



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 25th May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 26th May

10.00am

Tuesday 27th May

10.00am

Wednesday 28th May

12noon

Thursday 29th May

10.00am

7.30pm

(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

Friday 30th May

10.00am

Saturday 31st May

11.00am

Sunday 1st June

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

6th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

Donald D'Souza RIP

Fernandez - Cox intention

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Philip Neri

Jim Mulloy

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Caroline Brady RIP

Feria in Eastertide

Annie Groves RIP

The Ascension Of The Lord

Thérèse Walker -recovery (Mass in English)

Missa Pro Populo

Feria in Eastertide

In reparation for the sin of abortion

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confirmation Mass

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.

Two things to note this week

Thursday is Ascension Thursday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 10.00am (In English this week) and 7.30pm. There will no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on that day.

On Saturday Canon Gerard Bradley the Episcopal Vicar for the Southwest will confirm 17 young people from the parish at a Mass at 11.00am, please note there will be no 10.00am Mass or Confessions that day.

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

In the first reading at today's Mass, we were given the story of the first Council held by the Church. There we saw that a vital decision was reached through the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit. "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and ours" (Acts 15:28) was how the Church announced the conclusion they had reached. In today's Gospel, Christ promised his Apostles, the night before his death, that when he returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit would be sent to them. He would teach them all things and recall to their minds all that Christ had taught them. In other words, the Church, through the Apostles, was promised the direct assistance of the Holy Spirit in preserving and interpreting what we call "the deposit of faith" or the sum total of the divine revelation given to us for our sanctification. That promise was fulfilled in a very solemn way at the Council of Jerusalem. It has been fulfilled again and again down through the history of the Church. And this has been the case not only on the solemn occasions of General Councils, or when definitions concerning faith and morals were given ex cathedra by the Pope, but in many circumstances of less solemnity. The Holy Spirit "breathes where he wills." He is at work today among us today. He assists and inspires us, if we call on him in our need. There are moments of crisis in all our lives, moments when a vital decision has to be made. In these moments we should call on the Holy Spirit to help us. His role in the Church and in the lives of all Christians is to preserve and protect the revelation that God has given us. There are times in the lives of many of us when we are tempted to doubt about what we are called on to believe, or to hesitate with regard to what we are called on to do. It is on such occasions that the help of the Holy Spirit is especially necessary. He will not fail us if we turn to him earnestly and sincerely.

MARRIAGE MASS: LAST CHANCE

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Is it your first, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any longer period? If so, this is your last chance to apply for a personal invitation from Archbishop John to celebrate with him at St George's Cathedral, on the 12th July at 3.00pm. To receive an invitation from Archbishop John, simply email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, parish and the anniversary being celebrated. You can bring close members of your family with you to the Mass as well. Don't delay: the deadline is 2nd June so act now.

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! Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church giving you all the information you need about this wonderful celebration. We are arranging 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 speak to Michael in the Parish Office this week.** 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 the country.

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.

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.