



St. Raphael's Church

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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

Monday 27th May

St. Augustine of Canterbury

10.00am

Lambert Coco – welfare

Tuesday 28th May

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Annie Groves RIP

Wednesday 29th May

Pope St. Paul VI

12noon

Moirra Archer (Welfare)

Thursday 30th May

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Lambert Coco - welfare (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 31st May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am

Lambert Coco – welfare

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

Saturday 1st June

St. Justin

11.00am

Blasco Andrade RIP

Sunday 2nd June – Corpus Christi – (B)

9.30am

Sofia Rosales - King

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo (Concluding with the Blessed Sacrament Procession)

5.00pm

Catherine & Blue Puernel - welfare

No Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today

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.

Next Sunday is the feast of Corpus Christi.

Our First Holy Communion children will return to the Church for the 11.30am Mass and lead us in our annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the conclusion of Mass around the grounds of the Church. This is followed by a parish lunch to which all are invited.



TRINITY SUNDAY

There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person;

the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.

The reason we celebrate this feast now is because it may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist par excellence to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving Te Deum rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's Te Deum of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honour of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity.

PARISH GENTLEMEN - 7 JUNE - MASS AND MEAL

On Friday 7 June, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we hope to assemble an informal gathering of the gentlemen of St Raphael's for prayer and fellowship. Fr Michael will say Mass at 6.30pm, after which we will enjoy a takeaway meal in the Hall. BYO drinks and cash to cover food. Please email Michael.J.Nicholson@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to join.

REMINDER - 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.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF 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 this Friday, May 31st.

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.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD

There will be a Mass in celebration of Priesthood at St. George's Cathedral this Friday 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.

EMAIL SCAMS

Recently, parishes have been targeted by a 'scam' from someone claiming to be a parish priest. The scam operates from email addresses they have created themselves. These are not genuine email accounts. They often ask for vouchers from mail order companies, or details of bank accounts. Please, never respond to them. Please report these as 'phishing' and also let the parish office know if you have received any of these emails. The parish office and clergy here will only contact you by using official Diocesan email accounts, which always contain 'rcaos' in the email addresses.

END OF AN ERA: JOIN US FOR URSULINE PREP, WIMBLEDON, FAREWELL EVENTS

The Ursuline Prep warmly invites past pupils, staff, and parents to participate in special events commemorating the school's legacy as we prepare to close our doors on 11th July 2024.

There will be a Summer Fair on 15th June, a Thanks Giving Mass on 25th June at 2pm and a Prep Visit on 25th June at 3pm. To help us cater appropriately, please complete the registration form at

<https://ursulineprep.wufoo.com/forms/thanks-giving-celebrations/>.