



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 1st June

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 2nd June

10.00am

Tuesday 3rd June

10.00am

Wednesday 4th June

12noon

Thursday 5th June

10.00am

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

Friday 6th June

10.00am

Saturday 7th June

10.00am

Sunday 8th June

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

7th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

The deceased members of D'Souza, Rodricks, Pereira & Noronha Families

In Young Kim RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Feria in Eastertide

Kitty Fox's intention

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

The deceased members of the Nary & Stanley families

Feria in Eastertide

John Parker RIP

St. Boniface

Peter & Kate Freeman (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

In reparation for the sin of abortion

Feria in Eastertide

Alison Nary RIP

Pentecost Sunday (C)

Donald D'Souza RIP

Missa Pro Populo

The Holy Souls

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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 -

Next 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.

In today's Gospel taken from St. John, Chapter 17, we hear the passage that is often referred to as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. It's a long and beautiful prayer that would be worth reading in its entirety for reflection.

Jesus begins by speaking to the Father that "the hour has come." His hour of suffering and death is upon Him. But He sees it as an opportunity for His glorification. This is an important revelation within St. John's Gospel and especially within this prayer. The Cross is horrible from a human perspective alone. But from the divine perspective or the will of the Father and the salvation of the world, it is glorious and the moment in which Jesus takes up His throne of the Cross. It is glorious because He perfectly fulfils the will of the Father through His freely embraced suffering.

From there, Jesus prays for the Apostles in particular. He prays for their mission so that they will have the grace they need to also embrace the will of the Father and continue the work of Jesus. He knows that it is only by embracing their crosses, in accord with the will of the Father, that they will be able to be glorified.

Lastly, Jesus prays for us - those who would come to faith through the ministry of the Apostles. In particular, He prays for unity. The unity Jesus is speaking of is a oneness that comes as a result of being united with the Father in Heaven. It is this oneness that leads to glorification for all. And, once again, this oneness is achieved only by being in full union with the will of the Father.

Let us reflect, today, upon this beautiful prayer and as we do, allow the Lord to speak to us. Hear Him calling us to perfect fulfilment and glory. But know that this is achieved by the embrace of our "hour." The Father is calling us to follow in the footsteps of His Son by laying down our life in perfect obedience to the Father's will. Embracing this cross is the path to Heaven and Jesus' prayer provides us all with the grace we need to say "Yes."

VACANCY - SACRED HEART, WIMBLEDON REQUIRES A NEW ACCOUNTS MANAGER.

The salary is £18.00 per hour for 19 hours per week. The Accounts Manager works closely with the parish Finance Committee and the Gift Aid co-ordinators, and is supported by members of the Finance Committee. Knowledge of the diocesan accounting systems would be an advantage. Closing date Friday 6th June, interviews on Friday 13th June. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office for an application form, Job Description and Person Specification. wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD 7TH JUNE

Over two thousand people from around the Archdiocese of Southwark are expected at our Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7th June – we hope you will be one of them!

We are arranging a coach from St. Raphael's to attend this wonderful event. The cost will be £26 per person. The coach will leave St. Raphael's at 7.45am in the morning so please be here by 7.30am and return at around 7.00pm in the evening. Food is available at Aylesford but due to the large numbers expected, we suggest you bring a packed lunch. **If you have a booked a seat and not yet paid, please speak to Michael in the Office ASAP.** There are still a few spare seats so if you are interested in going - again please speak to Michael.

2ND COLLECTION

Today is World Communications Day and there will be a 2nd collection: this collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY SUNDAY 22ND JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI.

The feast of Corpus Christi is on Sunday 22nd June. On that day we will have our annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 11.30am Mass and our 1st Holy Communion Children and the Confirmandi will receive their certificates. This will be followed by our annual Parish Lunch to which all are invited.

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.

Congratulations to the young people of the Parish who were Confirmed by Canon Gerard Bradley, our Episcopal Vicar, last Saturday.