



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost Sunday – (B)

9.30am

Donald D'Souza RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

The victims and families of the Moscow terror attack

4.00pm

Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 20th May

Mary, Mother of the Church

10.00am

Dorothy Anne Neil RIP

Tuesday 21st May

St. Christopher of Magallanes

10.00am

Fran Rea RIP

Wednesday 22nd May

Feria

12noon

Jason & Odette (Welfare)

Thursday 23rd May

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

10.00am

The Holy Souls (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 24th May

Feria

10.00am

Cliff and Blaise Lee

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

Saturday 25th May

St. Bede

11.00am

Alfonso Cairoli RIP

Sunday 26th May – The Most Holy Trinity – (B)

9.30am

Richard Kelly (welfare)

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

Mary Tottle RIP

4.00pm

Rosary 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 9th June in the Hall.

Congratulations

To the 18 children from the parish who made their 1st Holy Communion yesterday.

A special thank you to the catechists who prepared the children for this important day and all who made the celebration so special.



At Christmas, God became incarnate; He came to share with us His participation in the divine life and in the grace of God. Easter is the feast of the resurrection of the soul from sin and of the incorporation of man in the mystical body of the Eucharist. Pentecost is the feast of the visible mission of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, to the Church, to each Christian family and to each individual soul. By virtue of His death on the cross, the Lord has merited the grace of the sending of the Holy Spirit. Now that He is in heaven He prays for and effects the coming of the Holy Spirit, that we may grow in grace and holiness, that we may be strong and firm in faith, that we may reach perfection and share in the inheritance of Christ our head.

Pentecost is the complement and the completion of Easter. Easter gives us the beginning of supernatural life and incorporation in Christ. But this new life must unfold; it must be strengthened and enkindled into a burning fire which can resist all things. This strengthening of our spirit is brought about by our Baptism and with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The spirit of Pentecost is the spirit that makes the saints, confessors and martyrs. It gives light, power and unconquerable strength. This effect is visible in the apostles, who "went from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were accounted worthy to suffer reproach for the name of Jesus" (Acts 5:41).

We, having been touched by the Spirit, no longer live according to the flesh, according to the principles and ideals of fallen human nature; we live in the Spirit. We are filled with the light of truth and are guided by the Spirit of truth - The Holy Spirit. We now can see all things in their proper place in the plan of divine providence and our relationship to eternity. In the spirit of truth and love we are called to act for good and have upright motives, to do only what is pleasing to the Father. We are to be spiritual - since we "live in the spirit," we must also "walk in the spirit" (Gal 5:25). We belong to Christ, and with Him.

We should not be envious of one another, but practice mildness, patience, and charity (Gal. 5:26f.). "The fruit of the spirit is charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity" (Gal 5:22f).

The feast of Pentecost is a day of thanksgiving for the foundation of the Church, in which are contained all the treasures of supernatural riches and through which all grace and redemption are given to us. Pentecost is a day of thanksgiving for the coming of the Holy Spirit and for the establishment of the sacrament of confirmation. It is a day on which we place a joyful and grateful trust in the operation of the Holy Spirit within us and thank Him for His inspiration and guidance. On this day we again place ourselves in the hands of the Holy Spirit with complete confidence. He should be the soul of our souls; He should reign in us, amid the ruins of our own fallen nature. Pentecost is a day of petition, a day on which we should implore the Holy Spirit for a full measure of His graces and gifts.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD

There will be a Mass in celebration of Priesthood at St. George's Cathedral on Friday 31st May at 12.30pm. Archbishop John will be the principal celebrant. Archbishop Kevin McDonald, who is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood this year, will preach. Archbishop Kevin would like to extend an especial invitation to all to join him at this Mass, as he would greatly appreciate their presence and support.

CARDS AND CTS PAMPHLETS

We have First Holy Communion, Confirmation and a wide selection of other cards available on the card stand in the hall. We also have a new selection of CTS pamphlets available in the stand next to it.

TWO IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 2nd June is the feast of **Corpus Christi**. At the conclusion of the 11.30am Mass we will have our traditional procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the grounds of the Church, led by our First Holy Communion Children. This is followed by a parish lunch to which all are invited. **Fr. Geoffrey** will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 23rd June. To celebrate with him this wonderful event and to thank him for all his service to the Parish, we will mark the day with a celebratory Mass at 11.30am followed by a celebration in the Hall – more details to follow.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - AUGUST 2024.

Join Archbishop John and Bishop Paul on a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details on the pilgrimage, including volunteering and accommodation options can be found at <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>

CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, at 3pm on July 13. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk giving the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31st.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday this week.

HEALTH AND SAFTY AND CHILD PROTECTION

We have been advised by the Diocese that no children under the age of 18 are permitted in the hall kitchen. Parents must also be responsible to ensure that if their children need to use the toilets, they are always accompanied by an appropriate adult. Children should also not be permitted to go into the hall during Mass unless accompanied.