



St. Raphael's Church

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday (C)

9.30am Mary Keenan

11.30am Rick Steed - welfare

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Confessions 9.00am – 9.20am, 4.00pm – 4.50pm

Monday 14th April - Monday of Holy Week

10.00am Mass – Cameron Cottee RIP

Tuesday 15th April - Tuesday of Holy Week

10.00am Mass – Ivan Flanagan RIP

Wednesday 16th April - Spy Wednesday

12noon Mass – The Holy Souls

(Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11.30am)



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

(No 10.00am Mass today)

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – Vocations to the Priesthood

Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose

11.45pm – Compline

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

(No Mass today)

10.00am Stations of The Cross for children

11.00am Walk of Witness from URC Kingston

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Passion

6.00pm Stations of the Cross and veneration of the relic of the True Cross

(Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence)

Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday

10.30am – 12.noon Confessions

8.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil – Alexander Raphael RIP

Sunday 20th April - Easter Sunday (C)

9.30am Joan & Charles Pereira RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

(No 5.00pm Mass, Confessions, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament or tea & coffee today)



Today is the start of Holy Week, the most important week in the liturgical year. This week we solemnly commemorate Our Lord's sorrowful passion and death and his glorious Resurrection.

Over the course of the week the ceremonies, rich with symbolism, follow the story. Today we commemorate his entry into Jerusalem. On Thursday night we recall his last supper and the institution of the Blessed Sacrament. We then keep watch with him in prayer in the Garden of

Gethsemane. On Friday we recall his trial and follow him to his death on Calvary and humbly kneel before him hanging on the cross. On Saturday the Church waits in silence, as he lies lifeless in the tomb. Then as darkness falls on Saturday night, the Church is filled with light and the sound of bells as we celebrate Our Lord's triumph over sin and death and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We should not call it a week of mourning, for Cross and resurrection are inseparable. Christ's redemptive work did not end with death, it continues on in the victory of His resurrection. Therefore, we must not separate the passion from the resurrection, but rather regard the Cross as the way to Easter victory.

Through the whole week there runs a note of victory and joy, a realization that Christ's sacred passion was a prerequisite to Easter glory. We cannot understand the Church's liturgy unless we keep this in mind.

We think today of Palm Sunday with its homage to the King. It may be called the golden gateway leading to the holy mysteries of Easter.

Over these days let us spend time in prayer and recall these momentous events.

Please try to attend all of the services.

LENTEN PROJECT - THE PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE

Thank you for £874.00 that was raised at our Afternoon Tea Party, £510.24 that was raised at our 2nd collection last Sunday and £17.50 that was collected at the Wednesday tea and Coffee.

In addition

£546.00 raised at the St. Patrick's Day celebration

£8.00 raised at the children's film afternoon

£160.00 raised at the Sunday evening film night

£190.70 raised at the cake sale

£130.00 in separate donations

Total raised to date £2,436.44

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 served due to catering numbers.

THANK YOU - To Janet Croggon for

leading our much appreciated Lenten course which concluded last Wednesday with a visit to St. Ann's Church, Kingston Hill to gain the Holy Year Indulgence.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES -

The collection taken at the Easter Vigil and the Masses on Easter Sunday are, by tradition, your personal gift to the Parish Priest. There are Easter Offering Envelopes available at the back of the Church. *If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use envelopes, please use the special envelope in your packet of envelopes.*

EASTER CARDS - There is a selection of Easter Cards in the card rack in the hall.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 27th APRIL -

Afternoon devotions here at St.

Raphael's. 3.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Prayers, followed by Confessions & Rosary, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.45pm.

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, Southwark, at 3pm on 12th July. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is the middle of May.

CONFESSIONS - Please see the front page for this week's confessions.

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is recited in the Church Monday – Saturday before Mass.

TEA AND COFFEE – There is no tea & coffee after Mass today or next Sunday. There is tea and coffee after Mass on Wednesday as usual.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Today during the 9.30am Mass. No Children's Liturgy next Sunday.

THURSDAY EXPOSITION – resumes on 1st May.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP – Will meet after the 9.30am Mass on the 18th May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES –resume on Saturday 26th April.

RCIA – The next RCIA session will be on Tuesday 15th April.

CONFIRMATION – Sunday 11th May.

LITTLE CHERUBS starts again on the 23rd April,

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Our May Procession will take place on Sunday 11th May at 3.30pm.