



St. Raphael's Church

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

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

Monday 4 th October	St. Francis of Assisi
10.00am	Agnes Barrett RIP
Tuesday 5 th October	St. Faustina Kowalska
10.00am	Peter Sillem RIP
Wednesday 6 th October	Feria in Ordinary Time
12.00noon	Fr's Francis Redway & Stephen Robo (Former priests of this parish)
Thursday 7 th October	Our Lady of The Rosary
10.00am	John & Mary Saville RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.	
Friday 8 th October	Feria in Ordinary time
10.00am	Audrey Swallow RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)	
Saturday 9 th October	St. John Henry Newman
10.00am	Estelita

Please note there is only one Sunday morning Mass next week at 10.30 am celebrated by the Archbishop. There will be no Rosary and Benediction or Confessions next Sunday.

Sunday 10th October - Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

10.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Fr. John Tracy S.J. RIP
No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions today

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON'S VISIT

Next Sunday His Grace the Archbishop will make his first visit to the Parish 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.

A visit by the Archbishop is a very important event in the life of the Parish so do please come along and meet him next Sunday.

We need donations of Cakes please, if you can help please email Dymphna at dymphna.subash@gmail.com
We also need volumeters to help clean up after reception, if you can help please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

MISSION APPEAL

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

CONFESSIONS

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

No Sunday Confessions Next week



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

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Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast Club & After School Club.

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The last four verses of today's Gospel describes Christ's love for children and while manifesting this love he stresses the need for all his true followers to be childlike. "I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." To receive the kingdom of God is to accept the teaching of Christ and live according to it in his kingdom on earth. He who does this will enter, after death, into the eternal kingdom of heaven. Christ says, however, that we must accept "like a child": his kingdom on earth, his teaching and the Church he founded to carry on that teaching. It does not mean: in a childish way, an unthinking, uneducated way, but in a child-like way - a humble, grateful, receptive way. A child is unselfconscious, content to be dependent on others' care and generosity. Christianity is a gift of the generous God to us, we have done nothing and never could do anything to merit it. We must accept it simply and gratefully as a gift; we could never deserve it.

The person of true faith commits themselves to God with a filial childlike trust, assured that if they do all that he can God will do the rest. Our Christian faith must be childlike, a trusting, humble and obedient faith. This is the kind of faith that will move mountains - the mountains that loom so large in the vision of too many Christians today - the mountains of doubt, selfishness, unwillingness to be subjected to authority. Christ asks us, if we would be his followers: to take up our daily cross and climb the way to Calvary after him. This daily cross is made of the troubles and trials of life from which no one can escape. They can be borne with reluctance and grumbling or they can be accepted as the loving God's means of training us for the future life. Every true Christian accepts his trials in the latter way, for if he is true to his faith he knows that his years on earth are his apprenticeship to prepare him for his eternal life.

God is surely not asking too much of us when he asks us to live our Christian faith in childlike humility, candour and confidence during the days of our pilgrimage on this earth.

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 (but not next week)

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on next Saturday October 9th at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

Rosary Sunday

Today is traditionally called Rosary Sunday and in fact the whole month of October is dedicated to this great prayer

'Sometimes we cannot muster creative, spontaneous prayers to God. We feel emotionally and even spiritually depleted. The Rosary can be a familiar companion when we are at a loss for words. We find the rhythm of the prayers soothe and comfort us when we are alone, frustrated, lost, and confused. Even the act of grasping our Rosary beads eases the burdens we carry. Let us make the Rosary a frequent form of devotion to our Blessed Mother and Jesus.'

Pope St. John Paul II

KINGSTON STREET PASTORS

are a group of Christians, caring for, listening to and helping the night time users of Kingston town centre on Friday and Saturday nights. Please visit streetpastors.org for more info, and read their newsletters.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

Bishop John Sherrington, the Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October.

It encourages them to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why they oppose this legislation and particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. To read his letter and for more information please go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-for-life-issues-asks-catholics-to-take-action-to-oppose-the-assisted-dying-bill/>