

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 22nd June

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Corpus Christi (C)

Margaret & Alcuin Noronha RIP

The Holy Souls (followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament)

Missa Pro Populo No

(No 4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today)

(12th week in ordinary time)

Monday 23rd June

10.00am

23rd Feria in Ordinary time

The Holy Souls

Tuesday 24th June

10.00am

The Nativity Of St. John The Baptist

The Grand Master -The order of Malta

Wednesday 25th June

12noon

Feria in Ordinary time

The Holy Souls

Thursday 26th June

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary time

The Holy Souls (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 27th June

10.00am

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Kitty Fox's intentions

7.30pm

The Holy Souls

Saturday 28th June

10.00am

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Holy Souls

Sunday 29th June

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

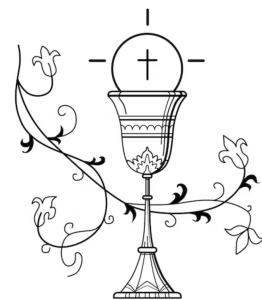
SS. Peter & Paul (C)

Agnes & Alexander D'Souza RIP

H.H. Pope Leo XIV

Missa Pro Populo No

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm. (Not today)

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 6th July 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

There will be a retiring collection today in aid of LIFE

Of your Charity,
please pray for the
repose of the soul of
Eric Cavanagh
who died recently. His
Requiem Mass will be on
Monday 30th June at
11.00am
May He rest in peace
and rise in glory.

'Frequently I hear people exclaim, "It's all a mystery to me". Why cannot our age handle mystery? As if we believe that if something doesn't work when we press a button or turn on a switch, it's not worth knowing about. But wiser heads have always known that there's more to life than what we see around us. And who better to put the point than William Shakespeare – in his play Hamlet "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." Although written in the sixteenth century those words, that human knowledge is limited, could almost be a judgement on our own age. Although there is no necessary opposition or contradiction between the things of the Spirit and the world of science and technology, the simple minded seem to live lives bounded by the Internet and the Cell phone. Yet, for those with the eyes to see, there is a great world of mystery around us.

It is mystery that God in his goodness should send his divine Son Jesus to earth to share our life, when he certainly knew what the outcome would be – the busy world had no time for man on earth – it is mystery that the same Jesus, true God and true man, comes to us in the bread and wine of the Eucharist, but assuredly he does, and though we may not be able to find the words that would satisfy the paid up sceptics of our day, we Christians know it to be true. In the same way, just as, if we have been loved, we know that to be true as well, even though the world may mock us.

Here at the altar Our Lord comes to us in bread and wine, to make us complete again, and to show the extent of his love for us. Over the centuries, bishops, theologians, teachers, have all sought to find the words that will explain and describe what actually happens in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist, yet ultimately it all breaks down. There is a time for putting words aside, and accepting that they are imperfect pointers towards the truth. This truth put so simply yet so profoundly by the English poet John Betjeman (1906-1984), at the end of his much loved poem **Christmas**. Describing people going to midnight mass, the final stanza reads as follows:

*"No love that in a family dwells, No carolling in frosty air, Nor all the shaking steeple bells
Can with this single truth compare that God was man in Palestine,
And lives today in bread and wine".*

Words cannot be a substitute for the loving act of communion and our participation in the living Lord. In the Feast of Corpus Christi, which comes near the start of the Pentecost season, we rejoice that Jesus gives us the means to dwell in him and he to dwell in us. Do not ask how the bread and wine of the Eucharist becomes his Body and Blood: too much ink has been spilled on that question already. Rather, simply, with me, say that we know it to be true, and we know it to be the truth because it is a promise made by Jesus. When you hear well meaning people say "It is only symbolically true" then, in love, you need to say that his promised word is good enough for me.'

Fr. Edward Bryan

Today at the close of the 11.30am Mass, we will have our annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be followed by our annual Parish Lunch to which all are invited.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE - This 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. Please speak to Fr. Michael for more information

2ND COLLECTION - PETER'S PENCE - Next Sunday is the feast of SS. Pater & Paul. On this day there is the world wide 2nd collection for Peter's Pence. This collection goes to the Holy Father who uses them in the support of works of mercy and charity that he supports around the world.

THE CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY - are seeking feedback from anyone who may have information regarding the safeguarding function in Southwark Archdiocese. Please follow on the below links if you wish to contribute. Thank you
<https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/do-you-have-information-to-help-our-safeguarding-inspection-in-southwark/>

RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS - A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be on display at St George's Cathedral this week between 26th – 29th June. There will also be an exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles. For more information please go to <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/blessed-carlo-acutis-relic-visiting-st-george-s-cathedral/>

27th JUNE - DINNER FOR MEN OF THE PARISH – This Friday is the solemnity of the Sacred Heart. There will be an extra Mass that day at 7.00pm (to which all are invited) This will be followed by a takeaway curry in the parish hall to which all men of the parish are invited. Food will be pre-ordered email Michael.J.Nicholson@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to attend. The cost will be £15-20/person. Please BYO drinks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Participants with at least two chronic diseases (e.g., high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes) are needed for a research study at Kingston University, Penrhyn Road, to help identify components of a (self)care model that will provide you with a good quality of life and independence. Your attendance at a 3-hour focus group at the end of July will be required. You will be compensated £75.00 for the 3-hour session, plus receive an additional £25.00 towards transportation costs. If you are interested *and would like more information, please email: a.chale@kingston.ac.uk.* or speak to Fr. Michael.