



St. Raphael's Church

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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

Monday 19th May

St. Dunstan

10.00am

Kitty Fox's intentions

Tuesday 20th May

St. Bernardine of Siena

10.00am

Dorothy Anne Neil

Wednesday 21st May

Feria in Eastertide

12noon

Zenobia Rewiako RIP

Thursday 22nd May

St. Rita of Cascia (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

10.00am

In reparation for the sin of abortion

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

Friday 23rd May

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

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Saturday 24th May

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Kitty Fox's intentions

Sunday 25th May - 6th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am

Donald D'Souza RIP

11.30am

Fernandez - Cox intention

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

MAY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

Our annual procession in honour of Our Lady will take place this afternoon at 3.30pm. Please make a special effort to attend.

Today in Rome our new Holy Father Pope Leo XIV will be solemnly enthroned during a Mass in St. Peter's Square.

Archbishop John has written the following about our new Pope

'With deep joy and thanksgiving, we welcome the election of Pope Leo XIV. Let us rejoice and give glory to God for the gift of our new Holy Father.

In Pope Leo XIV, we receive the Successor of Peter, called by the Holy Spirit to shepherd the universal Church. Just as the Risen Lord entrusted St Peter with the care of his flock, so now Pope Leo is charged with this sacred task: to love the Lord Jesus with all his heart, and to tend his sheep with humility, courage, and faith.

The Petrine ministry is one of service, rooted not in power, but in the person of Christ. The authority of the Holy Father is given by the Lord Jesus Himself, not to point to himself, but to lead us ever closer to the face of Christ. In a world marked by uncertainty and division, Pope Leo is called to be a sign of unity and a herald of hope — guiding us to the truth of the Gospel, and to the peace that only Christ can give.

Now more than ever, we need to fix our gaze on the Lord Jesus. It is by placing him at the centre of our lives that we find the strength to meet life's challenges and the peace our hearts long for. Pope Leo stands among us as a servant of that hope, reminding us that our salvation lies in Christ alone.

I invite each one of you to look to our new Holy Father with the obedience of faith and affection. Let us listen to his voice as he leads us in fidelity to Christ and the mission of his Church. Like him, may we be renewed in our own commitment to love the Lord Jesus above all things, and to care for one another with the tenderness of the Gospel. Please join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV, asking the Lord to bless him abundantly. And let us thank God for this great gift to the Church and to the world.'

Archbishop John Wilson

"....Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure. These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society. And these are not few. Today, too, there are many settings in which Jesus, although appreciated as a man, is reduced to a kind of charismatic leader or superman. This is true not only among non-believers but also among many baptized Christians, who thus end up living, at this level, in a state of practical atheism. This is the world that has been entrusted to us, a world in which, as Pope Francis taught us so many times, we are called to bear witness to our joyful faith in Jesus the Saviour. Therefore, it is essential that we, too, repeat, with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). It is essential to do this, first of all, in our personal relationship with the Lord, in our commitment to a daily journey of conversion. Then, to do so as a church, experiencing together our fidelity to the Lord and bringing the Good News to all. I say this first of all to myself, as the Successor of Peter, as I begin my mission as bishop of Rome and, according to the well-known expression of St. Ignatius of Antioch, am called to preside in charity over the universal church (cf. Letter to the Romans, Prologue). St. Ignatius, who was led in chains to this city, the place of his impending sacrifice, wrote to the Christians there: "Then I will truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world no longer sees my body" (Letter to the Romans, IV, 1). Ignatius was speaking about being devoured by wild beasts in the arena—and so it happened—but his words apply more generally to an indispensable commitment for all those in the church who exercise a ministry of authority. It is to move aside so that Christ may remain, to make oneself small so that he may be known and glorified (cf. Jn 3:30), to spend oneself to the utmost so that all may have the opportunity to know and love him. May God grant me this grace, today and always, through the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the church."

Pope Leo XIV

CONFESSIONS -

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

THANKYOU – for £364.21 that was collected for The Priest Training Fund last Sunday.

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.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE -

Saturday 28th June here at St Raphael's in Alexander House. The day will begin at 9.30am and conclude at 4.30pm. It is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their marriage. There is no charge for this course but booking is essential - please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – Today is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25

RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS VISITING ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL –

From the 26th - 29th June, a relic of Carlo Acutis will visit St George's Cathedral. On Thursday 26th June, there will be an evening of adoration and veneration for young adults. On Friday 27th June, Archbishop John will preside at the 6.00pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28th June, there will be a "Morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19th June – 7th July.

Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

Congratulations to the 19 children from the Parish who made their First Holy Communion at a special Mass yesterday morning.