

ST. RAPHAEL

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24th April and 1st May 2011, Easter Sunday (A) 24th April 2011

9.30 am Family Mass	Pope Benedict the XVI - The 6th anniversary of his enthronement
11.30am Sung Mass	The People of the Parish
5.00pm Quiet Mass	The Holy Souls

No Benediction today

Mon 25th April 10.00am	Monday in Octave of Easter Sheila Fitzgerald
Tue 26th April 10.00am	Tuesday in Octave of Easter Peter Sillem
Wed 27th April 10.00am	Wednesday in Octave of Easter Roy Asquith-Christie RIP
Thu 28th April 10.00am	Thursday in Octave of Easter Bridie Toland RIP
Fri 29th April 09.00am	Friday in Octave of Easter Ray & Catherine Ratcliff RIP
Sat 30th April 10.00am	Saturday in Octave of Easter John Swallow



1st May 2011, Divine Mercy / Low Sunday (A)

9.30 am Family Mass	Stephen Fegan RIP
11.30am Sung Mass	Denis Sumner RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass	The People of the Parish

Divine Mercy Devotions 2.45pm

Mon 2nd May 10.00am	St. George, Protector of England William Larkin RIP
Tue 3rd May 10.00am	S.S. Philip and James Col. Jacob Ezechiel RIP
Wed 4th May 10.00am	The English Martyrs The Nary Family
Thu 5th May 10.00am	Feria in Eastertide Rob Gilmour RIP
Fri 6th May 09.00am	Feria in Eastertide In reparation for the sin of abortion
Sat 7th May 10.00am	Saturday in Octave of Easter Paul Howell RIP

8th May 2011, 3rd Sunday of Easter (A) psalter week III

9.30 am Family Mass	Margaret Findley RIP
11.30am Sung Mass	The People of the Parish
5.00pm Quiet Mass	Theresa Roberts & Frances Boyle RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4pm

Confessions Sundays

9.00am - 9.20am
11.00am - 11.20am
4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays
10.30am - 11.00am

The 1st Communion Classes
resume on Saturday 7th May at 10.30am

The R.C.I.A. Group resume on Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm in the Library.

The Confirmation Group 28th April at 5.15pm in Alexander House.

The Open Door Prayer Group resumes on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm in the Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays
Resumes on 19th May

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week beginning the 24th April are burning for

Angeline & Matthew Rodericks RIP.

For the week beginning The 1st May they are burning for

Douglas Poulton

EASTER OFFERING

As a priest does not receive a salary he relies on our generosity. The Easter offering together with the Christmas offering forms the priest's main source of income for the year. The Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. (If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please use the special envelope in your packet of envelopes)

May God who sees all that is done in secret, reward you with equal measure

EASTER MESSAGE

My dear people,

The joy of Easter focuses us on our final destiny. Created in God's image and likeness we, the pilgrim people, journey towards the promised land of heaven. During our pilgrimage God reveals himself and we enter into this divine communion and experience a foretaste of paradise. With our new parish centre now complete and with the grounds slowly being brought back to life we approach the final stage – the interior restoration of the Church - the centre of our community where the divine encounter takes place. I know that we would not have arrived at this stage if it were not for our loved ones, our fellow pilgrims who, having embarked on the journey with us, were, like Moses, called to the Lord before entering the Promised Land. Obediently they went; obediently we remain. What we experience dimly, they bask in radiance.

It is with great joy that we welcome our new pilgrims who this Easter have responded to the divine call and will be anointed by the Holy Spirit. To them, like the pilgrims who have gone before, much is entrusted. As we pray for [Nathalie, Mahendree, Sarah and Sheila](#), they can be assured that our prayers are echoed by the Saints in Heaven who, together with the angelic host, rejoice around the throne of the Lamb and the victory won by His cross.

Wishing you and your loved ones every blessing,

Fr. Vincent

Parish Priest

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and we will have the Divine Mercy Devotions. These will begin at 2.45pm. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will then recite The Divine Mercy Prayer & Chaplet. There will be Confessions Rosary & Benediction and the service should conclude at about 4pm.

On this day in Rome Pope Benedict will beatify his predecessor Pope John Paul.

In January amidst a cheering crowd during the Angelus, Pope Benedict spoke about the coming beatification of John Paul II: "On 1 May I will have the joy of proclaiming the Venerable Pope John Paul II, my predecessor, as a blessed. The date chosen is very significant because it will, in fact, be the second Sunday of Easter which he himself dedicated to Divine Mercy and on the eve of which his earthly life came to an end." He went on to say that this beatification is a source of personal joy to him and to all those who knew John Paul II. "Those who knew him, those who respected and loved him cannot but share in the Church's joy at this event."

The beatification of John Paul II will be a historic event, in the last ten centuries no pope has beatified his predecessor. Throughout history 78 popes have been named saints and only 10 are blessed.

LENTEN PROJECT BOXES

Please return your Lenten Project Boxes to the Church next Sunday, they can either be handed to the Welcomers or Sacristans or The Parish Office.

MASS IN SUPPORT OF MIGRANT WORKERS

This annual mass, which will be concelebrated by Archbishops Peter Smith, Vincent Nicholas and Bishop Thomas McMahon, will take place on Monday 2nd May, in honour of St. Joseph the Worker, at St. George's Cathedral Southwark at 11.am. Please see the poster in the Church porch for details.

LADIES' COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF OUR LENTEN PROJECT

A huge thank you to all those who helped and supported the Ladies' Coffee Morning on the 14th April. A splendid sum of £200.00 was collected as result of your generosity.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

Thank you to Subash and Dymphna for organising the early morning breakfasts during Lent after our Monday Morning 7am Mass. £244.81 was raised for our Lenten Project .

WOMEN'S GROUP RE LAUNCH

If you are interested in coming to the 'Women's Group' please meet in the Library at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th May.

The meetings are very informal so do come along. We will be discussing a calendar of events. See you there!

For more information contact Dinah Gardiner on telephone 020 8 541 0115.