



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 4th February – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am

Kirsty Bryant RIP

11.30am

Ena O'Sullivan RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 5th February

St. Agatha

10.00am

Simone Dyer

Tuesday 6th February

St. Paul Miki & companions

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Wednesday 7th February

Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon

The Barlow Family

Thursday 8th February

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

The Freeman Family (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 9th February

Feria In Ordinary Time

10.00am

Charles Curtin RIP

Saturday 10th February

St. Scholastica

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Sunday 11th February – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am

Antonio & Anna Abascal RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP (former Parish of St. Raphael's)

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

CHARITY FILM NIGHT - The 'Life' charity is hosting a Film Show on Friday at 7.30 pm in Alexander House. It is a variety show presented on film (not digital) using Super 8 and 16mm projectors. The content is nostalgic and may feature rare items that will probably never be seen elsewhere. The programme includes excerpts from the coronation of 1953, Laurel & Hardy, Walt Disney's 'The old Mill' and 'Jason and the Argonauts'. Tickets are £7.50 per person with family concessions and can be purchased on the night. There will be an interval with refreshments, a bring and buy sale and a raffle.

OF YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Gerard Hope

who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will
be on Friday 23rd February at 12noon.

May She Rest in Peace

CHRIST THE REDEEMER EDUCATION TRUST

The Archdiocese of Southwark's Education Commission's is a key strategy to support and protect Catholic education for the future is the development of Catholic Academy Trusts. If you believe in Catholic Education and have enthusiasm to work with our schools to deliver the best outcomes for our children and young people and can work strategically then you can make a valuable contribution to the Trust board of one of our Trusts.

Christ the Redeemer Trust is a new Catholic Education Trust, established to serve the Catholic schools in Kingston and Richmond Deaneries. The Trust will support schools by removing administrative burdens on Headteachers and Governors enabling them to concentrate of the quality of learning and experiences of the young people in their care. Expertise in HR, IT or systems is desirable, and the Trust is keen to attract Directors that reflect the parishes, families and schools it serves. If you are interested, further information can be found at <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-become-a-governor-or-director/> or contact Penny Pemberton at pennypemberton@rcaos.org.uk

Surely the people of Capernaum saw enough that first day of Christ's public ministry among them to make them realize that this man from Nazareth who had come amongst them was no ordinary preacher, no ordinary rabbi, no ordinary man. They saw that he preached as one having authority; they saw that by a simple command he cast out demons and removed all bodily ailments. Yet though they were astonished and amazed at his power, their worldly outlook did not let them rise above their own small interests. Our Lord did not blame them or criticize them, he knew and fully understood their slowness of mind in regard to things spiritual, and he knew also that they would eventually give themselves wholeheartedly to his kingdom. While he was prepared to wait for the desired effects which his miracles and preaching would eventually have on them, he hastened the arrival of that day by praying to his heavenly Father to send the graces necessary for their conversion into their hearts.

When the four Apostles found him praying in a lonely place, they told him that all Capernaum was searching for him, but he knew why they were searching for him. They wanted to see more miracles and very likely they were hoping that he would stay on in Capernaum and the sick and the maimed from the whole of Galilee would be brought there for healing. This would increase their earthly business and prosperity. His answer to the Apostles, while not directly condemning this worldly outlook, shows that his mission had an entirely different objective. He had come on earth not to bring earthly prosperity to any town or country but to bring spiritual salvation and blessing on all people. That very morning he began to carry out his mission and for the remaining two years or more he went from town to town preaching the kingdom of God. We Christians of today have many advantages over the people of Capernaum of that day. They saw Christ with their bodily eyes as a man of power amongst them; we see him with the eyes of faith as he really was and is — the Son of God who came on earth as man in order to make us sons of God. We know who he really was and we know the full meaning of his mission. We have seen that mission completed amongst us by his death on the cross and his resurrection. By his death he conquered death for us; by his resurrection he opened the gates of heaven for us and led the way there for all who will follow him.

This is the good news Christ brought to our world. This is the meaning of Christianity; this is why we are Christians. We are members of Christ's kingdom on earth, so that when our life here ends we shall be members of his everlasting heavenly kingdom. Yet, with all of this knowledge and with the example of the thousands and millions of saints who have lived according to this knowledge over the past nineteen hundred years and more, and who are now enjoying the reward Christianity promised them, how active and how effective is our Christian faith in our daily thoughts and deeds? In my daily dealings with my fellowmen would I be picked out as a Christian? Do I, by my words and deeds, prove to those with whom I live and work that I am convinced there is a future life after death, that reaching that life is the most important thing in this world for me, and that it is through living my short earthly life as a true Christian that I can earn that eternal life?

If I can say yes to these questions I am, thank God, on the right road. But if my answer is "no" then it is time I had another good look to see where I went off the road, and to find out that I can return to that right road once more. God is merciful; Christ is patient with followers who straggle and wander, but it could be fatal to postpone for too long our call to the God of mercy. It will be too late if we delay turning to our patient Christ until we are about to die. Stop straggling and wandering off the highway today and the patient Christ will welcome you and help you back. There may be no tomorrow for you, you have no guarantee of it.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA -

'A Day With Mary' are organising a pilgrimage to Fatima from the 7th -14th June. The cost is £870 .00/ per person, twin room or £950 for a single room. This pilgrimage cost includes flights, coach travel 6 days full board and one day half board. For more information E-mail adwmary.uk@gmail.com or visit www.adaywithmary.org

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO -

3rd March 2024. £899.00 pp. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LOST PROPERTY - A small purse was left in the Church last Sunday after the 11.30am Mass. If it is yours please call into the sacristy to collect it or call the Parish Office.

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.

SUNDAY TEA AND COFFEE –After the 9.30am Mass today.

THE WEDNESDAY TEA GROUP - Meet after Mass on Wednesday.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS – Our Parish play group, meets on Wednesday from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Hall.

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

SUNDAY ROSARY AND BENEDICTION- Sundays 4.00pm

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 next Sunday.

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

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