



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (C) Divine Mercy Sunday psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass

11.30am Sung Mass

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Reginald Henry Mollentze RIP

Ena & John O'Sullivan RIP

Pro Populo

### 3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am

11.30am

Tue. 5<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am

Thu. 7<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon

Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am

(A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am

The Annunciation of the Lord

Brigitta Ezechial RIP

Requiem Mass for Denis Curtin RIP

St. Vincent Ferrer

Denis Curtin RIP

Feria in Eastertide

Bernard Lang RIP

St. Baptist de la Salle

Mary Bevan RIP

Feria in Eastertide

Theresa Campbell

Our Lady

Keith Roche RIP

**Please note during April, Mass on Wednesdays will be at 10.00am**

## 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (C) psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass

11.30am Sung Mass

5.00pm Quiet Mass

Arrvina Rawal RIP

Pro Populo

Bart Fossey RIP

### 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

*I would like to thank you for the Easter cards and gifts received. I am also grateful for the generous Easter offering that I received.*

*I would especially like to thank all those who helped in any way to make our Easter Ceremonies so moving and prayerful.*

*I have offered Holy Mass for your intentions  
With my prayers*

*Fr. Kevin*

**The Rosary is recited daily**  
Monday - Saturday before Mass  
Sundays at 4.00pm



**1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES**  
Resume on 16<sup>th</sup> April

**PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY**  
Fr. Kevin's Tuesday night surgery will resume on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thank you for the Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places which totalled £296.22**

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



We remember in prayer the sick and housebound of the Parish. We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.



*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 Ena & John O'Sullivan RIP*

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for **Bill Brennan RIP**

The Lamp at St. Anthony's shrine is burning for **A Private Intention**

**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. Julian his number is 8 942 2178. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Kevin.

### ALEXANDER HOUSE RE-DECORATION

Alexander House is being repainted during April. This will mean that there will be no Children's Liturgy, Tea & Coffee or Parent & Toddler group during April and access to the hall will be very restricted. Thank you for your co-operation.

Whilst the work is being carried out the Mass on Wednesdays will be celebrated at the earlier time of 10.00am.

## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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

In the nineteen twenties, a young religious sister in Poland began receiving visions of our Lord who spoke to her about His divine mercy. This young sister, Faustina Kowalska, was commanded by her superiors to write a diary about these visions. Jesus commanded her to tell the world that the second Sunday of Easter – which is today – was to be celebrated as a feast to the Divine Mercy. He told her - “In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish mankind but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart.” He showed her an image of Himself in which rays poured forth from His heart, a red ray for His Precious Blood and a white ray for the cleansing waters of Baptism.

On the Second Sunday of Easter 2000, Pope St. John – Paul canonized Sr. Faustina and proclaimed to the world that “from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.”

By linking the revealed truth about God’s mercy to one of the most solemn Sundays after Easter itself, he showed that the liturgy already proclaimed the divine mercy.

On this day, the Gospel centers on the theme of mercy. It begins with the risen Christ appearing to the apostles on Easter night. Jesus calms his disciples by saying and giving them “Peace.” He shows them the scars of his Passion, his wounded hands and side. His glorified body retains the evidence of his saving work through his suffering, death and resurrection.

He fills them with joy and peace – and again says to them - “Peace.” Then he breathes on them and explains what the divine breathing means with these words, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you retain are retained.” He gives the apostles the power of God’s mercy for the sinner, the gift of forgiving sins from God’s treasury of mercy. God wishes to pour out His abundant mercy upon us. But we have to desire that mercy. We must ask God from the depths of our hearts to pour out His mercy on us. We have to acknowledge that we are in need of His mercy. We have to acknowledge that we are all sinners in His sight. Then, He will pour out His abundant ocean of mercy upon us. Jesus tells us to go to the sacrament of Confession to receive this ocean of grace and mercy. He asks us to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet in order to obtain mercy for others. He asks us to pray for poor sinners so that their hearts might be converted and that they might repent and come back to God and to the Church - so that they would be set free from the slavery of sin and the darkness and misery that accompany it. 3.00pm is the hour of mercy. It is the hour that Jesus died on the Cross out of love for us. Today and every day at 3.00 pm, we are invited to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**We will hold the Divine Mercy Devotions here at St. Raphael’s this afternoon at 3.00pm**

#### OF YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of **Denis Curtin** who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be here on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE.**

#### OUR LENTEN PROJECT 2015

**Lenten project collection boxes** – Please return any out standing Lenten Collection Boxes to the Sacristy or Parish Office by **next week at the latest.**

Thank you to Antoinette for making and selling her handmade rosary bead bags and tote bags which raised £100.00 and to Dinah for organising the Easter Egg Raffle which raised £97.20. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize was won by Angela Combe, the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize was won by Gerry O’Sullivan. The winning ticket for the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was number 68, could the lucky owner please claim their prize from the Parish Office.

#### Totals raised to date

Ash Wednesday Collection	£234.12
Donations	£229.90
Carvery Lunch	£547.32
Mother’s Day Flowers	£125.10
Cake Sale	£176.19
Bingo & Sandwich Lunch	£256.00
Lent Collection Boxes	£240.58
Sponsored Walk	£700.00
Parents & Toddlers	£ 30.00
St. Patrick’s day at Margret Dixon	£400.00
Gift Aid	£104.87
Easter Egg Raffle	£ 97.20
Rosary bead bags and tote bags	£100.00
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£3,241.28</b>

#### VACANCY

The Sacred Heart RC primary school in New Malden is seeking to appoint, from September 2016, an outstanding Catholic leader to the post of Headteacher. Interested candidates can obtain further information and an application form by emailing the Clerk to the Governors, [faye.mcgillian@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:faye.mcgillian@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk). The closing date for applications is 18th April at midday

#### SAINTS OF MERCY

Six post-Easter talks on Thursdays, at the Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR. 7.30pm until 9pm. Entry is free, however, donations welcomed.

7<sup>th</sup> April - St. Damien of Molokai "The Leper Saint" with Bishop Patrick Lynch.

14<sup>th</sup> April - Blessed Teresa of Calcutta "Caring for the Vulnerable" with Rhoslyn Thomas from the SPUC

21<sup>st</sup> April - St. Maria Faustina Kowalska "The Message of Divine Mercy" with Fr Andrzej Gowkielewicz, MIC

28<sup>th</sup> April - Pope St. John Paul II "A Passion for Mercy" with Pierpaolo Finaldi from the CCF

5<sup>th</sup> May - St. Josephine Bakhita "A Life of Fortitude and Mercy" with Cecilia Suarez

12<sup>th</sup> May - St. Padre Pio & St. Leopold Mandic "Saints of the Confessional" with Fr. Martin Mikuskiewicz, OFM Cap

#### GIFT AID BOXES

If you are member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use the weekly envelopes, please collect you new set from the back of the church today. These can be used from the 10<sup>th</sup> April.