



# St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church & Chaplaincy to Kingston University

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## 19th April 2015 The 3rd Sunday of Eastertide (B) psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo

11.30am Sung Mass The O'Sullivan family

5.00pm Quiet Mass John Philbin

**No Rosary & Benediction Today**

Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Feria in Eastertide
10.00am	Ethel Maria Shore RIP
Tue. 21 <sup>st</sup> April	St. Anselm
10.00am	Jim Mulloy
Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Feria in Eastertide
12.00 noon	David Gardiner RIP
Thu. 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St. George
10.00am	Rev. Timothy Fitzpatrick RIP
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)	
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Feria in Eastertide
10.00am	The deceased members of the Divine Innocence
12.30pm	Requiem Mass - John Finbar Rice RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Mark
10.00am	Brendan Kinsella RIP

## 26th April 2015 The 4th Sunday of Eastertide (B) psalter week IV

9.30am Family Mass

Nicola Regan

11.30am Sung Mass

Pro Populo

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Noreen Downey RIP

**No Rosary & Benediction**

## Parish Diary This Week

### TUESDAY

**Church Cleaning**

After the 10.00am Mass

**No Parish Priest Surgery**

(Resumes 5<sup>th</sup> May)

### WEDNESDAY

**Parent & Children's Group**

9.30am - 11.00am

Alexander House

**Confirmation**

7.00pm

The Upper Room

### THURSDAY

**No Exposition of the Blessed**

**Sacrament today**

(Resumes 14<sup>th</sup> May)

### SATURDAY

**Confessions.**

10.30am - 11.00am

**1st Holy Communion Classes**

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Alexander House

### SUNDAY

**Children's Liturgy**

during 9.30am Mass

**Tea & Coffee in Alexander**

**House after the morning**

**Masses**



If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before the Blessed Sacrament either for yourself, a loved one or for a special intention please contact either the Parish Office or a sacristan.

The recommended donation is £5. The lamps this week are burning for

**Ena O'Sullivan RIP**



We remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish.

We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Resumes on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Thursday

Exposition resumes on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£560.84 loose & £249.50 Gift Aid = £810.34

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today for the upkeep of St. George's Cathedral

Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander

House after the morning Masses on

Sunday. Please join us and say hello!



### WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Claire, Roland & Caroline who were all baptised here recently. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.



### The Rosary is recited daily

Monday - Saturday before Mass

### Confessions

**Sundays -**

9.00am - 9.20am

11.00am - 11.20am

4.30pm - 4.50pm

**Saturdays -**

10.30am - 11.00am

And at other times by reasonable request.



### St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

**HOSPITAL:** If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Eze. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

### LENT 2015

**OUR LENTEN CHARITY PROJECT THIS YEAR**

**"GRIEF TO GRACE" - Healing the Wounds of Abuse**

Our total raised so far is £3,134.69. Please hand in any of Collection Boxes today to the Sacristy.



On Thursday we celebrate the feast of our national patron St. George. Images of him usually show him killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful lady. The dragon represents wickedness. The lady represents God's holy truth. St. George was a brave martyr who was victorious over the devil.

He was a soldier in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian and he was one of the Emperor's favourites. Diocletian was a pagan and a bitter enemy to the Christians who he persecuted ruthlessly. George was a Christian soldier who without fear went to the Emperor and challenged him for his cruelty and then gave up his position in the army. For this he was tortured and finally beheaded.

So boldly daring and so cheerful was St. George in declaring his Faith and in dying for it, that Christians felt courage when they heard about it. Many songs and poems were written about him and soldiers, especially, have always been devoted to him.

We all have some "dragon" we have to conquer. It might be pride, anger, laziness, greediness, or something else. Let us make sure we fight against these "dragons", with God's help. Then we can call ourselves real soldiers of Christ.

#### **SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE**

Will be holding the annual Summer Youth Day on the 20th June at Aylesford Priory, from 10am—7pm. The day costs £10.00 per person and is aimed at those aged 11 – 16.

For more information or to book tel. 01227 272900 or email [jean@scys.org.uk](mailto:jean@scys.org.uk)

#### **OUR PARISH REPOSITORY**

We have some lovely 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Gifts and cards for sale in our Repository together with Mass and other cards for various occasions.

#### **'FAMILY LIFE INTERNATIONAL' CONFERENCE SATURDAY 2ND MAY ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

Family Life international is a global partnership of Catholics working to promote and defend the sanctity of Life and the Family. FLI is working on every continent to build strong families and to protect the unborn child, the elderly and the disabled. For more information please visit their website <http://www.flionline.org>

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 21st—28th August. This year is a special year for us in the Archdiocese of Southwark, as Southwark was raised to an "Archdiocese and Metropolitan See" fifty years ago. For details of the pilgrimage, please speak to Canon Perera, the Southwark Pilgrimage Director tel. 020 8399 9550 and see the poster in the porch

#### **Of your Charity, Please pray for the repose of the Souls of**

**John Finbar Rice**

His Requiem Mass will be on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm

**Rosemary McNaught**

Details of her funeral to follow

**Marjorie Collins**

Her Requiem Mass will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 noon

**May they Rest in Peace**

#### **FR. MICHAEL CLIFTON'S FARWELL**

Fr. Michael, who regularly supplied for us in the past and has been a friend to our Parish for many years, is moving to a new home in East Sussex. Fr. Michael will say a farewell Mass on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Bank holiday Monday) at 10.00am. This will be followed by refreshments in the Hall.

#### **TWO IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm**

Our annual procession in honour of Our Lady around the grounds of the Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Feast of Corpus Christie**

Our Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of the 11.30 am Mass.

#### **COMMON OBJECTIONS TO CATHOLICISM**

A series of talks addressing popular objections to and misconceptions about the Catholic faith, and how to answer them 7.30pm at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road SE1 7HR .

Thursday 23rd April -

Mrs Joanna Bogle (writer & blogger)

"The Catholic Church is anti-women and anti-gay"

Thursday 30th April

Mr Sebastian Morello (CCF Advisor)

"Faith and reason are irreconcilable"

Thursday 7th May Dr Mark Nash (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is unbiblical"

Thursday 14th May Fr Ignatius Edet (Merton parish)

"An all-male priesthood is sexist and an anachronism"

Thursday 21st May Ms Marie Mann (CCF Advisor)

"The Catholic Church is stuck in the past"

#### **SYNOD ON THE FAMILY**

Ahead of the forthcoming Ordinary Synod on the Family in October 2015, Pope Francis has asked us all to reflect with 'true spiritual discernment' on the themes relating to marriage and family life that emerged from the extraordinary meeting of bishops held in Rome in October 2014. Please visit <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/> reflect-on-marriage-and-family-2015 for more information

#### **MARRIAGE MOT ENRICHMENT DAY – 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

A day for married couples at Holy Cross School, New Malden from 9.45am to 4.30pm Suggested donation: £25 per couple. For more information

email: [marriage2014@virginmedia.com](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com)

or phone 020 8651 2477

#### **GIFT AID**

If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please collect your new box of envelopes from the back of the Church. If you do not use the weekly envelopes but donate via direct debit, please note there are also some envelopes for you to use for special collections throughout the year.

#### **ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS**

Are you celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, Archbishop Peter invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at St. George's Cathedral. Please speak to Michael in the Parish Office

Or email [philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk) or phone 020 8651 2477 for more information.