

# ST. RAPHAEL

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ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME

### 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011, Fourteenth Sunday (A) Psalter week II

9.30am Family Mass Patrick & Agnes Ward RIP

11.30am Sung Mass Denis Sumner RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish

Rosary & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria
10.00am	Kim Donaldson
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria
10.00am	Denis Curtin
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Maria Goretti
10.00am	Francis Findlay RIP
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria
10.00am	John MacDonald RIP
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria
09.00am	Denis Curtin
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Our Lady
10.00am	Katie Ponte

### 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011, Fifteenth Sunday (A) Psalter week III

9.30am Family Mass Paraic Devaney RIP

11.30am Sung Mass The People of the Parish

5.00pm Quite Mass Kathy Sheil

No Rosary & Benediction today

The Restoration of our Stained Glass Windows is in memory of Fr. O' Sullivan, a much loved Parish Priest.

**Amount needed £50,000**

Please consider sponsoring a panel for £20.00, which can be dedicated for a special intention, anniversary or in thanksgiving.

**Amount raised £37,843.91**

### Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am

11.00am - 11.20am

4.30pm - 4.50pm

### Saturdays

10.30am - 11.00am

### Thursday

10.40am - 11.45am

(when there is exposition)

**Thank you** for Last Sunday's Collection:  
£497.06 loose + £176.92 Gift Aid = £673.98

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: The Parish Office or a sacristan. Recommended donation £5.00

**The Sanctuary Lamps this week are burning for  
David & Ada and Denis & Catherine**

## Weekly Parish Diary

### Monday

9.40am Rosary

10.00am Mass

### Tuesday

9.40am Rosary

10.00am Mass

### Wednesday

9.40am Rosary

10.00am Mass

10.30am Church Cleaning

### Thursday

9.40am Rosary

10.00am Mass

**Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament  
10.30am Concluding with Benediction  
at 12.00 noon. Praying for vocations  
to the Priesthood.

10.45am CaFE Alexander House

### Friday

8.40am Rosary

9.00am Mass

### Saturday

9.40am Rosary

10.00am Mass

10.30am Confessions

**Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury**

Friday pm - Sunday pm

### Sunday

9.00am Confessions

9.30am Mass

**Children's Liturgy** during

9.30am Mass in the Library

11.00am Confessions

11.30am Mass

**Tea & Coffee** Alexander House

after 9.30am & 11.30am Mass

12.30pm Baptisms

**No Rosary & Benediction**

4.30pm Confessions

5.00pm Mass



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

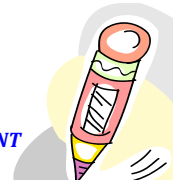
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email - [jsp@rbksch.org](mailto:jsp@rbksch.org) ~ website [www.stjosephsprimary.net](http://www.stjosephsprimary.net)

Children Aged 3-11 ~ Breakfast Club & After School Clubs

**CREATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ~ A CARING & ENCOURAGING CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT**

Mrs. Merryl Roberson ~ Headteacher



## INTERIOR RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH

I am delighted to announce that the next phase in our project of works will shortly commence. I thought that the following timetable might be of interest:

- 25 – 29 July ~ Erecting of scaffolding throughout Church
- 1 – 2 August ~ Removal of East window (over High Altar)
- 3 August ~ Decorating – till the end of October
- Removal of (Lady altar side) clerestory windows
- November – Work on Church floor.

During this period, weekday Mass will be celebrated in Alexander House; Sunday Mass will be in the Church.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS & DECORATING

The interior restoration of the Church will transform the look of St. Raphael's as we bid farewell to the battleship grey introduced in the 1920's! St. Raphael's had two colour schemes prior to the 1920's, both of which will be reintroduced: the nave will follow the original neo-classical scheme; the sanctuary will follow the Victorian scheme - with magnificent stencilling. The cost of the restoration will be £350,000. The parish does have sufficient funds to cover this cost.

During the Second World War the Church, while not being directly hit by bombs, was, nevertheless, affected by the aftershocks. It was these shocks which damaged the East Windows (over the high altar) causing the lead to move and then warp and pieces of the glass to fall. Over time the windows have continued to deteriorate necessitating major restoration. The cost of this work, including the clerestory windows, is £50,000 of which we have raised £37,843.91, leaving another £12,156.09 to raise. These windows are being restored in loving memory of Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan – our much loved and respected former parish priest.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The current stations of the cross were commissioned by Edward Raphael, who inherited the Church and the estate from his uncle Alexander Raphael, and were placed in the Church in September 1866. Over the years they became dirty and the figures obscured. At some point they were cleaned and a sealant painted over the top. Having been painted on copper this has resulted in the sealant sealing in moisture, which has reacted with the copper and turned the figures almost black. I have had the stations examined by specialists who have all independently agreed that there is nothing that can be done to restore them. Obviously we must replace them with something befitting our beautiful Church.

Having now considered all of the various options and taking into account the need to provide something which is both durable and appropriate I have decided to go with the cheapest option, namely the commissioning of a new set of stations by an artist the cost of which will be £1320 per station. The artists brief will be to reproduce our current stations. I do appreciate that this is a lot of money but unfortunately, because it is rare for a Church to need new stations, it is a small market. I have visited Rome and those which could be appropriate, off the shelf, would cost more than commissioning our own set!

What I propose is that after each Sunday Mass, starting from the 17<sup>th</sup> July, we have a second collection each week to help pay for the restoration of the stained glass and the stations of the cross. If anyone would like to sponsor a station in memory of a loved one or in celebration or thanksgiving do please come and see me.

This is a very exciting stage in our building and restoration project. Do please keep the work in your prayers as we strive to manifest our love of God and honour the great Archangel Raphael.

With every blessing,  
*Fr. Vincent Flynn*  
Parish Priest

## ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

I've laced the food with gin and  
in about 10 minutes I'm going to  
go around with a Gift Aid Form...



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm (after the evening Mass)

## RAISING MONEY FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

On Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> July after the 9:30 Mass there will be an English and Continental breakfast served in Alexander House, for a suggested donation of £5, to help a member of the parish raise £570 to go to world youth day. If you would like have an English breakfast after the 9:30 mass it would be greatly appreciated if you could text or phone on 07831597866 or Email at [de\\_menezes@talktalk.net](mailto:de_menezes@talktalk.net) to give an idea of numbers thank you.

## SUMMERTIME 2011 - ALTAR BOYS SUMMER BREAK

This year's 'Summertime 2011' will take place between Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August, at Woldingham in Surrey. This is an opportunity for Altar Servers to meet in a holiday atmosphere. Activities include talks, discussion, prayer and daily Mass, Sport, swimming and a trip to Chessington World of Adventures. The cost of the break is £135.00, for more information please take a leaflet from the back of the Church or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle on 01689 82 26 44 or email [sboyle@clara.net](mailto:sboyle@clara.net)

## SEA SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea.

The Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain, it reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care. It is wholly dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection to support the Apostleship of the Sea. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please use one of the special envelopes at the back of the Church.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE IN WALSINGHAM

There are still some seats available on the coach for the pilgrimage on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July. The cost is £15 per person. To reserve a seat, hand your name and the money into the Sacristy ASAP.

*Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of  
Jozef Thomas Van der Linden RIP who died recently. His  
Requiem Mass will be here at St. Raphael's on Tuesday  
12<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.*