



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

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

Monday 22nd April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Tom & Maureen Kelleher RIP

11.30am

Requiem Mass Dympna Brennan RIP

Tuesday 23rd April

St. George

10.00am

Fr. Timothy Fitzpatrick RIP

Wednesday 24th April

Feria in Eastertide

12noon

Sandra Nyakudya & Family

Thursday 25th April

St. Mark

10.00am

Peter Sillem RIP

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

Friday 26th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Dympna Brennan RIP

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

Saturday 27th April

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Patricia RIP

Sunday 28th April – 5th Sunday of Eastertide – (B)

9.30am

Donal D'Souza RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Robert Brook RIP

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

CONFESSIONS – Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am and 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 – 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 Today in the Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES – Saturday at 10.30am in the Hall.

RCIA – the next RCIA session will be on Saturday, 4th May at 10.30am in the Hall.

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

Dympna Brennan

Her Requiem Mass is on
Monday at 11.30am

Christopher Wylde

His Requiem Mass is on
30th April at 11.30am

Alfonso Cairolì

His Requiem Mass will be on
Wednesday 8th May at 11.30am

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of us? Is there not something very sheeplike about us when we think we know all things and need no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the person who thinks he can do without God.

We all act like sheep on occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us.

There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He wills all men and women to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

But we must not stop at good example only. If we truly love God, we must truly love our neighbour and must want them to have a share in our own good fortune - we know there is welcome and room in heaven for all.

As well as good example, prayer is our most potent weapon. We must pray for the conversion of our fellow men who are wandering aimlessly in the barren desert of this life far from God.

The sermon preached by our Saviour nearly two thousand years ago is still echoing and re-echoing around the world, calling on his faithful flock to do all in their power to help those other children of God who are still outside the fold. Let us not shut our ears to this call of Christ today. Give him a helping hand by helping our fellowman to see the light of the true faith.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY - Today is "Good Shepherd Sunday" and we have 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. 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. We are blessed to have five men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese, including Theo our Parish Master of Ceremonies who will start his formation in September.

However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

ST. GEORGES CATHEDRAL - On Tuesday we celebrate the feast of St. George, our nation's patron saint. He is also the patron of our Cathedral in Southwark. Next week we will have the annual collection for the upkeep of the Cathedral.

NURSERY PLACES AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL St Joseph's our Catholic Primary School have nursery vacancies for September 2024 and January 2025 for 15 or 30* hours. Further details can be obtained by calling the school office on 020 8546 7178 or by email:

office@stjosephs.rbksch.org *subject to eligibility

YOUTH DAY, SATURDAY 11TH MAY - There will be a Youth Day for 10-14 year olds at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark on 11th May, 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. Faith input, sports/crafts, prayer and pizza!

Congratulations to those who were Received into the Catholic Church and those Catholics who received Sacraments at this year's Easter Vigil:

Junnan Lusha, Hong-Li Lusha

Florence Ng and Kristof Kotai

received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and were Received into the Catholic Church.

Pia Strickland and Sofia Lambe

received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and were Received into the Catholic Church.

Cameron Cottee and Joselito Ferraro

received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

OUR CAR PARKS ON SUNDAYS - If you wish to leave cars for a while in the parish, following the 11.30am Mass, these cars must be parked in the small, old car park by the parish house (to the left as you come in). Those cars left in the new car park (to the right as you come in) run the risk of being locked in when the car park entrance chain is secured from 12.45pm. to 1.00 pm. The choice is yours! The new car park is also locked with the chain after the 5.00pm. Mass at about 6.00pm.

THANK YOU - To those who organised and everyone who attended last Sunday's dance. £900.00 was raised in aid of the Lenten Project.

Totals raised	
Cakes Sale	£ 133.50
Quizz	£ 472.73
St. Patrick's Day celebration	£ 498.00
Collection	£ 746.36
Dr. David Kennedy's Talk	£ 90.00
Dance	£ 900.00
Total	£2840.59

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.