



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 17th March - 5th Sunday of Lent - (B)

9.30am

Stan Conley RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Maraid Nolan

4.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Monday 18th March

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Private Intention

Tuesday 19th March

St. Joseph

10.00am

Denis Curtin RIP

(Mass at St. Joseph's School 9.15am)

Wednesday 20th March

Lenten Feria

11.00am

Requiem Mass for Ernie Melia RIP

Thursday 21st March

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Giancarlo Fois RIP (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 22nd March

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Sisina & Nina

Followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday 23rd March

Lenten Feria

10.00am

Margaret Jennings

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday - (B)

9.30am

Brian Fernandes RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Dennis Spalding RIP & Family

4.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Please note Mass on
Wednesday is a Requiem
Mass at 11.00am



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

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.

TEA AND COFFEE - After the 9.30am Mass today and 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.

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

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Will after the 9.30am Mass Today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday 10.30am in the Hall.

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

LENTEN BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS.

Our Lenten Biblical reflection course led by parishioner Dr. Janet Croggon, concludes on Wednesday evening. This year we are exploring Jesus as prophet and King as a means of deepening our understanding of Him as 'The suffering Servant'. Drawing on the book of Amos, the gospel of St. Mark and the writings of St. Julian of Norwich, we are reflecting on how to live justly in today's world. If you have a bible, please bring it along (however if not there will be bibles available for your use). The sessions start at 7.30pm. and tea and coffee will be available from 7.00pm.

Today, you will notice the purple cloths draped over the crucifixes and some of the statues in the Church. This old custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the extra penitential aspect of this last part of Lent, which is commonly referred to as 'Passontide'. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to seeing, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The solemn unveiling of the cross on Good Friday emphasize Jesus' death on the Cross on that day and the unveiled holy images which are again revealed for the Easter Vigil, mark the end of the penitential season, the joy of Easter and the Resurrection.

Just as the Church simplifies the sanctuary in these last weeks of Lent in order to focus on the penitential aspect of the season, we can also simplify our lives, heart and souls during these last weeks of lent.

As Jesus hid his glory during his Passion, may we too not only hide, but try to rid ourselves of our pride and sinfulness in order to prepare ourselves to focus on and honour his Passion and then glory in his resurrection.

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. Below are some forthcoming events in aid of the project.

TODAY - CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte - All are welcome to celebrate St Patrick's Day at Margaret's home, 40 Fassett Road, for Irish coffee & homemade Irish treats from 11.00am till 2.00pm.

TODAY - PARISH FAMILY QUIZ AFTERNOON - Sophia and Leela Seaton will be hosting a fun quiz for all ages with support from the youth of the Parish. Join us for Lunch from 12:30pm -1:15pm Quiz will start promptly at 1:30pm. Tickets cost £10.00 for Adults, £5.00 for children or £20.00 for a family ticket. There will be toys for the very little ones so parents can join in the fun. Tickets will be on sale after 9:30 Mass and via Text: 07561415046 or Email: leelaseaton7@gmail.com First come first served due to catering numbers. There will be a raffle, if you could donate good quality prizes, please bring them along.

THANK YOU - There To all those who contributed and brought cakes at last week's cake sale. £120.00 was raised.

NEXT SUNDAY - We welcome a speaker from CAFOD to the parish who will share with us more information on their work in Israel and Palestine. There will be a retiring collection to support the Lenten Project

NEXT SUNDAY - 'SOME LENTEN REFLECTIONS ON ST. RAPHAEL'S WAR MEMORIAL' - Behind the names on the marble tablet above the organ are stories of civilian victims of war, refugees and economic migrants. Dr David Kennedy will tell us more in an illustrated talk next Sunday in the Alexander House at 6.00pm. A contribution of £5.00 in support of CAFOD is suggested.

'AN EVENING ON BOARD RMS MAURETANIA, 1910' -

(The World's Largest and Grandest Ocean Liner: under the command of Captain Basil Rickard). 'Strictly Minuets' will be running a dance on Sunday April 14th, in Alexander House from 6.15pm - 9.00pm. Edwardian or nautical costume suggested, with big hats! Dancing and on-board pastimes. £10, to include light supper. Funds raised will go to the Lenten project. For more information please contact Kate kate@minuetter.com or 07747 465046

DINNER FOR DADS - 19 MARCH - ST JOSEPH'S DAY - All fathers in the parish are invited to dinner on Tuesday - the Solemnity of St Joseph (a day on which we are not required to keep the Lenten fast!). If you would like to join us, please send a message to 07722145605 to be added to our WhatsApp group or email Michael.J.Nicholson@hotmail.co.uk. We will confirm arrangements based on numbers but expect to eat locally and inexpensively, meeting at around 7.30pm.

PALM SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Palm Sunday - the start of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed at all Masses. The 9.30am Mass will begin with a procession from the back garden into the Church.

There are a selection of **St Patrick's Day and Easter Cards** available in the card stand in the hall. Please take a look and support the church by your purchase.

EASTER FLOWERS

Today we will have the annual collection for flowers to decorate the church for Easter.



Of your Charity,
please pray for the repose of the souls of

Ernie Melia

His Requiem Mass will be on
Wednesday at 11.00am
The family have set up a Just Giving
page in his memory in aid of The
Princess Alice Hospice. If you would
like to donate, please go to -
www.justgiving.com/page/ernie-melia-1709762253079

Mary Tottle

Her Requiem Mass will be on
Thursday 4th April at 11.30am

May They Rest in Peace