



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 14th April – 3rd Sunday of Eastertide – (B)

9.30am

Cecilia Dias RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

The Christians of the Holy Land

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 15th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Churchill and Josephine D'Costa – welfare

(Followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament praying for peace, concluding with Benediction at 11.45am)

Tuesday 16th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Fr. Richard de Lord

Wednesday 17th April

Feria in Eastertide

12noon

Cameron – private intention

Thursday 18th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Requiem Mass for Margaret Jennings RIP

(No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

Friday 19th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

José – private intention

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

Saturday 20th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

The deceased relatives and friends of Jannett Hamerton Fraser

Sunday 21st April – 4th Sunday of Eastertide – (B)

9.30am

Carolina Rios Cabrejan (welfare)

11.30am

Our 1st Holy Communion children

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note that Thursday's exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been moved to Monday this week as there is a Requiem Mass on Thursday.

CONFESSIONS – Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am and 4.30pm – 4.50pm.
Saturdays 10.30am – 11.30am

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 after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after the 12noon Mass on Wednesdays.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS – Our parish play group meets on Wednesdays from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Hall.

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

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP – will meet after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES –resume this Saturday 20th April at 10.30am in the Hall.

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

Margaret Jennings

Her Requiem Mass is on Thursday at 10.00am

Dymphna Brennan

Her Requiem Mass is on 22nd April at 11.30am

Christopher Wylde

His Requiem Mass is on 30th April at 11.30am

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion.

Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday there will be the annual 2nd collection for the 'Priest Training Fund'. The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Next Sunday - Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. It costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

A DAY WITH MARY

There will be a Day with Mary at St. Bede's, Thornton Road, Clapham Park on Saturday 4th May. The day will begin at 9.45am and conclude at 5.30pm. See the poster in the porch for more details.

TALK ON ST RAPHAEL'S WAR MEMORIAL

If you missed Dr. David Kennedy's recent talk on the history of our war memorial and some of the names that appear on it, you can read it on his website

<http://www.kingstonhistoryresearch.co.uk/>

DIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS AND EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

St. Catherine of Siena Church in Chessington is hosting a day of reflection for Readers and Extra- Ordinary Ministers on Saturday 27th April. The day will begin with Mass at 10.30am and conclude at 3.00pm. (Lunch is provided). Please contact Fr. Peter Sebastian at petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk to advise of attendance.

Our final event for the Lenten project '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 this evening, 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

We need raffle prizes and promises of favours for the raffle and promises auction we will have at the dance. Examples of promises we have so far are: Lift to airport, babysitting (DBS checked) and cooking/serving a dinner party for 8. If you can donate or promise anything, please contact Kate at the above email.

BLOCKED TOILETS

Sadly, in the last couple of weeks, on two occasions the ladies' toilets have been blocked due to someone trying to flush plastic bags down them. It cost the parish £354.00 to have them cleared! Could we remind everyone that nothing other than toilet paper is ever to be flushed down the toilets. Furthermore, there are bins provided in the ladies toilets for any sanitary products.