



St. Raphael's Church

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday (B)

9.30am Brian Fernandes RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Dennis Spalding RIP & Family

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Confessions 9.00am – 9.20am, 4.00pm – 4.50pm

Monday 25th March - Monday of Holy Week

10.00am Mass – In thanksgiving

Tuesday 26th March- Tuesday of Holy Week

10.00am Mass – Lily Sheeran RIP

Wednesday 27th March - Spy Wednesday

12noon Mass – Joanna de Costa (Birthday)

(Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11.30am)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday

(No 10.00am Mass today)

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – Vocations to the Priesthood

Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose

11.45pm – Compline

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

(No Mass today)

10.00am Stations of The Cross for children

11.00am Walk of Witness from URC Kingston

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Passion

6.00pm Stations of the Cross and veneration of the relic of the True Cross

(Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence)

Saturday 30th March - Holy Saturday

10.30am – 12.noon Confessions

8.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil – Alexander Raphael RIP

(Clocks go forward one hour)

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Ena O'Sullivan RIP

(No 5.00pm Mass, Confessions, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament or tea & coffee today)



Today is the start of Holy Week, the most important week in the liturgical year. This week we solemnly commemorate Our Lord's sorrowful passion and death and his glorious Resurrection.

Over the course of the week the ceremonies, rich with symbolism, follow the story. Today we commemorate his entry into Jerusalem. On Thursday night we recall his last supper and the institution of the Blessed Sacrament. We then keep watch with him in prayer in the Garden of

Gethsemane. On Friday we recall his trial and follow him to his death on Calvary and humbly kneel before him hanging on the cross. On Saturday the Church waits in silence, as he lies lifeless in the tomb. Then as darkness falls on Saturday night, the Church is filled with light and the sound of bells as we celebrate Our Lord's triumph over sin and death and welcome those who are received into his Church through the celebration of Baptism and other sacraments. Over these days let us spend time in prayer and recall these momentous events. Please try to attend all of the services.

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 forth-coming events in aid of the project:

TODAY – 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.

THIS EVENING – '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 this evening in Alexander House at 6.15pm. A contribution of £5.00 in support of CAFOD is suggested.

THANKYOU – Heartfelt thanks to all who made the recent St Patrick's Day event at Margaret's home such a warm and joyful occasion. Thank you too for all your generous donations of £498. Thank you also to everyone who arranged, helped and attended our quiz - £472.73 was raised.

'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

THANK YOU – To Janet Croggon for leading our much appreciated Lenten course which concluded last Wednesday.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES – The collection taken at the Easter Vigil and the Masses on Easter Sunday are, by tradition, your personal gift to the Parish Priest. There are Easter Offering Envelopes available at the back of the Church. *If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use envelopes, please use the special envelope in your packet of envelopes.*

EASTER CARDS - There is a selection of Easter Cards in the card rack in the hall.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 7th APRIL - Afternoon devotions here at St. Raphael's. 3.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Prayers, followed by Confessions & Rosary, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.45pm.

CONFESSIONS - Please see the front page for this week's confessions

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is recited in the Church Monday – Saturday before Mass.

TEA AND COFFEE – There is no tea & coffee after Mass today or next Sunday. There is tea and coffee after Mass on Wednesday as usual.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our Parish play group will meet on Wednesday from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Hall. They then take a break until the 17th April.

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

THURSDAY EXPOSITION – resumes on 18th April

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP – Will meet after the 9.30am Mass on the 21st April.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES – resume on Saturday 20th April.

RCIA – The next RCIA session will on Saturday 13th April in the Hall.

Of Your Charity,

please pray for the repose of the soul of
Margaret Jennings
who died recently. Details of her funeral to follow.
May She Rest in Peace