**

who died recently. Details of his funeral to follow  
May He rest In peace and rise in glory

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Edward who was baptised here at  
St. Raphael's recently

**THANK YOU** - A huge thank you to Christine, one of our sacristans who has beautifully restored our magnificent Pentecost Vestment that was worn for our Confirmation Mass yesterday and can be seen at Mass today. This vestment is the oldest one we have in the Parish and was made in Belgium at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> / beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Over the years despite many repairs the original red silk had begun to perish badly and the vestment could no longer be used. Christine has expertly replaced the silk and also made a new lection fall, chalice veil and burse.

### **DATE FOR THE DIARY –**

**FAMILY/BBQ PICNIC** - From 1.00 - 4.00pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, we will have a BBQ/picnic, with families and children of the parish especially welcome. Please bring your own picnic rugs and drinks, as well as a salad or side dish to share. If you plan to attend, please email [Michael.j.nicholson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Michael.j.nicholson@hotmail.co.uk) so we can plan appropriately.