



St. Raphael's Church

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29th April 2018 - 5th Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am Family Mass Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Mass with Hymns Emilio & Camella Ferritto RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Maureen Davies
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon. 30th April St. Pius V
10.00am Frank & Mary Kate Lynch RIP
Tue. 1st May St Joseph the Worker
10.00am Eddie Ryan
Wed. 2nd May St Athanasius
12.00 noon Anne Sheridan & Family
Thu. 3rd May S.S. Philip & James
10.00am Jacob Ezechiel RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.
Fri. 4th May The English Martyrs
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
10.00am In reparation for the sin of abortion
Sat. 5th May Our Lady
10.00am Adelaide Brennan

6th May 2018 - 6th Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am Family Mass The Holy Souls
11.30am Mass with Hymns Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Quiet Mass Michael Oliver

**3.00pm Annual Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady
around the grounds of the church.**



If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before the Blessed Sacrament, the lamp on Our Lady's Altar or at St. Anthony's Shrine 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 Sanctuary Lamps this week are burning for
- Margaret & Alcuin Noronha - Blessings*

*The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for
- The sick of the Parish*

*The Lamp at St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for
- In thanksgiving to St. Anthony*

Confessions
Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am
& 4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays
10.30am - 11.00am



The Rosary is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES -
Saturdays 10.30am in Alexander House

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -
During the 9.30am Mass

CONFIRMATION-
The next Confirmation session will be next Sunday (6th May) at 6.00pm

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. Julius, his number is **0208 546 4633**.
If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

GETTING MARRIED -
Please remember that all Catholics must give at least six months notice to get married (whether here at St. Raphael's or anywhere else) This gives time for all the relevant marriage paperwork to be completed and any dispensations that are needed, to be issued. Please contact Fr. Michael before booking any dates.

Thank you for last Sundays collection
£753.86 loose & £348.80 Gift Aid
= £1,102.66

Plus £411.41 for Ecclesiastical Education.
There will be a 2nd collection today for the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral - the mother church of our diocese.

GIFT AID -
There are still a number of unclaimed boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes at the back of the Church - If you have not collected your new set, please do so today.



*Next Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm,
we shall have our Annual
Procession in honour of Our
Blessed Lady around the grounds
of the church. Please make a
special effort to attend.*



St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School
The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP.
T. 020 8546 7178 E. office@stjosephs.rbksch.org
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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.
Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If you are celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th plus – Archbishop Peter would like to invite you to a Mass in celebration of marriage at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday June 16th at 3pm. Please email your name, address, phone number and details of which anniversary you are celebrating, to Michael in the Parish Office. You will then receive a personal invitation from the Archbishop. You can also bring your immediate family. More details from Office for Marriage on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

COFFEE AFTER WEDNESDAY MASS

We hope to resume the much enjoyed coffee, cake and conversation after the 12noon Mass on Wednesdays. Please join us in the hall after Mass on the 9th May. If you would like to help with this, please speak to Angela who is normally at weekday mass.

'MARCH FOR LIFE'

The annual U.K. 'March For Life' will take place in London on the 5th May. Visit marchforlife.co.uk or see the poster in the porch for more information about this important event.

CHURCH DECORATION

Over the last couple of weeks some redecoration has taken place around the church. This has included repainting the whole porch area. Could everyone please ensure that no bicycles, buggies or scooters are left in this area as they damage the paintwork. This is also the principal emergency exit from the church and must be kept clear all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION IN MALLORCA

Self catering self contained accommodation within a private villa in Paguera, Mallorca. Private swimming pool and mature gardens. Less than 10 minutes walk to beaches. ideal for singles, couples, families, groups up to 8. From £20 per person per day (depending on size of party length of stay, and choice of accommodation) 15% will be donated to parish funds. For more information contact John Hackett on 07713 740764

MARY'S MEALS BACKPACKS

Last year we had a very successful backpack appeal for Mary's Meals, packing a total of 70 backpacks. We are doing the same thing again this year, hopefully we will be just as successful. The cost of sponsoring a backpack and its contents is only £20.00. This includes items such as - pencils, pens, notebook, ruler etc. A dress / shorts t-shirt, a towel, soap etc. All basic items that will raise the self esteem of children in third world countries enabling them to attend school where they will receive a daily meal and an education. To find out more about "Mary's Meals" visit their website at www.marysmeals.org. If anyone would like to support this project, please contact Kate by the 10th May on kate.freeman@live.com or 07757 031 310.

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Olga De Navarro who died recently.
Her Requiem Mass will be at
St. Raphael's on Thursday 24th May at 11.15am.*

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Today we hold the annual second collection in aid of the upkeep of St. George's Cathedral.

Following the Catholic Relief Act of 1778 which brought limited freedom to Catholics, a large chapel dedicated to St. George was opened in the London Road Southwark in 1793 and according to tradition it was here that the first High Mass was celebrated in London, outside the chapels of ambassadors, since the time of King James II. On the 2nd June 1780, Lord George Gordon, gathered a large crowd to march on Westminster, to protest against Catholic rights. They became violent and so began a week of burning, plundering and killing in which many Catholic chapels and houses were destroyed. There is a tradition that the high altar of the cathedral stands on the spot where this march began. In 1820 a remarkable priest called Fr. Thomas Doyle came to St. George's and by 1829 his congregation numbered 15,000 and the idea grew in his mind of a new great church, with the dimensions of a long and lofty cathedral. By 1839, enough money had been collected to make a start and a site was purchased for £3,200.

A.W.N. Pugin, the noted Gothic revival architect, was commissioned to design the new church and work began in 1840. The foundation stone was laid on 8th September. The church was solemnly opened by Bishop Wiseman on 4th July 1848. To mark the occasion Blessed Pope Pius IX sent a golden chalice and paten as a gift.

Two years later the pope restored the English hierarchy and St. George's was chosen as the Cathedral Church of the new Diocese of Southwark, which was to cover the whole of Southern England. For the next half-century, until the opening of Westminster Cathedral, St. George's was the centre of Catholic life in London. Thomas Grant was made the first Bishop of Southwark.

Disaster came during the 2nd World War - on 16th April 1941 a bomb set the roof alight and by the following day the Cathedral lay in ruins and was not rebuilt until 1958.

On the 28th May 1982 Pope St. John-Paul II visited the Cathedral and during a service anointed the sick. A large beautiful stained glass window near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel was commissioned to record this historic event. The cathedral is a short walk from Waterloo Station and is open daily from early morning to dusk.



NEW MONTHLY FAITH TALKS

St Raphael's launches a new monthly event: "Theology on Tap". Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall in Alexander House over a glass of wine or other refreshment.

**The first event will be from 6pm-8pm on Sunday 27th
May when Deacon Peter will speak about
'The Role of the Permanent Deacon
in the life of the parish.'**

All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs.

Details of future events will be announced in due course and will aim to be scheduled for the last Sunday in each month. Please save the dates!