



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 6th April

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 7th April

10.00am

Tuesday 8th April

10.00am

Wednesday 9th April

12noon

Thursday 10th 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 11th April

10.00am

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 12 April

10.00am

Sunday 13th April

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

5th Sunday of Lent (C)

Pat Mitchell - birthday

Bridget Conway

Missa Pro Populo

Stations of The Cross

Lenten Feria

The Holy Souls

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Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Andreina da Silva Kayall RIP

Lenten Feria

Birgitta Ezechiel RIP

Lenten Feria

William Morin

Palm Sunday (C)

Mary Keenan

Rick Steed - welfare

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 - This evening at 6.15pm in the Church

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Today at 10.30am in the library.

RCIA – Saturday 10.30am in the Library.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

PILGRIMES OF HOPE

- JUBILEE YEAR STUDY

Our Biblical pilgrimage concludes this week with a visit to St. Annes Church on Kingston Hill – which has a Holy Door which we will pass through to gain the Holy year Indulgence.

We will meet outside the Church at 7.30pm and go in together and then study St. Luke's account of the Passion which will be read next Sunday at our Palm Sunday Mass.

There is ample parking at the church and the 85 and K3 buses from Kingston Bus Station stop outside the church.

Please note there will be no session here at St. Raphael's.

Today's Gospel continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son and today we hear the story of the woman caught in adultery. The Gospel begins with Jesus teaching to the crowds near the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes - either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment.

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus -the one who truly is without sin, sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.



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

2nd collection. There will be a special 2nd collection in aid of the project and the Rev. Steve Nolan, Chaplain to the hospice will speak at the 9.30am Mass.

Thank you for

£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 £1,034.

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.

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

Thank you for £218.2 that was collected for the Easter Flowers last Sunday.

**There are cards for
Easter available in the rack in the Hall.**

Fr. Michael received a letter of thanks from CAFOD. *"Thank you to the parishioners of St. Raphael's for your generous support for CAFOD and your donation of £204.35".*