



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 29th March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

Monday 30th March

10.00am

Tuesday 31st March

10.00am

Wednesday 1st April

12noon

(Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral 11.30am)

Thursday 2nd April

8.00pm

Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight (Compline at 11.45pm)

Friday 3rd April

10.00am

3.00pm

6.00pm

Saturday 4th April

9.30am

10.30am - 11.30am

7.30pm

Sunday 5th April

9.30am

11.30am

(No 5.00pm Mass, Benediction or afternoon confessions)

Monday 6th April

10.00am

Tuesday 7th April

10.00am

Wednesday 8th April

12noon

Thursday 9th April

10.00am

(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

Friday 10th April

10.00am

Saturday 11th April

10.00am

Sunday 12th April

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

(No Rosary and Benediction)

Palm Sunday - (A)

Missa Pro Populo

Con O'Donovan RIP

Dympna Brennan RIP

Monday in Holy Week

Louise Goddard (Birthday)

Tuesday in Holy Week

Sylvia Dainty RIP

Spy Wednesday

Padraig Kennedy RIP

Maundy Thursday

Vocations to the Priesthood

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross for children

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the relic of the True Cross

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer

Confessions

Solemn Easter Vigil - Alexander Raphael RIP

Easter Sunday - (A)

Missa Pro Populo

Carlo D'Ubaldo RIP

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Janine Goddard (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Nanay (Mercy) Galego RIP

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

The Holy Souls

Thursday in the Octave of Easter (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Birgitta Ezechiel RIP

Friday in the Octave of Easter

All unborn children and expectant mothers

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Ivan Flanagan RIP

Low Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday - (A)

Missa Pro Populo

Con O'Donovan RIP

Dympna Brennan RIP



LENTEN PROJECT 2026

This year the Parish is 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.

This evening

The Holy Shroud of Turin – at 6.30pm 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.

Other forthcoming events in aid of the Project

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

Thank you for £812.03 that raised in the retiring collection last week. Thank you also to David Kennedy's for his interesting talk last Sunday on Alexander Raphael - £155.00 was raised. We have also received £500.00 in separate donations. **Total raised to date £1550.23**

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

*Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Your offering at Easter is your personal gift to the Parish Priest Fr. Michael.
Thank you for your generosity.*

In the actions of today's liturgy, the Church displays a rich symbolism. The procession at the start of Mass is more than a mere memory; for in it we are actually accompanying Christ *here and now*. How is that true? Because Christ is present in three ways; firstly, in mere symbol, on the Cross which heads the procession; secondly, in His representative the priest; thirdly, in all of us as a community gathered together in His name. We are the Church of this place; and Christ, according to His promise, is in the midst of us.

But also, this procession looks to the future. Christ, in His redemptive work, passed from this world into heaven, which is called the New Jerusalem. If the church stands for the earthly Jerusalem of old, it stands also for the New Jerusalem of heaven. When Christ comes again at the end of the world, He will lead our risen bodies, now joined to their souls, into heaven. And so, as we enter now with Christ's representative, the priest, we should think of the day when we hope to enter heaven itself with Christ our King. Our procession is a kind of rehearsal, in a symbolic way, of our final Passover on the Last Day. Looking to the past, Christ and His followers entered Jerusalem, just as we now enter the church. But why did He go to Jerusalem? Was it to be crowned there as King? No, He went there to suffer and die for our sakes, and to win through all His terrible passion and death to His resurrection. Our salvation depends on following Him; we must die with Him if ever we are to rise with Him. And therefore in the prayer of the Mass, which the priest lays before God as our spokesman, we ask that "with the lesson of His endurance before us, we may be found worthy to have fellowship in His resurrection." How earnestly we should add our *Amen* to that prayer.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday Rosary and Benediction resumes on 19th April, Thursday Exposition resumes on 16th April

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

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)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – SUNDAY 12TH APRIL. There will be Divine Mercy Devotions at St Catherine's Church, Chessington at 3.00pm (Please note there will not be Divine Mercy Devotions here at St. Raphael's this year.)

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of

John Moysey

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

Peter Bevan

His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 27th April at 12noon

May They Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory