



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 26th September - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Hilda Barlow RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm The deceased members of the Pearce & Brennan families
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 27 th September	St. Vincent de Paul
10.00am	Fr. Peter Ryan (Parish Priest of St. Raphael's from 1914- 1930)
12.00pm	Requiem Mass for Angela Sweeney RIP
Tuesday 28 th September	The Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Raphael's Church
10.00am	All deceased worshippers of this parish
Wednesday 29 th September	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
12.00noon	Alexander Raphael RIP
Thursday 30 th September	St. Jerome
10.00am	Rosa & Henry McGarry RIP (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.	
Friday 1 st October	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
10.00am	In reparation for the sin of abortion
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 2 nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels
10.00am	Elizabeth Garry RIP

Sunday 3rd October - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo
11.30am Remigio Mendes (welfare)
5.00pm Marcial Lourdes Fernandes
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON'S VISIT

His Grace the Archbishop will make his first visit to the Parish on Sunday 10th October and celebrate Mass for us at 10.30am. (Please note this will be the only morning Mass that day) This will be followed by a reception in the Hall. More details to follow.
But please save the date.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays
9.00am - 9.20am
& 4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays
10.30am - 11.00am

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of.

Angela Sweeney

Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 27th September at 12noon. May She Rest in Peace

MISSION APPEAL

Next Sunday we welcome Fr. Gerard Markey from Missionary Society of St. Columban to the Parish who will preach the annual Mission Appeal at all Masses.

NEXT SUNDAY

At the 9.30am Mass, Mr. Sean Maher, head Master of Richard Challoner School will speak about the role of Foundation Governors and make an appeal for people to consider volunteering for this important role.



St. Joseph's - Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognised the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

The second lesson for all of us in today's Gospel is that we should ever realise that eternal life is worth any sacrifice which we may be called on to make. The road we must travel in life is not an easy one. As our Lord says in another place: "Enter by the narrow gate for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt. 7: 13). We wish to reach heaven, therefore we must be prepared to follow Christ; we must not allow others to lead us astray but also be prepared and determined to conquer and resist our own evil inclinations.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Takes place on Sunday's during the 9.30am Mass

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4.00pm and Thursdays following the 10.00am Mass

TEA AND COFFEE

There will be coffee after the morning Masses today. There is also tea & coffee after the midday Mass on Wednesdays. Please join us and say hello!

HOSPITAL

If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you are calling on behalf of someone in the hospital please call the hospital main switchboard: 0208 546 7711. The switchboard will contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

REPOSITORY

Our repository will be open after the morning Masses today.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited in the Church daily Monday – Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed until Monday 4th October

TWO IMPORTANT FEASTS THIS WEEK

On Tuesday we celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of the Church which took place in 2012 and on Friday we celebrate our Patron Saint, Saint Raphael.

Our knowledge of the Archangel Raphael comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveller with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means "God has healed". St. Raphael is depicted in the central window above the High Altar in the Church.

Mass on this day will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Alexander Raphael who built our church in 1846 and who is buried in the crypt under the sanctuary.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – PARENTS MEETING

There will be an important meeting in Alexander House for the parents of the first Holy Communion Children, (for those who have been accepted on the course) on Wednesday 29th September at 7.00pm. Parking is available in the Church Car Park and from 6.30pm in Riverside Close. The meeting will last about an hour. For more information or in case of queries please contact Ginette galhowell@gmail.com

POSITION SOUGHT

A Catholic Teacher, Private Tutor and Personal Assistant currently living in the Richmond area is seeking one of the following positions: Private PA/Housekeeper; Private family PA which could include private tuition; Private Tutor; Family Office PA; Governess. Please call Maria on 07961 764186.