



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 17th May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 18th May

10.00am

Tuesday 19th May

10.00am

Wednesday 20th May

12noon

Thursday 21st May

10.00am

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

Friday 22nd May

10.00am

Saturday 23rd May

10.00am

Followed at 10.45am by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary during confessions

Sunday 24th May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide - (A)

Julian Hutt RIP

Jimmy Russell RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Feria in Eastertide

Veron Freeman RIP

St. Dunstan

Jannet Hammerton Fraser and her deceased relatives

Feria in Eastertide

Dorothy Ann Neil RIP

Feria in Eastertide (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Jimmy Russell RIP

Feria in Eastertide

Robert Lau RIP

Feria in Eastertide

Brian Towler RIP

Pentecost Sunday - (A)

Augustine De Menezes and Family

Missa Pro Populo

Peter and Mary Bevan RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm

Thursday - Exposition after the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

Saturday - Exposition and Rosary during confessions.

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 - today, 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. Saturdays- 10.45am - 11.15am.

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Tuesday 26th May

On this 7th Sunday of Eastertide, we are in the precious time between the Ascension and Pentecost. Before ascending to heaven, Jesus had told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem. “Stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high”. “And while staying with them, he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father”, that is, the coming of the Holy Spirit - Stay there, wait there. And so they do. They stay, they wait, and together in the Upper Room, with Mary, the mother of Jesus, they persevere in prayer. And at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes. “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place” (Acts 2:1), that is in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. A strong wind was heard, tongues of fire appeared, “and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4) and the universal mission of the Church began.

I've always been struck by this ‘staying in Jerusalem’. It has two meanings. The obvious one is the literal one. It was a practical directive. The disciples mustn’t scatter, but stick together, be in one place, of one mind, all engaged in prayer. ‘Stay in Jerusalem’, the holy city, the geographical centre of God’s plan for the world, the place where Jesus died and was buried and rose again. As we know the Gospel and the Church were meant for the whole world, and in time most of the disciples would head out from Jerusalem into the wider world. We too are called to go out into life and take our faith with us, into every corner of our life, into every relationship and activity. But at the same time, we’re still called to ‘Stay in Jerusalem’.

The second, spiritual meaning is that we must stay with the apostles and Mary and our fellow disciples, stay and wait and pray for the Holy Spirit. In the Bible, Jerusalem is thought of as the place where God placed his name: his presence, his reality, his revelation, his word. We need to stay in that sphere of God’s Name, keep believing in his Love and in that faith and wait for the Holy Spirit to complete God’s love within us.

‘Stay in Jerusalem’. The command is still valid. The more we think of it, the more it opens out, the more it’s a light for our lives. Stay true to the Name, stay in faith. Believe in the Father’s love. Stay in the communion of the Church around the successors of Peter and the Apostles. Stay in the grace of baptism, the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Stay close to the Eucharist, the presence of the living Christ, his Body now our Jerusalem. Persevere in prayer with Mary and the saints. ‘Stay in Jerusalem’.

Bishop Abbot Hugh Gilbert

CONGRATULATIONS – to the 12 children from the parish who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. A special word of thanks to Blossom, their catechist and all who helped in the preparation of the children and the First Holy Communion Mass.

THE WINTERSHALL LIFE OF CHRIST – 16th - 20th June. The Story of Jesus, Brought to Life. Discover the wonder of Jesus’ life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It’s the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Tickets can be booked at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/>

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

SCOTT HAHN AT ST GEORGE’S CATHEDRAL - World-renowned Scripture scholar Dr Scott Hahn will speak at St George’s Cathedral, delivering two presentations. One on the Eucharist (Road to Emmaus: Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement) and the other on the Lord’s Prayer (Understanding Our Father: Reflections on the Lord’s Prayer). This exciting event is taking place from 6pm-10pm on Thursday 28 May, with tickets priced at £20. Apply to: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

**Our 2026 Lenten Project –
Kingston Churches Action Homelessness**

Thank you to everyone who helped arrange and supported our ‘My fair Lady’ dance last Saturday. This raised an amazing £1,368.00. This bring our grand total for the project to £4,065.54, which is the largest sum raised for many years!

Cake Sale	£121.70
St. Patrick’s Day celebration	£361.50
Alexander Raphael Talk	£155.00
2nd Collection	£812.03
Donations	£125.00
Turin shroud	£132.81
Donations CAF	£400.00
Wednesday Tea	£114.50
Book Club	£100.00
Quiz	£300.00
Easter Treats	£ 75.00
My Fair Lady	£1,368.00
Total	£4,065.54

Many thanks to all who arranged and supported events. A cheque will sent off to the charity shortly.

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.