



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 10th May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 11th May

10.00am

Tuesday 12th May

10.00am

Wednesday 13th May

12noon

Thursday 14th May

10.00am

7.30pm

(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today).

Friday 15th May

10.00am

Saturday 16th May

11.00am

Sunday 17th May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide – (A)

Robert (Bertie) Rice RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Peter Bevan RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria in Eastertide

Ada Freeman RIP

St. Pancras

The Hon. Captain George Stevens RIP

Our Lady of Fatima

Malcolm Harrison RIP

The Accession of the Lord

Jacob Ezechiel RIP

Missa Pro Populo

St. John Stone

Mark Dixon

St. Simon Stock

First Holy Communion Mass

The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide – (A)

Julian Hutt RIP

Jimmy Russell RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Changes this week

Thursday is the feast of the Ascension. It is a Holy Day of Obligation when we are bound to hear Mass. There will be 2 Masses that day at 10.00am and 7.30pm. Please note there will not be a Latin Mass or Exposition this week.

On **Saturday** the Parish will be celebrating our First Holy Communion Mass at 11.00am. Please note there will no Mass at 10.00am and no Confessions or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that morning.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm

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.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Next Sunday, 17th May following the 9.30am Mass. 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.



On Thursday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendour and beauty. In his ascension,

Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe." Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation; Masses will be celebrated at 10.00am and 7.30pm

CELEBRATE YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY -

The popular annual Marriage Mass will take place at St George's Cathedral on 11th July 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

ROSARY FOR LIFE - Archbishop John is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife.

Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Our Annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place on Sunday 31st May at 3.30pm. On Sunday 7th June we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. We will have our parish procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11.30am Mass, which will be led by our First Holy Communion Children, this will be followed by a Parish Lunch to which all are invited.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS - Our Catholic Mothers group will resume in September. If interested in joining us for fellowship and prayer, please contact Hannah on catholicmotherssurbiton@gmail.com

MANY THANKS – Very many thanks to Janet and Teresa who for many years have arranged the beautiful flower arrangements in our church. They have now decided to step down from this roll. If anyone would like to take up the responsibility, please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

ST. JOSEPH'S – OUR PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL – A link to the latest school newsletter can be found here <https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-josephs-surrey/UploadedDocument/4bb815bb-ca1f-4bce-8846-5588b73d6047/april-2026-newsletKMS50ter.pdf>

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY and there is a 2nd collection. This supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – On Saturday 12 children from the parish will make their First Holy Communion. Please say a special prayer for them on that day. Please note there will be no 10.00am Mass, no Confessions or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that day.

THE TYBURN MARTYRS WALK will take place on Sunday May 17th. We will meet at 1.30pm in the churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road) and will walk to the site of Tyburn gallows, honouring the martyrs who met their deaths there in the 16th and 17th centuries. We will finish with Benediction and Tea at Tyburn Convent. To help with arrangements, please let the organisers know that you are coming: info@tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk
More information: www.catholichistorywalks.com