



# St. Raphael's Church

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## 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am Family Mass Missa Pro Populo  
11.30am Mass with Hymns The Fenner & Jiggins Family  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Michael Oliver

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

Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am Patricia Single RIP  
Tue. 8<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
10.00am Mina Cawley  
Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
12.00 noon Pat McCarthy RIP

A Holy Day of Obligation,  
when Catholics are bound  
to hear Mass

## Thu. 10<sup>th</sup> May - The Ascension of The Lord

10.00am Missa Pro Populo  
7.30pm Jannett Hammerton - Fraser & family RIP

(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> May Feria in Eastertide  
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)  
10.00am George Stephenson RIP  
Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> May Our Lady  
10.00am Eamon Hickey RIP

## 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)

9.30am Family Mass James Powell's welfare  
11.30am Mass with Hymns The Holy Souls  
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

(1.00pm 1st Holy Communion Mass - No Rosary & Benediction Today)

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  
- Peace in Syria

The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for  
- Les - healing

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 today between 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Please bring £2.00 for supper

**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.

**LITTLE CHERUBS** - toddler playgroup on Mondays. Join us in the church hall from 10.30 till 12.00noon We offer loads of fun toys, activities, singing, coffee, tea, snacks and, above all, lots of friendly faces. For all ages from young babies to pre-schoolers. Term time only.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** - The next Parish Baptism Course for those living within the Parish boundary and attending Sunday Mass here, will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am - 12.00noon in Alexander House. Please email the Parish Office to obtain an application form to attend the course.

Thank you for last Sundays collection  
£712.58 loose & £342.00 Gift Aid  
= £1,054.58

Plus £332.41 for the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral - the mother church of our diocese. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next week for World Communications day



## St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary School

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.  
Head teacher - Mrs Sarah Keefe



This 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 this Wednesday. If you would like to help with this, please speak to Angela who is normally at weekday mass.

## 'THE EVANGELIST'

There are some free copies of "The Evangelist" - the magazine of St. John's Seminary, available at the back of the Church, please help yourselves.

## 'THE RESURRECTION NARRATIVES – THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH'

All are welcome to a talk by Fr. Denis McBride CSsR at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Tolworth on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am – 3.00pm

## 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](http://www.marysmeals.org). If anyone would like to support this project, please contact Kate by the 10<sup>th</sup> May on [kate.freeman@live.com](mailto:kate.freeman@live.com) or 07757 031 310.

## IRIS GLOBAL MINISTRY

Local woman, Caroline Sexton, a committed Catholic is serving the Lord as a missionary in Mozambique, as a volunteer in a mission supported by the Iris Global Ministry. Iris is a non-profit organisation which supports vocational training, bible and evangelical work, as well as primary and secondary schools, food banks and medical centres in Africa. To find out more about her work and give your support, please see the poster in the porch or visit [www.gofundme.com/stop-for-the-one-iris-global](http://www.gofundme.com/stop-for-the-one-iris-global).



Congratulations to Hugo, Grace & Sophia who were Baptised recently at St. Raphael's. May the Lord continue the good work he has started.

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Olga De Navarro who died recently.*

*Her Requiem Mass will be here at St. Raphael's on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am*

*May She Rest in Peace*

On Thursday we celebrate the great solemnity of the Ascension. The promise of the Ascension is that since Christ has returned to heaven, we too can share this final destination. When Jesus' disciples witnessed His Transfiguration, they did not leave rejoicing because they were not ready to share in the glory that they had witnessed - they had not witnessed the glory of his Resurrection. However, after the Ascension, we are told that the disciples left rejoicing, because it was only then that they began to realise that what had happened to Jesus was going to happen to them. Thus, our hope in our celebration of the Ascension, is that we too will be raised up with Christ and be glorified with Him and this is certainly a cause for great rejoicing.

**Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are bound to hear Mass.**

**There will be Mass here at 10.00am and 7.30pm.**

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE REUNION OF CHRISTENDOM.

On Friday, in preparation for Pentecost, the church begins nine days of prayer for the reunification of Christendom. You will find some prayer cards in the benches today and at the back of the of the church. Please consider taking one and praying for this important cause.

## VACANCY AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Nursery Nurse required at St. Joseph's Primary School. Hours from 8.30am - 3.30pm – 30 hours a week Term time For further information visit [www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk)

## BEDDING PLANT SALE

There will be a sale of bedding plants at the church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. 10% of all profits will be donated to church funds. Plants include - Ivy Leaf Geraniums, Zonal Geraniums, Calibrachia, Verbena, Felicia, Bacopa Fuchsia and various vegetable plants. More details next week.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, Fr. Julian will celebrate a mass in celebration of the silver jubilee of his ordination to the sacred priesthood. This will be followed by a reception in the garden. Please keep the date free – more details to follow nearer the time.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

QUENCH YOUR SPIRITUAL THIRST

### \*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 27<sup>th</sup> 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!