



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 1st March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

The 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

Bridget Conway

Missa Pro Populo

Maria Laura Pradera - Birthday

Monday 2nd March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Manuel Malibiran RIP

Tuesday 3rd March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Arthur Lawrence RIP

Wednesday 4th March

12noon

Lenten Feria

Sara Walton RIP

Thursday 5th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Maria Gibney RIP

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

Friday 6th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Bill & Ethel Larkin RIP

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

All unborn children and expectant mothers

Preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.30am.

Sunday 8th March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

The 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

Margaret & Alcuin Noronha RIP

Christine and Martin Goddard

Missa Pro Populo

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Thursday - Exposition from after the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Sunday, 4.00pm (Church) and Friday after Mass (Hall)

CHILDREN'S ROSARY - Children are invited to gather in front of Our Lady's Altar after the 9.30am Sunday Mass for a decade of the Rosary.

TEA AND COFFEE - There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass today. There will be tea and coffee after the 12noon Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – There is Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday, 10.30am in Alexander House

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Sunday, 15th March 10.30am.

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

RCIA – Saturdays 10.30am

Weekday Mass – Monday to Friday this week will be celebrated in the Hall – see note page 2.

Archbishop John: pray before the distressing majesty of the cross

'Pray before our Crucified Lord during Lent,' Archbishop John is calling on all in the Archdiocese to join him in prayer and contemplation before the crucified Lord Jesus during Lent.

In a Lenten video message, shared the day before Lent begins, the Archbishop said: *"I want to draw your eyes and your heart to the distressing majesty of the cross. Every year in Lent, we go on a spiritual journey to the foot of the cross, as we seek to draw ourselves closer to the Lord Jesus and his redeeming sacrifice."* The importance of the redeeming sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, in that hour at Calvary, but also for our lives today, is why Archbishop John said:

"I want us to do more than stumble on our Lenten journey. I want us, together, to really contemplate and meditate on the distressing majesty of the cross so that we really can take in what it means for us and our relationship with our God, the Lord Jesus Christ".

The Archbishop emphasised the beauty and majesty of Christ's sacrifice, stating: *'In that hour at Calvary, as he died on the cross, the Lord Jesus saw you. He looked deep into your soul and into mine. He knew our sins, our transgressions, our faults. Yet he still chose to die for us.'*

Archbishop John is inviting all the faithful to spend time in daily prayer before the cross during this penitential season. *'This Lent I invite you to spend time in prayer before the cross in your home, in a church or even find an image or piece of art of the cross on your phone. But spend time before the crucified Lord in prayer each day. Keep your eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus and as you gaze in wonder at our Lord, find comfort that when he was on the cross his eyes were fixed on you and in that moment, he loved you as he loves you now.'*

Archbishop John concluded with a prayer he encourages all to repeat throughout Lent:

*'We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.
By your wounds, we are healed. By your wounds we are being healed Amen'*

Throughout Lent, alongside the Archbishop's Lenten message, the Archdiocese will publish prayers and reflections to help you contemplate the distressing majesty of the cross and give thanks to the Lord Jesus for his redeeming sacrifice. You can find the prayers and reflections across the diocesan social media channels, including YouTube, Instagram, TikTok and Facebook.

LENTEN PROJECT – This year the Parish will be supporting Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness. KCAH provides immediate, professional support with nonjudgmental empathy and clear options, supporting people to secure and maintain a safe, stable home.

They strive to do this by embodying their core values:

- **DIGNITY** – KCAH strives to be a caring organisation that values and respects the dignity, independence and individuality of people experiencing homelessness and people at housing risk. It is committed to working with clients to achieve the best outcome for them and in such a way as to enable and empower them.
 - **EMPATHY** – They believe in individual potential and are nonjudgmental and empathetic in the way they deal with others.
 - **PROFESSIONALISM** – They are professional in the way they operate and determined and purposeful in the way they deal with the causes they support.
 - **INTEGRITY** – They are accountable and take ownership of their actions and decisions, communicate transparently and are responsible for their outcomes. They foster trust with their clients by doing what they say they will. When things don't go according to plan, they are honest and take responsibility to improve.
- Alongside their service ethos, they will seek to demonstrate these values in everything they do: from their interactions with the people they support, to how they treat each other as colleagues, to how they work with their partners.

If you would like to organise and run an event in aid of our Lenten Project, please either speak to Fr. Michael or the Parish Office.



ST RAPHAEL'S LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP

This Lent, deepen your faith through a study of the Gospel of St. Matthew. Reflect with Pope Leo on the teachings of Jesus that sow peace and Christian love. Our Course led

by our parishioner Dr. Janet Croggon, continues for the next three Wednesdays - 4th, 11th and 18th March at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in Alexander House.

CHURCH LIGHTING - Work continues in the Church to update the lighting to a LED system. The current system uses halogen lamps that are now obsolete and difficult to source. The new system will be more robust and cost effective and also provide better lighting. The work is due to finish on Friday 6th March and the engineers are confident that it will be completed by then. During this time weekday Mass will continue to be celebrated in the hall. Saturday and Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the Church, as normal. Whilst the work is taking place, for safety reasons, there will be no admittance to the church during the week.

EVENING CONCERT - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH AT 7 PM

ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH HALL, ENTRANCE FREE -

RETIRING COLLECTION - The Romantic poet William Blake has been described as a 'guardian spirit of our Island nation'. The event is in support of SPUC, the Society For The Protection of Unborn Children, and celebrates Blake and the Romantic movement in an evening of poetry set to music.

CAFOD FAST DAY - Last Friday was CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day, there are envelopes at the back of the church should you wish to contribute to this. Please either place them in the collection baskets or hand them into the Parish Office.

MORNING PRAYER – Morning prayer will be said on Saturday mornings during Lent at 9.30am

Of your Charity
Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Mary McCarthy
who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be
Thursday 12th March at 12 noon
May She Rest in Peace.