

ST. RAPHAEL

Catholic Parish Church

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Weekly Parish Diary

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday – additional Mass at 7.am

Church Cleaning after Mass

Open Door Prayer Group

In the Church
7.30pm – 8.30pm

Thursday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood

10.30am Benediction at 12 noon

RCIA 7.30pm in the Library

Saturday

First Holy Communion Class

Alexander House
10.30am – 12 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.30am -11.00am

Sunday

Tea & Coffee In Alexander House after the 9.30am Mass

Children's Liturgy during 9.30am Mass in the Library

Stations of the Cross & Benediction 4pm

The **Rosary** is prayed daily: Monday to Saturday at 9.40am, except Fridays when it is said at 8.40am. The Rosary is said on Sundays at 4.00pm

6th March 2011, 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) psalter 1

9.30 am Family Mass Ivo Gouveia De Jesus RIP

11.30am Sung Mass Denis Sumner RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish

No Rosary & Benediction today

Mon 7th March SS. Perpetua & Felicity
10.00am Ethel Larkin (welfare)

Tue 8th March St. John of God
10.00am Mabel Ezechiel RIP

Wed 9th March **Ash Wednesday** (*A day of fasting and abstinence*)

07.00am Josie Brown RIP

10.00am Betty Hession

We welcome the children from St. Joseph's School to the 10.00am Mass

Thu 10th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Maria Gibney RIP

Fri 11th March Lenten Feria
09.00am Alice Lawlor RIP

Sat 12th March Lenten Feria
10.00am Harold Reddy RIP

13th March 2011, 1st Sunday in Lent (A) psalter 1

9.30 am Family Mass Gerard Hopea De Jesus RIP

11.30am Sung Mass Ivo Gouveia De Jesus RIP

5.00pm Quiet Mass The People of the Parish

Stations of the Cross & Benediction 4pm

Confessions

Sundays

9.00am – 9.20am

11.00am – 11.20am

4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays

10.30am – 11.00am

Thursday

11.00am – 11.45am

(when there is exposition)

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 £34,167.90

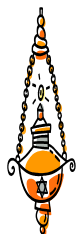
Thank you for Last Sunday's Collection:

£610.45 loose + £362.17 Gift Aid **£972.62 Total**

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
The Collini & Cairoli Families**



MISSION APPEAL

**TODAY WE WELCOME FR. DENIS AV. CARTER SSC
FROM THE COLUMBAN FATHERS WHO WILL MAKE AN APPEAL
AT ALL MASSES**

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ASH WEDNESDAY

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. The use of ashes in a religious context is an ancient symbol of mortality, mourning or penance. In the Old Testament we are told, after Jonah has announced the destruction of Nineveh and the news reaches the king, he rises from his throne, lays aside his robe, puts on sackcloth and sits in ashes. The king then proclaims a fast. Nineveh mourns its sins and does penance (Jonah 3:1-6). Later in foreseeing the destruction to come upon Israel, Jeremiah says, "O daughter of my people, roll in the ashes. Mourn as for an only child with bitter wailing, for sudden upon us comes the destroyer" (6:26). Jeremiah calls Israel to conversion.

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus reproaches Chorazin and Bethsaida saying, "For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes" (11:21).

Originally Christians, used ashes as a sign of private penance but by the 4th Century, in some places the Church had a ritual for the beginning of public penance at the start of Lent. Those who had been guilty of public serious sins like murder, apostasy, heresy or adultery were clothed in a penitential garment and sprinkled with ashes.

The sinner was then expelled and led from the church as Adam had been cast out of Paradise. Later those ending their penance (which could go for years) were received back into the Church on Maundy Thursday. They were led back into the church in procession as part of a rite of reconciliation.

Pope Urban II during the 11th Century recommended the custom of all receiving ashes. Ashes were put on the heads of men and the sign of the cross traced with ashes on the foreheads of women, presumably because their heads were covered. Around this time the special prayer for the blessing of ashes appeared along with the custom of the ash beginning made from the burnt palm branches of the previous year.

There will be an additional Mass on Ash Wednesday at 7.00am.

Please note Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

All Catholics aged between 18 – 60 are obliged to fast and those over the age of 14 refrain eating meat on this day.

THE NEW COUNTERS' ROTA

is available from the Sacristy, please collect your copy today, Thank you.

WALK WITH ME

The Southwark edition for Lent 2011 is now available at the back of the Church. This little booklet contains meditations for each day in Lent. This year they focus on the homily that the Holy Father gave in Westminster Cathedral during his visit to Great Britain. Cost £1.00, please put money in the Newspaper box.

THE CATHOLIC HERALD

Please note the cost of the Catholic Herald has increased to £1.50 from this week.

THE MONASTERY OF OUR LADY AND ST. BERNARD

The Monastery of Our Lady and St. Bernard is a community of Cistercian Sisters, who offer 'A monastic experience weekend' during which people are invited to live and work with them, joining in with the Divine Office and Daily Mass. The community is situated in beautiful countryside near Stroud in Gloucestershire and offers the ideal setting for quite contemplation and prayer. The Sisters also offer a programme of themed liturgical retreat weekends linked to the Church's liturgical year. Leaflets with more information are available at the back of the Church.

MISSION TODAY

There are some free copies of the magazine 'Mission Today' at the back of the Church. Please help yourselves.



REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Please join us after Mass today in Alexander House for Tea & Coffee after the 9.30am Mass.

CONFIRMATION



Formation for those in year nine and above, who would like to prepare for this wonderful sacrament, will begin shortly. Please collect a form today from the sacristy and return it as soon as possible.

Open Door Prayer Group Programme for Lent



March 9 (Ash Wednesday) and March 16

**Reflection on Pope Benedict's Lenten
Message**

**March 23 - Meditation on the Passion
with Music**

**March 30 - Meditation on the Passion
with Music**

**April 6 - Scriptural Rosary –
Sorrowful Mysteries**

**April 13 - Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy
/Meditation on the Passion**