



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 4th May – 3rd Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am – Fernandez – Cox's intention

11.30am – Anne Piddock RIP

5.00pm - Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 5th May

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

In Thanksgiving (Richard Reddaway)

Tuesday 6th May

St. John Paine

10.00am

Fr. Timothy Fitzpatrick RIP

Wednesday 7th May

Feria in Eastertide

12noon

K Mulloy

Thursday 8th May

Feria in Eastertide (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

10.00am

Mina Cawley RIP

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

Friday 9th May

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

Ethel Shore RIP

Saturday 10th May

Feria in Eastertide

10.00am

George Stephens RIP

Sunday 11th May - 4th Sunday of Eastertide (C)

9.30am

Ada Freeman RIP

11.30am

Fernandez – Cox intention

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - 10.30am in Alexander House

CONFIRMATION GROUP - Next Saturday visit to St. George's Cathedral. Sunday in the Church after 9.30am Mass in the Hall.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Sunday 18th May 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 on Sunday 18th May at 3.30pm.

Please make a special effort to attend.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON STATEMENT ON POPE FRANCIS

"The death of Pope Francis fills me with great sorrow. This pain and sadness will not only be felt within our Church, it will also resonate deeply around the world, especially in the poorest and most marginalised communities.

Like the Lord, when the poor cried, Pope Francis heard them. But as the Lord Jesus taught us, it is not enough just to hear these cries, we must commit ourselves to responding to them too. That is exactly what Pope Francis did and it is why he meant so much to so many.

Pope Francis' life is a reminder to us all that as Christ's disciples, we need to put the marginalised and vulnerable at the centre of the Church's ministry. His commitment to walk with the poor, to shine a light on their suffering and to offer a way forward is why so many considered him a Pope for the poor.

Yet, Pope Francis has not just been a Pope for the poor, but also a Pope for peace and mercy.

Whenever war tragically broke out across the world, the Holy Father led the call for peace.

"His calls for peace were always filled with a closeness to people suffering violence and despair. His calls for peace were a constant reminder that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. His calls for peace were always a reminder that God wants us to live as brothers and sisters, not enemies.

I am grateful to God that He sent us such a ferocious advocate for the poor and for peace. I join the millions praying for Pope Francis as he returns to the Father's House, and I pray that he may rest in eternal glory in the Kingdom of Peace.

I ask Catholics across the Archdiocese of Southwark to pray for Pope Francis and for our priests to offer Mass for the repose of his soul."

With the assurance of my prayers and warm best wishes

Yours sincerely in Christ + John

LENTEN PROJECT - THE PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE

£556.00 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

£1000.00 raised at the afternoon tea party

£510.24 that was raised at our 2nd collection

£200.00 in separate donations

£95.43 that was collected at the Wednesday tea and Coffee.

£200.00 was given in donations for the family quiz

Total raised £2'920.37

Family Quiz – Unfortunately because of the clash with the funeral of Pope Francis, it was decided to cancel the family Quiz. However many thanks to Leela and her team of helpers for all the hard work put into arranging the event.

Thank you to everyone who arranged events and all those who supported them. The money will be sent to The Princess Alice Hospice in the next few days.

VACANCY WITH MANNA SOCIETY

The Manna Society which is a centre for the homeless and vulnerably housed men and women are looking to recruit a Senior Housing and Welfare Officer. For full details visit www.mannasociety.org.uk Closing date for applications is the 8th June.

MASS INTENTIONS

We get booked up for Mass intentions many weeks in advance, particularly for Sundays. If you have any Mass intentions for any time this year, to avoid disappointment, please book them now with Michael in the Parish Office.

THANK YOU

'Stella Maris – the Apostleship of the Sea' - wrote to the Parish thanking us for £284.84 that was collected on Sea Sunday.

Thank you for £225.63 in last Sunday's 2nd collection for the upkeep of St. George's Cathedral and the £251.47 that was collected for the Holy Places on Good Friday.

NEXT SUNDAY

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Next Sunday - 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.