



St. Raphael's Church

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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 on
Monday this week

Monday 9th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Mabel Ezechiel RIP

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

Tuesday 10th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Dora Weller RIP

Wednesday 11th March

12noon

Lenten Feria

Anna Brown RIP

Thursday 12th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

The Holy Souls

12noon

Requiem Mass for Mary McCarthy RIP

Friday 13th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

The Holy Souls

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 14th March

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Jill Taylor

Preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.30am.

Sunday 15th March

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

The 4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday(A)

Joan & Charles Pereira RIP

Liam & Nicole Goddard

Missa Pro Populo

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Monday this week - 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 - Next Sunday, 15th March 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

RCIA – Saturdays 10.30am

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

In today's gospel, we hear of the Samaritan woman, she went to a well which was deep, but limited, whereas unlimited was her thirst for happiness and love. The woman, the late Pope Benedict said, "represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what they seek". How often do we seek the infinite, the eternal and our well-being, but seek it in a well. Many wells are deep but empty and many are full of stagnant water – how many of these have we met on our way! We carry within us immense desires and easily deceive ourselves that we can meet them.

On our path of conversion, what a great grace it is to find the Lord Jesus waiting patiently for us beside our wells. When, like the Samaritan woman, we are tired of the things of this world, of almost empty wells, then the Divine Master is especially close to us. He asks us to give him something to drink, he asks us to trust Him to satiate our heart and if we trust in Him we discover the joy of finding the true well, the source of crystal-clear water.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, with wisdom typical of saints, explained why we should give ourselves to God: "Why should we give ourselves completely to God? Because God has given Himself to us. If God who owes us nothing is ready to give us nothing less than Himself, can we respond with only a small part of ourselves? Giving ourselves totally to God is a way of receiving God. I am for God and God is for me. I live for God and renounce myself, in this way I allow God to live for me. To possess God we must allow Him to possess our souls."

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 on Sunday 22nd and we will have a collection on that day.

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.

Events arranged so far in aid of the project -
Cake Sale - after the morning Masses next Sunday – next Sunday is Mother's Day, so why not buy a cake for your mother!

Céad Míle Fáilte - All are welcome to celebrate St Patrick's Day at Margaret's home, 40 Fassett Road, for Irish coffee & homemade Irish treats on Sunday 15th March from 11am till 2pm.

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

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!

ST RAPHAEL'S LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP Our Course on St. Matthew, led by our parishioner Dr. Janet Croggon, continues for the next two Wednesdays - 11th and 18th March at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in the hall.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP - for our children between 1st Communion and Confirmation will be meeting next Sunday, March 15th, 10:30am in the Library. We will be having a special session making gifts for Mother's Day so please could you let me know if your child is planning to attend, please email dymphna.subash@gmail.com

CHURCH LIGHTING - Work should complete to upgrade the lighting system in the Church on Friday.

LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – Fr. Michael has received a letter of thanks from the Catholic Children's Society thanking us for the £292.38 that was raised by the parish over Christmas.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21 to 28 August - A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers. For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

EASTER FLOWERS – There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday to pay for Easter Flowers.

21st MARCH - MEN'S CURRY EVENING - To mark the feast of St Joseph, all men of the parish are invited to join us for a curry in the hall. We will meet first at 6.30pm in the church to pray the Stations of the Cross. Please email Michael.J.Nicholson@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to attend so that we can order appropriately. The cost will be £20 each.

THANK YOU - To all those who helped polish our votive candle stands. They look beautiful.

CARDS – There are Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter cards available in the card rack in the hall.

Congratulations to Gerry O'Sullivan who is celebrating his 80th Birthday this weekend Many Happy Returns!

Of Your Charity,
Please pray for the repose of the Soul of
John Moysey
Who died recently. Details of his funeral to follow
May He Rest In Peace