



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 11th June - Corpus Christi - (A)

9.30am Miriam Smith RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

Followed by Our Parish Corpus Christi Procession

5.00pm The deceased members of the Wilson family

No 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

(10th week in Ordinary time - ferial cycle 1)

Monday 12th June Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Juana Capili & Sylvia Dainty RIP

Tuesday 13th June St. Anthony of Padua

10.00am Margaret Finn RIP

Wednesday 14th June Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon Elsie Regnault RIP

Thursday 15th June Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Charles Edward Finn RIP (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 16th June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

11.00am Requiem Mass for Donald D'Souza RIP

(As today is a solemnity, we are not asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 17th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.00am For the gift of a baby boy - Raphael

No 10.00am
Mass today

Sunday 18th June - 11th Sunday in ordinary Time - (A)

9.30am Miriam Smith RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The deceased members of the Wilson family

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited in the Church

Monday - Saturday before Mass

4.00pm on Sundays

TEA AND COFFEE

There is no tea and coffee today after the 9.30am Mass as the hall is being prepared for the parish lunch.

There is 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

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Monday 26th June

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - FAMILY/BBQ PICNIC

From 1.00pm - 4.00pm on Sunday 9th 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 so we can plan appropriately.

On the feast of *Corpus Christi*, the Church relives the mystery of Holy Thursday in the light of the Resurrection. There is also a Eucharistic procession on Holy Thursday when the Church repeats the exodus of Jesus from the Upper Room to the Mount of Olives.

In Israel, the night of the Passover was celebrated in the home, within the intimacy of the family; this is how the first Passover in Egypt was commemorated, the night in which the blood of the paschal lamb, sprinkled on the crossbeam and doorposts of the houses, served as protection against the destroyer.

On that night, Jesus goes out and hands himself over to the betrayer, the destroyer, and in so doing, overcomes the night, overcomes the darkness of evil. Only in this way is the gift of the Eucharist, instituted in the Upper Room, fulfilled: Jesus truly gives his Body and his Blood. Crossing over the threshold of death, he becomes living Bread, true manna, endless nourishment for eternity. The flesh becomes the Bread of Life.

In the Holy Thursday procession, the Church accompanies Jesus to the Mount of Olives: it is the authentic desire of the Church in prayer to keep watch with Jesus, not to abandon him in the night of the world, on the night of betrayal, on the night of the indifference of many people.

On the feast of *Corpus Christi*, we again go on this procession, but in the joy of the Resurrection. The Lord is risen and leads us. In the narrations of the Resurrection there is a common and essential feature; the angels say: the Lord "goes ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him" (Mt 28: 7).

The Holy Thursday procession accompanies Jesus in his solitude towards the *via crucis*. The *Corpus Christi* procession responds instead in a symbolic way to the mandate of the Risen One: I go before you to Galilee. Go to the extreme ends of the world, take the Gospel to the world.

We bring Christ, present under the sign of bread out into the world, we entrust him to our homes and our daily life. May our streets be streets of Jesus! May our houses be homes for him and with him! May our life every day be penetrated by his presence.

With this gesture, let us place under his eyes the sufferings of the sick, the solitude of young people and the elderly, temptations, fears - our entire life. The procession represents an immense and public blessing for our community: Christ is, in person, the divine Blessing for the world. May the ray of his blessing extend to us all!

Our Parish Corpus Christi Procession will take place at the conclusion of our 11.30am Mass this morning.

*Of your charity,
please prayer for the repose
of the soul of*

Donald D'Souza

who died recently.

His Requiem Mass will be this
Friday at 11.00am

May He rest in peace and
rise in glory

*Of your charity,
please prayer for the repose
of the soul of*

Fr. John Perrotta

(Of the Sons Of Divine Providence)

Fr. John died suddenly whilst in Italy.

His funeral took place in Italy last week, but the Sons of Divine Providence will be organising a Memorial Mass for him at Hampton Wick – details to follow.

May He rest in peace and
rise in glory

NEXT SUNDAY IS 'A DAY FOR DAY'

This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. There will be a 2nd collection to support the church's work in promoting the sanctity of all human life.

LIFE SPONSORED

10 BRIDGES OF LONDON WALK

Life will be holding a sponsored walk around the 10 bridges of London on 25th June. 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 1st – 4th August. Total Cost £169.00. It is a 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