



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 22nd March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

The 5th Sunday of Lent – (A)

Francis Rodricks RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Anna Abascal RIP

Monday 23rd March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Sydney Cadmer RIP

Tuesday 24th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

John Moysey RIP

Wednesday 25th March

12noon

The Annunciation Of The Lord

Sam, Rafa & Agatha

Thursday 26th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

In Thanksgiving

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

Friday 27th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Augustine De Menezes

Followed by Stations of the Cross

12noon

Requiem Mass for Brian Towler RIP

Saturday 28th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Robert (Bertie) Rice RIP

Preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.30am.

Sunday 29th March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Palm Sunday – (A)

Missa Pro Populo

Con O'Donovan RIP

Dympna Brennan RIP

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Sunday, 4.00pm and Friday after Mass.

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 18th April, 10.30am in Alexander House.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Sunday, 19th April at 10.30am. For more information email dymphna.subash@gmail.com

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.
(Please remember to be considerate to those who are waiting during these times)

RCIA – Saturdays 10.30am.

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

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.

Caroline Ewart from KCAH will speak at the end of the morning Masses today and we will have a 2nd collection.

This evening

Talk by Dr. David Kennedy "Alexander Raphael [1775-1850]: His Life & Times". Sunday 22nd March at 6.15pm in Alexander House. Suggested donation of £5.00.

Other forthcoming events in aid of the Project

The Holy Shroud of Turin – Next Sunday at 6.15pm in the hall. All are very welcome to a moving talk by Philip Morris on the history of the Shroud of Turin together with a summary of the most recent research. A wonderful way to start Holy Week. Donations in aid of the Lenten Project requested.

Quiz Night – Sunday 12th April - It's back again – Our Parish Quiz Night! Arrive at 6:15pm for a prompt 6:30pm start. Teams of up to 6 per table – or come along and join a team on the night. Bring your own snacks – wine will be provided (for a donation). £5 per person in advance preferable. Tickets available after the 9:30am Mass – see Leela and after the 5:00pm Mass – please see Michael in the sacristy or Email: leelahartley@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 07561 415 046. All are very welcome – come along for a fun evening!

Easter Sweet Treat & Fun Morning - 19th April Join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 19th April for a morning of Easter fun! Cash would be preferable. Donut Sale £1, Easter Sweet Treat Bags £1, Teddy Bear Tombola £1 Nearly New Book Sale £1, Design Your Own Easter Bonnet/Hat Bring the whole family along and celebrate together – we look forward to seeing you there!

Strictly Minuets presents - 'My Fair Lady' Saturday 9th May. 6.30pm - 9.30pm in Alexander House. £15 for a ticket to the Ascot Races. Ticket includes a light meal and a non-alcohol special MFL cocktail. Please bring cash or card to enjoy many exciting themed activities. It is all for a good cause! Costumes encouraged: black and white, big hats for Ascot Races. Dancing pumps for The Embassy Ball. Dances will be called. 🎵 get me to the church on time! 🎵 To reserve your place contact : dymphna.subash@gmail.com

Céad Míle Fáilte - Heartfelt thanks to all who made the St Patrick's Day event at Margaret's home such a warm and joyful occasion. Thank you too for all your generous donations of £356.50.

Thank you for those who supported our cake sale last Sunday which raised £91.70

VEILING OF IMAGES DURING PASSIONTIDE

These last two weeks of Lent are known as 'Passiontide' and the images in the churches are covered with a purple veiling. Purple is the penitential colour of the Church's liturgical life. But what is the meaning of veiling images during this time?

This custom has several meanings stretching back to at least the 5th Century. The Crucifix is covered with a mournful veil. The sole object of meditation during these days will be the Passion and death of Christ. "Heaven of the Holy Church becomes sad and sombre. At the centre of the liturgy stands the Holy Cross of the crucified one, in whose honour hymns of penance and mercy are sung." The images of the Saints are covered, for the Church does not want to distract its gaze with beautiful sculptures or with the splendours of art.

The crucifix is veiled until the Good Friday, when the Passion of the Lord is celebrated. Specifically, until the moment in which the priest proclaims three times, while uncovering the Cross: "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the Salvation of the world." This ceremony, and the prayer itself, would not make sense if the crucifix had not been previously veiled. The rest of the images remain veiled until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. These are days of mourning and the Church is covered with the veil of widowhood. The time of Passion is consecrated in a special way to the remembrance of the sufferings of Christ which obtained for us our salvation. When we see the empty and bereft church, we are invited also to think what happens in the Church when Christ is not there. If Jesus had not risen, our faith would be in vain, and the images in the church would have no meaning. This old custom of veiling religious images is intended to help us focus on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is only possible through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross.

THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS - This popular annual event will take place at St George's Cathedral on July 11 at 3pm. Couples celebrating special anniversaries this year - their first, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later anniversary - are invited to apply for places. They will then receive a personal invitation to the Mass from the Archbishop and have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows. Apply to: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

THANK YOU for your wonderful support for our concert 'Glad Day' which raised £585.70 for SPUC. Many thanks also to Guy Pearson, Margaret Nicholson and Michael Bevan for a delightful evening of music.

THANK YOU - to Dr. Janet Croggon for running the splendid Lenten scripture course on St. Matthew which concluded last Wednesday evening.

CARDS – There are Easter cards available in the card rack in the hall.

Of Your Charity,

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of

Brian Towler

His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 27th March at 12noon.

John Moysey

His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 24th April at 12noon

May They Rest In Peace