



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 2nd March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 3rd March

10.00am

Tuesday 4th March

10.00am

Wednesday 5th March

9.15am

12noon

7.30pm

A day of fasting and abstinence

Thursday 6th March

10.00am

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood and Peace concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

Friday 7th March

10.00am

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 8th March

10.00am

Sunday 9th March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gina Blancotto RIP

Dr. Benjamin Cummings & Leo Collins

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction

Feria in Ordinary Time

Cameron Cottee RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Donald D'Souza RIP

Ash Wednesday

Mass at St. Joseph's School

Peggy Beehan RIP

Danielo, Lacy & Marianne Klaes

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Cameron Cottee RIP

Lenten Feria

Ethel & Bill Larkin RIP

Lenten Feria

Mabel Ezechiel RIP

1st Sunday of Lent (C)

Cameron Cottee RIP

Missa Pro Populo

The Holy Souls

Stations of The Cross

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent there are Stations of the Cross on Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm (replacing Rosary and Benediction) and on Friday mornings after the 10.00am Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Thursday - Exposition from after the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is said before Mass Monday – Saturday.

TEA AND COFFEE - There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass today and after Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – During the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday 10.30am in Alexander House

CONFIRMATION GROUP - Next Sunday at 6.15pm in the Church

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Next Sunday at 10.30am in the Library.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our parent and child group meet on Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hall.

RCIA – Saturday 10.30am in the Library and Sunday at 3.15pm

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays - 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence.

There will be two Masses in the church that day 12.00noon and 7.30pm. and a 9.15am Mass at St. Joseph's School

The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. It also symbolizes that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent.

JUBILEE YEAR STUDY

As part of our Lenten preparation for Easter, parishioner Dr. Janet Croggon is leading a Biblical pilgrimage.

It will be a chance to deepen your faith through a study of Luke's gospel with its distinctive message of **hope**. Understand the era in which the gospel was written and how Jesus shattered prejudice embracing the overlooked and unappreciated. Discover how the Evangelist honoured Mary and provided the foundations of Marian devotions today. Join us to pray the psalms of hope and reflect on Pope Francis' Jubilee message. Each meeting will develop a new theme. The five sessions will be on Wednesday evenings, 12th, 19th, 26th March and the 2nd April 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in Alexander House

SHARING YOUR FAITH

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis are hosting a Sharing Your Faith Workshop on Saturday 15th March 11am-3:30pm at St Matthias, Worcester Park. This one day workshop aims to explore what it means to share our Catholic Faith. There will be practical tips and plenty of opportunities for discussion. For more details, including how to register, please see posters in the Church. For more information, please email evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

"Nursery places available at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for our September 2025 & January 2026 intake. For further information phone the school office on 020 8546 7178.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE MAYOR

'Dear Father Michael,

Thank you so much for the very kind donation of £185.51 made by your congregation at the Christmas Carol Service to The Mayor's Charitable Trust, which has been gratefully received. I know that all at my charity, 'Habitats & Heritage', will want to echo this sentiment and assure your parishioners that the funds will be put to good use on projects within the borough, where, as you know, Habitats & Heritage are expanding their direct operations, helping to preserve our historical buildings and local habitats.

In addition to these projects, they are also offering support to many of the "Friends" groups of volunteers who work tirelessly in their spare time to maintain many of the wonderful green spaces that make Kingston such a great place to live.

At a time when charitable fundraising is more challenging than ever, your support of the Mayor's Charitable Trust and that of your parishioners, is very much valued.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to your congregation.'

The words we hear in the gospel today are as true today as it was when Jesus spoke them. We are all so prone to see our neighbour's faults and shortcomings and cover up or deny our own.

We are all guilty of rash judgment and unjustified criticism, to a greater or lesser degree. Let us perhaps turn this criticism of others onto ourselves and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct. We shall not become saints in a week or a month but little by little, imperceptibly at first perhaps, we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian and therefore more charitable towards our neighbour and less critical of the faults of others.

CTS PAMPLETS – LENTEN READING

There are some new CTS Pamphlets available in the stand in the hall on various themes for Lent.

LENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Copies of the Lent edition of 'My Day by Day' are available at the back of the Church, they cost £1.00 (Please put money in the box marked Newspapers or pay with the card reader.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

PEOPLE'S MISSALS

The Catholic Truth Society have published new people's hardback missals which contain the new mass and lectionary translations. Orders made through the parish get a 10% discount. There are three versions of these. Sunday Missals cost £17.96, Weekday Missals (does not include Sundays) cost £49.50 and Daily Missals (Sundays and Weekdays) cost £62.99. (These prices include the discount). The Parish is going to make a one off order of these for those who are interested. If you would like to order one please contact Michael in the Parish Office. Payment please will be required with all orders. We accept, cash, cheques, contactless and online payments. The deadline for placing your order is 16th March.

Of Your Charity

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Teresa Tunstill

Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 10th March at 12.noon

Cameron Cottee

who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday - 12th March at 11.00am
May They Rest In Peace.