



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 24th May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Pentecost Sunday - (A)

Augustine De Menezes and Family

Missa Pro Populo

Peter and Mary Bevan RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(The end of the Easter Season – the 8th week in Ordinary Time year 2)

Monday 25th May

10.00am

Mary Mother of the Church

Geoffrey McGuire - welfare

Tuesday 26th May

10.00am

St. Philip Neri

Subash de Menezes

Wednesday 27th May

12noon

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Catherine Curtin's intentions

Thursday 28th May

10.00am

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

Annie Groves RIP

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

Friday 29th May

10.00am

Pope St. Paul VI

Anne Piddock RIP

Saturday 30th May

10.00am

Our Lady

Peter Beven RIP

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

Sunday 31st May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

The Most Holy Trinity- (A)

Donald D'Souza RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Zenobia & Jan Reviako RIP

3.30pm May Procession in honour of Our Lady



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm (replaced this week with the May Procession at 3.30pm)

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 - Sunday 21st June, 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.

Today, we celebrate the most glorious Solemnity of Pentecost, when the gift of the Holy Spirit, which was promised by God the Father and his Son to Jesus, was poured out on the Apostles, the disciples and Our lady.

In the years and centuries ahead, the Holy Spirit continued to form the Church. The Apostles were inspired to write what is today the New Testament so that future believers would have first hand accounts of the Gospel. From there, the successors to the Apostles, in union with the successor of Saint Peter, helped to form the Sacred Tradition, which is the ongoing deepening revelation of the Word of God to address new questions that arose. Jesus' promise to Peter and his successors that He would give to him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, so that he and his successors could bind and loose on earth as it is in Heaven, evolved and helped the Church to mature. The Holy Spirit enabled the growing communities to continue to take nourishment through the Sacraments. The believers were empowered to pray and to enter into a personal relationship with Him Who rose and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. Other believers were filled with charisms needed to build up the Church. The Gospel continued to be preached to the ends of the earth, and the people of God were drawn into lives of profound holiness and union with God. This is all effected by the Gift of the Holy Spirit first given at Pentecost and continually given today.

From Pope Leo's Pentecost homily 2025

"The Spirit breaks down barriers and tears down the walls of indifference and hatred because he "teaches us all things" and "reminds us of Jesus' words" (cf. Jn 14:26). He teaches us, reminds us, and writes in our hearts before all else the commandment of love that the Lord has made the centre and summit of everything. Where there is love, there is no room for prejudice, for "security" zones separating us from our neighbours, for the exclusionary mindset that, tragically, we now see emerging also in political nationalisms.

It was on the feast of Pentecost that Pope Francis observed: "In our world today, there is so much discord, such great division. We are all 'connected', yet find ourselves disconnected from one another, anesthetized by indifference and overwhelmed by solitude" (Homily, 28 May 2023). The wars plaguing our world are a tragic sign of this. Let us invoke the Spirit of love and peace, that he may open borders, break down walls, dispel hatred and help us to live as children of our one Father who is in heaven.

Brothers and sisters, Pentecost renews the Church and the world! May the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us and within us, open the borders of our hearts, grant us the grace of encounter with God, enlarge the horizons of our love and sustain our efforts to build a world in which peace reigns. May Mary Most Holy, Woman of Pentecost, Virgin visited by the Spirit, Mother full of grace, accompany us and intercede for us."

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

SCHOOL TRANSPORT DRIVER - Marymount International School London, an independent day and boarding school for girls, with Catholic ethos is seeking a School Transport driver. This is a term-time only position to cover an existing local route.

For more details, please call 0208 949 0571.

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. The tickets are expected to sell-out fast, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Apply to: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Our Annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place next 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.

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Tuesday