



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

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

Monday 29th April

St. Catherine of Siena

10.00am

In Thanksgiving

Tuesday 30th April

St. Pius V

10.00am

Tom and John Casey & Family RIP

11.30am

Requiem Mass Christopher Wylde

Wednesday 1st May

St. Joseph The Worker

12noon

Joan Lavell - welfare

Thursday 2nd May

St. Athanasius

10.00am

Ethel Shore RIP

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

Friday 3rd May

SS. Philip and James

10.00am

Jacob Ezechial RIP

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

Saturday 4th May

The English Martyrs

10.00am

The Holy Souls

Sunday 5th May – 6th Sunday of Eastertide – (B)

9.30am

Albert Castelino RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Anne Piddock 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 On the 12th May 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**

Christopher Wylde

His Requiem Mass is on
Tuesday at 11.30am

Alfonso Cairolì

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**Congratulations to
Imogen and Sheila who were
Baptised last week here at
St. Raphael's**

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse and Jesus is speaking about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, he is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE UPKEEP OF ST. GEORGES CATHEDRAL

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship

THANK YOU

Thank you for the £647.35 that was collected last Sunday for the 'Priest Training Fund'.

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!

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

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.

LENTEN PROJECT

Further to the notice last week, there have been further donations following the dance held on Sunday 14th April. The new total raised for this event is £1'158.06 which bring the grand total sent to CAFOD to £3'098.65 for the Israeli – Palestinian humanitarian relief fund.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Divine Mercy Apostolate in London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We will have our annual May Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady on Sunday 12th May at 3.00pm.

HOW BEAUTY DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD

A talk by Fr Patrick van der Vorst at 7.00pm on Friday, 17th May at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London.

Fr. Patrick van der Vorst is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe and the founder of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art. Fr. Patrick will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A and then refreshments will be available.