



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 16th October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Miriam Smith RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Fr. Chris O'Brien RIP
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch
10.00am Private Intention

Tuesday 18th October St. Luke
10.00am David Kelly

Wednesday 19th October St. Philip Howard
12.00noon Denis Curtin RIP

Thursday 20th October Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am Elfreda Henley RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.

Friday 21st October Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Anita Alkivades RIP
A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat

Saturday 22nd October Pope St. John Paul II
10.00am The Holy Souls

Sunday 23rd October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am Mandy White RIP
11.30am The Holy Souls
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and there will be the annual collection in aid of MISSIO, the churches' official organ for support of foreign missions. The collection goes entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. They work with local bishops to ensure all the monies are distributed equitably and justly on a basis of need.

TALK BY LUCY UNDERWOOD-HEALY

Tonight at 6pm in Alexander House, we are pleased to welcome Lucy Underwood-Healy to give a talk on her novel, The Guest of Night, and how she came to write it. Lucy is a Catholic historian and novelist. She will have books available on the night for purchase at a small event discount. Alternatively, it can be purchased online through Amazon.

CONFESSIONS

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

THE ROSARY

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT

Sundays - 4.00pm Rosary & Benediction
Thursdays – Exposition following the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 12noon.

TEA AND COFFEE

There is in tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after Mass on Wednesdays

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The 1st Holy Communion programme continues next Saturday morning at 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Richard Challoner Sixth Form will be holding an open evening with tours of the school for external students and their parents this Wednesday, 19th October at 7.0pm.

Join us to hear all about the 30 plus A Level and BTEC courses we offer to our mixed Sixth Form and to see for yourself our state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and independent learning. For more information call Mrs McAleenan – Sixth Form Manager on 020 8329 9689

WORLD YOUTH DAY – AUGUST 2023

The Archdiocese is taking a group of pilgrims (aged 18-35 at the time of travel) to World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023. Provisional dates are 31st July to 7th August. To register your interest and receive more information, please go to bit.ly/wydsouthwark - Further information about World Youth Day is at www.lisboa2023.org/en/

CHRISTMAS SALE

BUY THEM EARLY AND SUPPORT THE PARISH

Our Annual sale of Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Cribs and gifts will take place on Sunday 23rd October after all Masses in the hall. Please come along and buy your Christian Advent Calendars, Cards and gifts. All proceeds will go to Church funds.

We need a couple of volunteers to help on the day after the 11.30am and 5.00pm Masses. If you can help please either speak to Kate Freeman in the sacristy or the Parish Office. Thank you

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL RECEPTION 2023

St Joseph's, our Catholic Primary School, is holding tours for the Reception 2023 intake on Wednesday 23rd November at 2.00p.m. Please telephone the school office on 020 8546 7178 to book a place.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS – 12th NOVEMBER

The diocesan Day for Catechists will be held on Saturday 12th November at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral starting with registration from 10.00am and ending with Mass at 4pm. This is an in-service training day for all catechists in the diocese. If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

Here is an opportunity to attend an online Building a Better Marriage course from 9am - 1pm on Saturday October 22. It means that you can attend from your own living room and there is no group sharing. This course is for couples with average or good marriages who would like to make them better. More details: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 07913 904 997.

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the dishonest judge. Our Lord teaches us, in this parable, the need for perseverance in prayer. This perseverance develops our trust and confidence in God. It helps us to become humble and to realize how weak we are when left to ourselves. It keeps us close to God, as we learn how dependent we are on His generosity. If we only would realize that God is perhaps never closer to us than when we think He is forgetting us! The trials of life, spiritual or temporal, which He allows us to suffer are not obstacles to our spiritual progress but rather stepping-stones without which we could not cross the rivers of life at all.

God wants every one of us in heaven but just as no two men on earth have the same identical features, so also no two men on earth have the same road to lead them to heaven. God is supervising the journey of each one of us. He is ever there to help if the obstacle on one's road is insurmountable. We may and we must, keep asking God for the spiritual and temporal favours which we feel we need. We must never grow despondent or feel that God has lost interest in us, if He delays in granting these favours. When we shall look back on our earthly journey from the happy vantage point of heaven, we shall see how effectively and how lovingly God regulated our journey. When He did not grant a certain favour it was because He had a much more important one to give us, one we did not ask for or even realize we needed.

"Ask and you shall receive," not perhaps what you wanted, but what God knew you needed. "Seek and you shall find," not the easy way which you thought you deserved, but the harder way which would make you more deserving of heaven. "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," not the door you were standing at, which would have delayed or endangered your progress, but the door further down the street where refreshment and new courage to continue on your upward climb were awaiting you.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 6th November - 2.00pm Surbiton Cemetery and 3.00pm Kingston Cemetery. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels).

DEANARY REQUIEM FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The annual Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of the deanary will take place at St. Agatha's Church, Kingston on Tuesday 15th November at 12noon.

STRICTLY MINUETS

Strictly Minuets is back. Dancing and nibbles. If you like dancing, Handel and having fun come and join us on Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm. £5. All welcome. Comfortable, jazz or dance shoes. Please contact Kate: 07747 465046