



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 25th September	26th Sunday in Ordinary time (C)
9.30am	Teresa Donaldson RIP
11.30am	Sofia Rosales-King
5.00pm	Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm	Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday 26th September	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	John & Gabrielle Butterly RIP
Tuesday 27th September	St. Vincent de Paul
10.00am	Ray Board RIP
4.00pm	Induction Mass for New Head of St. Joseph's School
Wednesday 28th September	The anniversary of the Consecration of the Church
12.00noon	Hilda Barlow RIP
Thursday 29th September	Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am	Fr. Stephen Robo RIP
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 12.00noon.	
Friday 30th September	St. Jerome
10.00am	Fr. Peter Rynan RIP
A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat	
Saturday 1st October	St. Thérèse of Lisieux
10.00am	Rosa & Henry McGarry RIP
Sunday 2nd October	The Transferred Feast of SS . Michael Raphael & Gabriel (C)
9.30am	Subash & Dymphna – 30th Wedding anniversary
11.30am	Alexander Raphael – Builder of our Church
5.00pm	Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm	Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

On Wednesday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Consecration of Our Church, which took place on this day in 1912. The consecration of a church is the most important event in its history, more so than even the anniversary of its opening - because it is on this occasion that the Church is formally dedicated. During the ceremony, the walls and Altar are solemnly blessed and anointed with Chrism (Holy Oil) and the building set aside for the service of God. Around the walls, are twelve brass crosses which mark the places where the walls were anointed and we light candles in front of these crosses on this day to remind us of the sanctity of the building. You will find some beautiful images of the Consecration Mass on our website – go to www.straphael.org.uk/Consec_straphael_contents.htm to view them.

Normally, Thursday the 29th would be kept as our Patronal Feast SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - however to allow us to celebrate the feast more solemnly we have, as is permitted, transferred this to next Sunday.

CONFESSIONS

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

THE ROSARY

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

TEA AND COFFEE

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

In today's Gospel we have a story of two men whose states, both in this life and in the next, are dramatically opposed. The rich man had everything a man could desire on this earth and he set his heart on this wealth, to such a degree that he excluded all thought of God or of what followed after death. It was not that he was ignorant of God or of a future life but he paid no heed to them. He was too busy trying to squeeze the last ounce of pleasure out of his few years on earth.

Then we have a beggar, a man not only in dire destitution, but suffering bodily pains as well. He bore his lot patiently. He was quite content if he got the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, which he probably did not always get. He must have been disappointed that this rich man never thought of giving him a helping hand but there is no mention of his ever criticizing or blaming him. He left these things to God. Both men die eventually. The beggar goes straight to heaven to a state of endless happiness. His bodily sufferings have ended forever, he will never be in want again. The rich man fares very differently. His enjoyments are over and his torments without relief. They will have no end. The rich man is not in eternal torments because he was rich. He is in torments because he let his wealth become his master and forgot God and his neighbour and his own real welfare—eternal life. There are people like him in our world today who ignore their real future. While they know their stay on this earth is of a duration and that they will have to leave one day, they live as if they had a permanent home here.

God forbid that any of us should be numbered amongst these people, for there is no greater folly on earth than to miss the real and only purpose in life because of a few trivial, passing attractions. We are not forbidden to have some of this world's goods. We need some, and God it was who provided them for our use. But we must use them properly and we must not set them up as idols to be adored. On all sides of us there are Lazaruses placed at our gates by God to give us an opportunity to exercise fraternal charity. Be a true brother to them now and you will not have to envy them hereafter.

If on the other hand your lot is that of a Lazarus—and there are many are whose life is one long, continual struggle against poverty, disease and hardship—try to carry your cross patiently. Envy of your neighbour and rebellion against God will only add to and not cure, your ills. The day of judgement, which for you will be the day of reward, if you are humble and patient, is around the corner. Eternal happiness is worth twenty lives of earthly ill-fortune.

INDUCTION MASS FOR NEW HEAD OF ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

On Tuesday afternoon at 4.00pm we welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks to the Church for a Mass during which he will formally induct Mrs Lorraine Flower as the new Head Teacher of St. Joseph's, our Parish Primary School.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PRESENTERS

Job vacancy:

A married couple, both being practising Catholics, to present 6 courses a year in various locations in South London and Kent, as well as providing cover in case of colleagues' illness.

Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given.

For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk

Closing date for applications: October 14.

UK TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics of St. Bernadette which have been touring this country will be at Aylesford until this coming Wednesday. For more information go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022>

[uk-tour-of-the-relics-of-st-bernadette](#)

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) this Thursday 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

CONFIRMATION 2023 - If you are aged twelve or above and wish to be Confirmed next summer then you need to join the Faith Formation Group which will be meeting this morning after the 9.30am Mass in the Hall. The meetings will be held roughly once a month and the Confirmation Mass will be celebrated some time in May or June next year.

**Please note, the Parish Office is closed
until Monday 3rd October.**