



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 3rd May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 4th May

10.00am

Tuesday 5th May

10.00am

Wednesday 6th May

12noon

Thursday 7th 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 8th May

10.00am

Saturday 9th May

10.00am

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

Sunday 10th May

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide – (A)

Albert Castelino RIP

Thomas Butterly RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The English Martyrs

Anna Saudelli RIP

Feria in Eastertide

Christine Quernel's intentions

St. John Paine

All living and deceased members of the Curtin family

Feria in Eastertide (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Jannett Hamerton Fraser and deceased relatives

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

Feria in Eastertide

Minia Cawley RIP

Feria in Eastertide

Peter Gallagher RIP

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

The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide – (A)

Robert (Bertie) Rice RIP

Missa Pro Populo 5.00pm

Peter 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 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday, 10.30am in Alexander House.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - 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. Saturdays- 10.45am - 11.15am.

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.

We have one final event in the parish in support of the project.

Strictly Minuets presents - 'My Fair Lady' This 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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – today is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Our Annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place on Sunday 31st May at 3.30pm

PLEASE SPONSOR THEM - Zenaid and Helen from the choir are walking Lymphoma Action's 8 London Bridges Walk in June. If you would like to sponsor them; please see the link here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/zenaid-richards-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched Or speak to them at the 9.30am Mass or speak to Michael in the Parish Office, thank you

THANK YOU for £435.53 that was collected for the Priest's Training Fund Last week. There is a 2nd collection next Sunday for World Communications



This coming Friday marks the first anniversary of the election of Our Holy Father Pope Leo

Let us pray for Leo XIV, our Pope.

May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Leo XIV, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading today's Gospel, we may well wonder at the slowness of the Apostles in seeing in Christ nothing more than a man—a great man, a man with power from God, yes, but still a mere man. That He was the Messiah, they were convinced, but their idea of the Messiah was wrong. They thought He would free Israel from foreign domination and set up a new kingdom of God—a prosperous, earthly kingdom with God guaranteeing peace and plenty for all. If, therefore, He allowed His enemies to put Him to death, all their hopes would be dashed to the ground. Hence, the mention of His impending death at the Last Supper filled them with dismay and despair.

But we must not judge them too harshly. Christ had indeed often claimed to be God, but His words fell on deaf ears. It was only after His resurrection that they began to understand that He had spoken literally—it was only then they believed He was indeed the Son of God, in human nature.

For us today, the Incarnation is still a mystery, but it is not the "how" that should trouble us, we know that with God all things are possible. It is rather the "why" that should cause us amazement. Why should God go to that length for our sake — mere creatures, and sinful, ungrateful creatures at that? The infinite goodness and the infinite love of God are the answer, but still an answer which is mysterious to us. For we, with our limited capacity for love, can form no idea of infinite love.