



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 11th May - 4th Sunday of Eastertide – Good Shepherd Sunday (C)

9.30am

Ada Freeman RIP

11.30am

Fernandez – Cox intention

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction

Monday 12th May

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

The Holy Souls

11.30am

Requiem Mass for Margaret Anne Muldoon RIP

Tuesday 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima

10.00am

Jannett Hamerton Fraser and family RIP

Wednesday 14th May

St. Matthias

12noon

Mark Dixon

Thursday 15th May

St. John Stone (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

10.00am

Vernon Freeman RIP

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

Friday 16th May

St. Simon Stock

10.00am

Jacob Ezechiel RIP

Saturday 17th May

Feria in Eastertide

11.00am

First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday 18th May - 5th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am

The Lee Family

11.30am

Fernandez – Cox intention

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

3.30pm May Procession



Please note next Saturday
we will have our parish
1st Holy Communion Mass
at 11.00am.

There will be no 10.00am
Mass or Confessions that
morning.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm.

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 – There is Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass today.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Sunday 8th June at 10.30am in the Library.

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

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays - 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm, Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

MAY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

Our annual procession in honour of Our Lady will take place next Sunday 18th May at 3.30pm.

Please make a special effort to attend.

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.' Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd, who knows each one of His sheep, who gives His life for them and snatches them from the jaws of the marauding wolf. He is the true shepherd who fulfils Ezechiel's prophecy foretelling for Israel a shepherd from the end of time who was to deliver his people.

Christ's sheepfold is the Church. In the Church He bestows on us His life in the Sacraments, His word in the teaching that she gives us, all the riches of His grace to light up our way and uphold our steps as we go forward to our heavenly home; through her He acts as the one Shepherd of our souls. Appointed to lead the flock, Peter gave his life for those entrusted to his care, and ever since then the priestly ministry has assured the continuous presence in the Church of Him who remains the true Shepherd of our souls.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1964. Today we are especially encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Christ's body in the Eucharist gives flesh to His words in the Gospel. Never disjoin one from the other. For together they constitute our most valuable earthly treasure, together they give us the whole Christ. What He promises in the Gospel He fulfils in the Eucharist. And thus the Mass, comprising the word and the body of Christ, brings Him completely to us. In the Gospel He says, "I am the Good Shepherd"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice the Good Shepherd becomes present. In the Gospel He proclaims, "I lay down My life for My sheep"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice He pours His life into our souls. In the Gospel He tells us, "I know Mine and Mine know Me"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice He fulfils His claim: Whoever eats My flesh abides in Me and I in Him. In the Gospel He says, "Other sheep I have ... them also must I bring"—through the Eucharistic Sacrifice He builds up His flock, gathering stray sheep into the fold.

These, then, are our two greatest treasures, Christ's words and Christ's body. By embracing both we embrace our Saviour whole and entire.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD 7TH JUNE

On the 28th May 1965 Pope St Paul VI created the Metropolitan See of Southwark which raised The Diocese of Southwark to statutes of a Metropolitan Archdiocese. To mark the 60th Anniversary of this and the Holy Year, there will be a major diocesan celebration at Aylesford on Saturday 7th June. We are hoping to arrange a coach from St. Raphael's to attend this wonderful event. The cost will be £26 per person. We need to know numbers as soon as possible so if you are interested, please sign the list at the back of the church today or speak to Michael in the Parish Office ASAP. If you have not visited Aylesford, it's a wonderful shrine to Our Lady in the Kent countryside set in large, beautiful grounds. It was founded in 1242 by the Carmelites. It was here in the 15th Century that St. Simon Stock, whose relics are preserved at the shrine, had a vision of Our Lady promising her protection to those who wore the Brown Scapular. In the 16th century the shrine was destroyed at the time of the Reformation and turned into a private house. In 1949 the site was put up for sale and the Carmelites were able to buy back their ancient motherhouse and work began to restore the buildings and shrine. Today Aylesford is one of the major pilgrimage shrines in country.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Aurora and Lara who were baptised during the 11.30am mass last Sunday.

TODAY

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Today - Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the **Priest Training Fund second collection**. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout our Archdiocese. We are blessed to have 9 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous financial support and prayers to support our priests of the future.

FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED

Come and join the team of St Raphael's flower arrangers and help decorate our wonderful church. If you enjoy working with flowers and have some time to spare once a month, we would be delighted to meet you. Previous experience of church flower arranging isn't necessary; we will show you the ropes. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Michael in the Parish Office for further information.

Please pray for the 19 children from the Parish who will make their First Holy Communion at a special Mass next Saturday morning.