



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 18th February – 1st Sunday of Lent – (B)

9.30am

Gerard Hope RIP

11.30am

Adelaide, Erin & Stella - Welfare

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 19th February

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Canon Bernard Grady RIP Parish Priest 1956 -1986

Tuesday 20th February

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Tony Zaccari RIP

Wednesday 21st February

Lenten Feria

12noon

Mary Davis - Welfare

Thursday 22nd February

The Chair of St. Peter

10.00am

The Holy Souls (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 23rd February

Lenten Feria

12noon

Requiem Mass for Gerard Hope RIP

(Please note no 10.00am Mass or Stations of the Cross today)

A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat.

Saturday 24th February

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Ann McNulty Butterly RIP

Sunday 25th February – 2nd Sunday of Lent – (B)

9.30am

Ray Joosab RIP RIP

11.30am

Placido & Calisto Mapfumo RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm.

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

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

TEA AND COFFEE – After the 9.30am Mass today and after Mass on Wednesday.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS – Are not meeting this week – they return on the 21st February from 1.30pm -3.00pm in the Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Sundays during the 9.30am Mass.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION – From after the 10.00am Mass concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP – Will meet after the 9.30am Mass on the 17th March.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES –Resume on Saturday 24th February at 10.30am in the Hall.

RCIA – The next RCIA session will be on Saturday 2nd March at 10.30am in the Hall.

TODAY there will be the annual collection for the 'Clergy Support Fund'. The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

OF YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Gerard Hope
who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be
on Friday at 12noon.
May She Rest in Peace

In reading today's Gospel from St. Mark - the very thought of our Lord's suffering hunger, loneliness, and humiliation at the hands of his enemy—and that all this was for us—should make us feel ashamed at the little bits of suffering and humiliation we are willing to suffer for our own selves. He had no sin to atone for. He was making atonement for us and for our sins. He was the Son of God and his home was heaven, but he left it for a while to assume human nature, so that he could through his humiliations and sufferings bring us to share his eternal home with him. What is the thanks he gets from us? Ingratitude and forgetfulness.

While the Church has eased the strict fasting and penances of Lent, we are still expected to do some private fasting and penance. It need not be fasting from food, but we can all do some daily penance which will help to keep our unruly minds and bodies in check while at the same time it will show that we are grateful to our loving Saviour for all that he suffered for us. A few extra prayers each day, control of our temper in the home, less talk and especially less uncharitable talk among our neighbours, a little helping hand to a neighbour in need, a fervent prayer and where we can spare it (perhaps by doing without some luxury) a donation toward helping the starving millions in other lands. The sincere Christian will find a hundred such ways in which to thank and honour Christ during this holy season of Lent. We can all keep the last verse of today's reading before our minds with great profit. "Repent and believe in the gospel." This is the essence, the marrow, of Christ's teaching. Turn away from sin and come back to God. Anyone who believes in the gospel, who believes that there is an everlasting life after death prepared by God for all those who do his will while on earth, should not find it hard to give up offending that loving God who thinks so much of him. This life is only a passing shadow, every step we take, every breath we breathe is bringing us nearer to our earthly end and to the grave. But the believing Christian knows the grave is not the end. Rather, is it the beginning of the true life—provided we use this passing shadow, these few years, properly. Now is the time to take these words of Christ to heart. He is asking each one of us today, to repent and to believe the gospel, that is, to act according to its teaching. Christ, in his mercy, will make this appeal to men again and again, but will we be here to hear it? If we answer his appeal now and start living our Christian faith in all sincerity, we need not care when death calls us. It will find us ready to pass over to the future, happy, unending life.

LENTEN PROJECT 2024

Each year our parish concentrates on a particular charity to support during Lent. This year the parish is supporting CAFOD. The funds we raise, we will ask to be specifically sent to help all those suffering as a result of the ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine. We hope to arrange a speaker to come and explain more about their work, one Sunday during Lent. If you would like to organise and run a specific event over Lent to raise money for this project, please speak to Fr. Michael or the Parish Office.

PARISH BAPTISM COURSE

There will be a Baptism Preparation course for parents of children to be baptised next Saturday, 24th February at 10.30am in the library. Please register with Fr. Michael.

LENT SCRIPTURE COURSE

As part of our Lenten preparation for Easter, parishioner Dr. Janet Croggon is planning to run another of her very popular Scripture courses on Wednesday 6th, 13th & 20th March at 7.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.

KINGSTON CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS

KCAH are looking for skilled trustees and volunteers to help tackle the rising tide of homelessness in the Royal Borough of Kingston. To join the KCAH Board of Trustees you should have a passion to help the homeless and the drive and desire to help lead KCAH forward. [This is an unpaid role] For more information, please contact: david.l@kcah.org.uk or liz.s@kcah.org.uk. It would be helpful if you could include a one page summarised c.v. and a paragraph saying what you could bring to KCAH and why you might like to work with them.

KINGSTON STREET PASTORS

Kingston Street Pastors are recruiting for a new Deputy Coordinator. An exciting opportunity to play a major role in the leadership and development of Street Pastors in Kingston. This part time role is for up to 20hrs per week. The salary range is between £15k - £16k. Closing date for applications: Sunday 3rd March 11.30pm
A full job specification and how to apply can be found on Charityjob.co.uk at: Deputy Coordinator - CharityJob.co.uk

THANK YOU FROM 'LIFE

'Thank you for your support for the Life Film Show last Friday. We raised £255.62 which will go towards helping the unborn and mothers in a crisis pregnancy. It was an enjoyable evening of nostalgic film excerpts.'



There are Stations of The Cross every Sunday during Lent at 4.00pm and on Friday mornings following the 10.00am Mass.

(However, please note there will not be Stations this Friday because of Gerard Hope's funeral)