



St. Raphael's Church

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10th May 2015 The 6th Sunday of Eastertide (B) psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Sung Mass The Chale Family
5.00pm Quiet Mass Therese Roberts

3pm May Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady

Mon. 11th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Michael Seviour RIP
(We welcome the children from years 3 and 4 of St. Joseph's School to this Mass)
Tue. 12th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Colonel Jacob Ezechiel RIP
Wed. 13th May Our Lady of Fatima
12.00 noon Ellen McCarthy RIP
Thu. 14th May St. Matthias
10.00am Richard (Dick) Hourigan RIP
(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, concluding with Benediction at 12.00 noon)
Fri. 15th May Feria in Eastertide
10.00am Mark Dixon
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 16th May St. Simon Stock
10.00am George Stephens RIP

17th May 2015 The Ascension of the Lord (B) psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass Pro Populo
11.30am Said Mass The Chale Family
(1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass)
5.00pm Quiet Mass Therese Roberts

No Rosary & Benediction

Parish Diary This Week

TUESDAY

Church Cleaning

After the 10.00am Mass

No Parish Priest Surgery or Open Door Prayer Group tonight

WEDNESDAY

Parent & Children's Group

9.30am - 11.00am

Alexander House

Confirmation

7.00pm

The Upper Room

THURSDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.30am - 12.00 noon

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

No Tea & Coffee this Morning

1st Holy Communion Mass

1.30pm

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 Shannon



The Rosary is recited daily Monday - Saturday before Mass



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

We also pray for the medical profession and all carers.

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.

Thank you for last Sunday's Collection

£575.16 loose & £265.50 Gift Aid = £840.66
The standing orders for March totalled £2,087.00

Tea and Coffee is served in Alexander House after the morning Masses on Sunday. Please join us and say hello!



Today
3.00pm - Our annual procession in honour of Our Lady around the grounds of the Church followed by tea & coffee in the Hall. Please make a special effort to attend

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.

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher - Mrs Frances Robertson

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 - 2UP. T. 020 8546 7178

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

'GRIEF TO GRACE' OUR LENTEN PROJECT 2015

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten Project this year. The total sum raised was £4,000.00. Fr. Dominic Allain, the UK Director of 'Grief to Grace', will return to St. Raphael's and offer the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 14th June. At the end of Mass Fr. Kevin will present the cheque to him on behalf of the Parish.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council tonight at 6.00pm in The Library

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 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"

GIFT AID

There are still a number of unclaimed Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the Church. If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme and have not collected your new set, please do so today. 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 DAY FOR CATECHISTS

The annual study day for catechists will take place on Saturday 27th June from 11.00am at St. George's Cathedral. If any of our catechists have not received an application form, please contact Michael in the Parish Office. Could those that have received forms and wish to attend, please return the forms ASAP. Many thanks.

PARISH PRIEST'S SURGERY

There will be no Parish Priest's Surgery this coming Tuesday night. It will resume on the 19th May.

OPEN DOOR PRAYER GROUP

Unfortunately this month's meeting of the Open Door Prayer Group has had to be cancelled this month.

EVENINGS OF FAITH

'CATHOLICISM-HARD QUESTIONS'

Talks hosted by the 'Faith Movement' held in the basement of 24 Golden Square, London

19th May - Why a male priesthood?

Fr. Roger Nesbitt

2nd June - Clerical celibacy - should priests be married?

Fr. Stephen Brown

16th June - The Four Last Things - truth or fiction?

Fr. Philip Miller

30th June - Holy Communion - who can receive and why?

Fr. Tim Finigan

7th July - Is St John Paul relevant to the Family Synod's discernment? Joanna Bogle

FR. MICHAEL CLIFTON

Fr. Michael would like to sincerely thank all those who organised and attended his farewell Mass and reception last week. Especially Sheila and Kate for the catering. He would also like to thank everyone for their cards and gifts.

We wish him all the best for the future and hope he enjoys his well earned retirement in Sussex.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th 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. This will be led by our 1st Holy Communion Children who will then receive their certificates. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall to which all are invited.

OF YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Margaret Rose Rice
who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be here at
St. Raphael's on Friday 22nd May at 12.00 noon.
May She Rest in Peace

ST. MATTHIAS

We read in the Acts of the Apostles that during the days after the Ascension, Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers and said that following Judas's death it was necessary for someone to take his place.

"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us - beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection" (Acts 1:21-22).

They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven.

Matthias is not mentioned by name anywhere else in the New Testament.

What was the holiness of Matthias? Obviously, he was suited for apostleship by the experience of being with Jesus from his baptism to his ascension. He must also have been suited personally, or he would not have been nominated for so great a responsibility. We must remind ourselves that the fundamental holiness of Matthias was his receiving gladly the relationship with the Father offered him by Jesus and completed by the Holy Spirit.

If the apostles are the foundations of our faith by their witness, they must also be reminders if only implicitly, that holiness is entirely a matter of God's giving. It is offered to all, in the everyday circumstances of life.

Some General House Keeping

- Please help keep our Church tidy – return All Hymn Books and Mass sheets to the back of the Church when you leave Mass.
 - Please always accompany all children to the toilets in the hall.
 - Please switch off all mobile phones.
- Thank you for your co-operation



WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY

Agnes & Eva - Louise who were baptised here Last weekend. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.