

ST. RAPHAEL

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Weekly Parish Diary

Monday

7.00am **Mass**
7.30am **Lent Breakfast** Hall
9.40am **Rosary**
10.00am **Mass**

Tuesday

9.40am **Rosary**
10.00am **Mass**

Wednesday

9.40am **Rosary**
10.00am **Mass**
10.30am **Church Cleaning**
7.30pm - 8.30pm **Prayer Group** Church

Thursday

9.40am **Rosary**
10.00am **Mass**
10.30am **Exposition**
for vocations to the Priesthood
10.40am **Rosary**
10.40am **Confessions**
12 noon **Benediction**
5.15pm **Confirmation**, Library
7.30pm **RCIA**, Library

Friday

8.40am **Rosary**
9.00am **Mass**
7.30pm **Stations of the Cross**
8.00pm **Exposition**
8.05pm **Confessions**
8.30pm **Benediction**

Saturday

9.40am **Rosary**
10.00am **Mass**
10.30am **1st Communion**, Alexander House
10.30am **Exposition**
11.00am **Benediction**

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**
4.00pm **Stations of the Cross**
& **Benediction**
4.30pm **Confessions**
5.00pm **Mass**

20th March 2011, 2nd Sunday in Lent (A) psalter II

9.30 am Family Mass The People of the Parish
11.30am Sung Mass Michael O'Neill RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Bridget Flynn RIP

Stations of the Cross & Benediction 4pm

Mon 21st March Lenten Feria
7.00am **Sidney Cudmor RIP**
10.00am The deceased members of the Mobley Family
Tue 22nd Lenten Feria
10.00am All past and present members of the Annett Family
Wed 23rd March Lenten Feria
10.00am Dennis Curtain
Thu 24th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Jorge Augusto Eslava RIP
Fri 25th March The Annunciation
09.00am Joan Stevenson RIP
Sat 26th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Paul Howell RIP

LENT
MASS

LENT
STATIONS

27th March 2011, 2nd Sunday in Lent (A) psalter III

9.30 am Family Mass People of the Parish
11.30am Sung Mass Pauline Barry RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass James & Anastasia McDonagh RIP

Stations of the Cross & Benediction 4pm

The Restoration of our Stained Glass Windows is in memory of Fr. Dominic 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 £34,233.85

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:
£832.80 loose + £247.50 Gift Aid = £1,080.30

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 Mandy Daly & Family

*Please support our Lenten Project in aid of Depaul UK
working with homeless young people
throughout the country.*

ALL
ARE
WELCOME



FORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION

THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2011
5.15 pm
ALEXANDER HOUSE

MASS FOR HEALING

WEDNESDAY 30 March 2011
7.30pm ~ 9.30pm

An opportunity to pray for healing for:
ourselves, our family or others.

7.30pm Mass
8.30pm Exposition & prayer
9.30pm Benediction



BREAKFAST AFTER MASS IN LENT



Following the 7am Mass on Monday mornings in Lent, we will be hosting a Continental Breakfast in Alexander House. All Donations go towards the Depaul trust, our Lenten Project .

Quiz night at St. Joseph's School

Friday 1st April 6:30pm – 9pm
St. Joseph's school hall £1 per adult and 50p per child

EASTER VIGIL

Welcome our new Catholics

Saturday 23 April

The Easter vigil is the highpoint of the Church's liturgical year. As well as celebrating Our Lord's victory over death it is also the time when we welcome into the Church Candidates and catechumens. Immediately after the Vigil we will hold a reception in Alexander House to celebrate and welcome the new members to our parish family.

If you have any time to help setting up Alexander House, preparing food or clearing up please contact Dinah Gardiner on: 020 8541 0115.

PARISH COUNCIL

Over the years we have been blessed with very dedicated Parish Councillors all of whom have given so much of themselves not to mention their time and personal resources. I know that the parish would not be in the strong position it is in today if it were not for their dedication. In forming the new Parish Council I have chosen some who have served in the past together with some new faces. I therefore propose the following names to serve for the coming year:

Ann Claude Mills, Sandra Coombs, Joe Bryan, Tom Morrell
Michael Pearce, Subash De Menezes, Mark Hunter,
Catherine Morrell, Dinah Gardiner, Dymrna De Menezes

If for any reason you consider any of those named not to be suitable, do please come and see me.

THE ANNUNCIATION

The central focus of the Annunciation is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity God destined her to be the mother of Jesus. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity. Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God's freely given love. The marvel of Mary, even in the midst of her very ordinary life, is God's shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.

"Enriched from the first instant of her conception with the splendor of an entirely unique holiness, the virgin of Nazareth is hailed by the heralding angel, by divine command, as 'full of grace' (cf. Luke 1:28). To the heavenly messenger she replies: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word' (Luke 1:38). Thus the daughter of Adam, Mary, consenting to the word of God, became the Mother of Jesus. Committing herself wholeheartedly and impeded by no sin to God's saving will, she devoted herself totally, as a handmaid of the Lord, to the person and work of her Son, under and with him, serving the mystery of redemption, by the grace of God"
(Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 56).