



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 4th 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

(9th week in Ordinary time – ferial cycle 1)

Monday 5th June St. Boniface

10.00am Kate & Peter Freeman

(We welcome the children from Year 2 from St. Joseph's School to Mass today)

Tuesday 6th June Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Vincent Natham RIP

Wednesday 7th June Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon John McCarthy's welfare and intentions

Thursday 8th June Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am For the gift of a baby boy – Raphael (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 9th June Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Donald D'Souza RIP

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

Saturday 10th June Our Lady

10.00am Paul McNaught - welfare

Sunday 11th June – Corpus Christi – (A)

9.30am Pam O'Sullivan RIP

11.30am Matthew Green RIP

Followed by our Blessed Sacrament Procession

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

(No 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today)

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next 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.

CAKES FOR CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH LUNCH

Please bring cakes and cupcakes to the hall kitchen on Sunday 11th June to share and enjoy at our Parish Lunch following the Blessed Sacrament Procession. Thank you!

By celebrating the feast of the three divine Persons today, we too are invoking on ourselves the blessings St. Paul invoked on the Corinthians. We need the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ if we are to reach heaven. He has already put us on the right road by baptism, and has made us receptacles of grace, but that is only the first step, although a supernatural one. Every human act we perform in the state of grace—even our eating and drinking, and our daily tasks—is moving us along the road to heaven. But if we lose the divine grace through mortal sin, all our actions, even holy actions, are useless as regards our heavenward journey.

Our Gospel today is from John 3:16-18. We have in these verses a part of the conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a rich Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin, the supreme ecclesiastical court of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night for fear of his fellow Pharisees. Although the Holy Spirit is not mentioned in this text from St. John's gospel, the text is included in the readings for the feast of the Blessed Trinity because two of the Persons are mentioned. They are clearly distinguished one from the other, yet both are the one God. God the Father sent God the Son into the world (in human nature) in order to bring eternal life within the reach of all men.

While we must admit from the evidence so clearly given in the story of our redemption and elevation to adopted divine sonship, that the three Persons of the Trinity cooperated in that work, we cannot claim we understand the mystery of three Persons in one God. We can and must admit the fact on the evidence presented to us, but we must also admit that our human intellects are too finite to grasp the essence, the nature of that fact.

How could it be otherwise? If our limited minds could grasp the divine nature and all its qualities it would no longer be divine—it would be limited like ourselves. There are many finite created things in our world which we cannot fully understand. How then could we claim that we should be able to understand the infinite? Of infinity itself we have only a negative description—something that has no beginning nor an end. When we get to heaven our minds will be illuminated with greater grace but even then there will always be something new in God for us to see and admire. In the meantime our attitude toward the Trinity should be one of sincere gratitude for having placed us on the road to heaven.

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.

A LETTER OF THANKS

Canon Gerard Bradley thanks the parish for its warm hospitality last Saturday
'It was a truly delightful ceremony and reception afterwards'

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Of your charity,
please prayer for the repose
of the soul of
Donald D'Souza
who died recently.
His Requiem Mass will be on
Friday 16th June at 11.00am
May He rest in peace and
rise in glory

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOLEMN OPENING OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK - LONDON'S OLDEST CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AND THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

On 4th July 1848, Bishop (later Cardinal) Wiseman preached at the solemn opening of St George's, Southwark; four years later it became London's first Catholic cathedral since the Reformation. On the 4th of July at 6.00pm, the 175th anniversary of this solemn opening, all are invited to an anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson, at the conclusion of which the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Maury Buendía, will impart the Apostolic Blessing.

MASS FOR UKRAINE - Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, the Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in London will visit St. Mary's University, our local Catholic University, and concelebrate Mass at 12:30pm in the University chapel. Bishop Kenneth will also preach at Mass. St. Mary's would like to welcome the local community to the Mass to show solidarity with and pray for Ukraine.

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.