

St. Raphael's Church

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Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday

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)

Monday 21st April - Monday in the Octave of Easter

10.00am Jannett Hamarton Fraser & family RIP

Tuesday 22nd April - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

10.00am Tom Kelleher RIP and deceased family members

Wednesday 23rd April - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

12noon Sebastian Jacob Chale RIP

(The feast of St. George is transferred to the 28th April)

Thursday 24th April - Thursday in the Octave of Easter

10.00am Ethel Shore RIP

(No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

Friday 25th April - Friday in the Octave of Easter

10.00am Leonardo Capili RIP

(As all the days of the Octave are solemnities – we are not asked to abstain from eating meat today)

Saturday 26th April – Saturday in the Octave of Easter

10.00am Lurdinha Nunes RIP

Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday (C)

9.30am - Missa Pro Populo

11.30am - Fr. Timothy Fitzpatrick RIP

5.00pm - Ivan Flanagan RIP

3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Monday 28th April - St. George

10.00am The Holy Souls

Tuesday 29th April – St. Catherine of Siena

10.00am The Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th April Feria in Eastertide

12noon Peter Sillem RIP

Thursday 1st May – St. Joseph the worker

10.00am The Holy Souls

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Friday 2nd May – St. Athanasius

10.00am The Holy Souls

Saturday 3rd May – SS. Philip and James

10.00am Jacob Ezechiel RIP

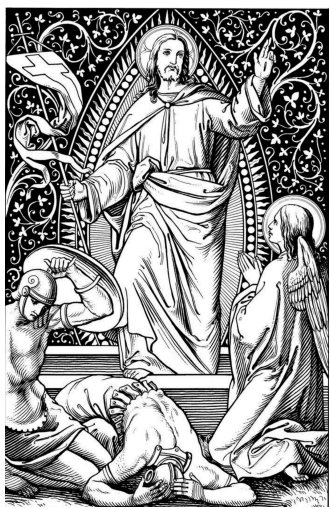
Sunday 4th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter (C)

9.30am – Fernandez – Cox's intention

11.30am – Anne Piddock RIP

5.00pm - Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Easter is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the centre and climax of the Church year. All the mysteries that we have commemorated from Advent until now have pointed toward Easter; all that we shall yet celebrate in the weeks that follow has its foundation in the mystery of Easter, and receives its meaning and importance from this mystery.

In the very centre of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface are expressed the unrivalled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

"Haec dies quam fecit Dominus" - "This is the day which the Lord has made."

Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

LENTEN PROJECT - THE PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE

£556.00 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

£1000.00 raised at the afternoon tea party

£510.24 that was raised at our 2nd collection

£130.00 in separate donations

£17.50 that was collected at the Wednesday tea and Coffee.

£78.53 has been raised so far at the Wednesday tea and coffee

Total raised to date £2,650.97

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 all those who sent Easter Greeting cards and to those who in anyway helped make our services for Holy Week and Easter so moving and prayerful. – Fr. Michael

CONGRATULATIONS

To Robert who was baptised recently and Susanna who was confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Our May Procession will take place on Sunday 18th May at 3.30pm.

CONFESSIONS – No confessions on Easter Sunday. Next Saturday 10.30am – 11.00am Next Sunday 9.00am – 9.20am, during the Divine Mercy devotions.

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

TEA AND COFFEE – There is no tea & coffee after Mass today. There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday and after Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – There is no Children's Liturgy today during the 9.30am Mass.

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 GROUP MEETS – Sunday 11th May.

LITTLE CHERUBS starts again on the 23rd April,