



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 30th March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 31st March

10.00am

Tuesday 1st April

10.00am

Wednesday 2nd April

12noon

Thursday 3rd April

10.00am

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

Friday 4th April

10.00am

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5th April

10.00am

Sunday 6th April

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday (C)

Donald De Souza RIP

Linda Goddard - welfare

Missa Pro Populo

Stations of The Cross

Lenten Feria

Sylvia Dainty RIP

Lenten Feria

Margaret Jennings RIP

Lenten Feria

Jo Denis Susen RIP & family

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

The Holy Souls

Lenten Feria

Cristovao Jose De Lima RIP

Lenten Feria

The Holy Souls

5th Sunday of Lent (C)

Pat Mitchell - birthday

Bridget Conway

Missa Pro Populo

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.

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 - Resumes Saturday 26th April at 10.30am in Alexander House

CONFIRMATION GROUP - Next Sunday evening 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.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

JUBILEE YEAR STUDY - As part of our Lenten preparation for Easter, parishioner Dr. Janet Croggon is leading a Biblical pilgrimage. It is 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 develops a new theme, so you don't need to attend all the sessions if you can't. The sessions are on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in Alexander House.

Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent; Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is known as **Laetare Sunday** for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon, *Laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy, our foretaste of Easter joy. This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had *Gaudete* Sunday, so in Lent we have *Laetare* Sunday and to mark this out the priest wears rose coloured vestments and flowers are permitted on the Altar.

Today's Gospel recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son, one of Jesus' most beautiful parables. It teaches us once more that God is a kind and understanding Father. The son who asks for his part of the inheritance is a symbol of the person who cuts himself off from God through sin.

"Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, in this parable, nevertheless it expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way" *Pope St. John Paul II*



Parish Lenten Project 2025

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN AID OF THE LENTEN PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who has offered to run and help organize events in aid of the project, below is a list of things currently arranged.

Today

Cake Sale —. There will be a cake sale in the hall after the morning Masses. If you could bake something, please bring it along to the Hall before either of the Masses. Please call in and buy a cake — perhaps, as it is Mother's Day, you could buy one for your mother!

Tonight

Film Night — 6.15pm in Alexander House. 'Paul, Apostle of Christ'

St. Paul who goes from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Christ's most influential apostle, is spending his last days in a dark and bleak prison cell awaiting execution by Emperor Nero. St. Luke his friend and physician, risks his life when he ventures into Rome to visit him. Paul is under the watchful eye of Mauritius, the prisons prefect, who seeks to understand how this broken old man can pose such a threat. But before Paul's death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings of the Church — 'The Acts of the Apostles.' Their faith challenged an empire. But their words changed the world. £5.00 — payable on the door which includes a glass of wine or soft drink — bring your own popcorn and snacks!

This coming Saturday

Afternoon Tea - 5th April from 4.00pm - 7.00pm. Please join us for high tea followed by country dancing with a caller. The theme is the 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' from Alice in Wonderland. Fancy hats welcome. Tickets £10.00 RSVP by 1st April. For more information see Dymphna after Mass or email dymphna.subash@gmail.com

Family Quiz - St Raphael's Parish Family Fundraiser Quiz is back this year. Saturday 26th April 12:30pm-3:30pm to include Lunch. All ages - young and not so young welcome. Tickets cost £10.00 for adults, £5.00 for children or £20.00 for a family ticket. Tickets will be on sale after 9:30am Mass on Sundays, via Text: 07561415046 or Email: leelahartley@gmail.com Contact Leela on 0756 141 5046 for more information. First come first serve due to catering numbers.

2nd collection. There will be a special 2nd collection in aid of the project next Sunday, 6th April and the Rev. Steve Nolan, Chaplain to the hospice will speak at the 9.30am Mass on that day.

The proceeds from the Wednesday tea and coffee group will also be donated to the Lenten Project.

If you have any more ideas about events you could run in aid of the project, please speak to Fr. Michael or the Parish Office.

Today we have the annual collection for flowers to decorate the church for Easter.

Thank you for £247.80 that was collected for 'Poor Parishes' collection last Sunday.

**There are cards for
Mother's Day and Easter available in
the rack in the Hall.**