



St. Raphael's Church

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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

(Ninth week in ordinary time ferial cycle 2)

Monday 3rd June St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

10.00am Caroline Brady RIP

11.00am Requiem Mass for Paddy Quinn RIP

Tuesday 4th June Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Giacomo Lombarieo RIP

Wednesday 5th June St. Boniface

12noon Kate and Peter Freeman – Wedding anniversary

Thursday 6th June Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am The deceased members of the Nary & Stanley families (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 7th June The Sacred Heart

10.00am Alison Nary RIP

6.30pm Mass for the men of the parish – see p2

(As today is a Solemnity, the church does not ask us to abstain from eating meat today)

Saturday 8th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.00am In thanksgiving

Sunday 9th June – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Sylvia De Souza

5.00pm The Holy Souls

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 next Sunday in the Hall.

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi.

Our First Holy Communion children will return to the Church for the 11.30am Mass this morning 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.



CORPUS CHRISTI=

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ which we celebrate this Sunday is a joyful celebration of the abiding presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is usually marked with Blessed Sacrament processions throughout the Catholic world and is a day of great devotion. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament flows from the heart of the Mass and the Holy

Communion into which we enter in receiving Christ in the Eucharist. The Mass is the re-presentation of the action of Jesus on the night before he died. During the Last Supper he took bread and wine, blessed and broken, and gave Himself in these Sacramental signs to His disciples. "My Body, My Blood, given for you".

In those words and actions, in that sacred moment of giving, Jesus pre-figured the greatest action of all – the offering of Himself on the Cross. We believe and repeat that sacred action in obedience to His command each time the Church, gathered around the altar, re-members, puts back together again the broken Body of Christ.

This re-membering is a dynamic activity of all who believe in the presence of Jesus in the Church and in the Eucharist. The worship of God which we offer through this sacred action is not merely "the work of human hands". The raising of our minds and hearts to God is certainly an important element of our worship. But it is the prayer of Jesus Christ Himself into which we are drawn which offers true worship to God. This lies at the heart of the transformation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord.

In the midst of the dynamic drama which is the worship of God during the Mass, the adoration of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament remains a still point in our turning world. One of the most moving scenes in the Gospel of St. John is that of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. The disciples Peter, James and John wanted to hold on to that moment of contemplation. "Lord, let us make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah". But like every moment of ecstasy, time moves on. We have to return to the ordinary things of life. This is well expressed in the poem of Edwin Muir:

*'Reality or vision, this we have seen.
If it had lasted but another moment
It might have held for ever! But the world
Rolled back into its place; And we are here.
And all that radiant kingdom lies forlorn.'*

The feast of Corpus Christi is a special opportunity for a transfiguration moment as we contemplate the abiding presence of Jesus in the eucharist. But this sacred moment cannot last for ever. Because the many worlds we inhabit roll back into their place as we engage in the complexities of modern life. Our mission is to transform the world and the many worlds in which people live remembering the words of the great St. Irenaeus:

"The glory of God is humanity fully alive".

Archbishop George Stack

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 at around 12.45pm. The new car park is also locked with the chain after the 5.00pm. Mass at about 6.00pm.

PARISH GENTLEMEN - 7 JUNE - MASS AND MEAL

This Friday is 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.

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.

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/>.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found at

<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>

Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

SVP AND CAFOD WORKING TOGETHER IN THE RUN UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.