

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 27th November – 1st Sunday of Advent (A)

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

Monday 28th November

10.00am Advent Feria
John & Ruby Coelho

Tuesday 29th November

10.00am St. Cuthbert Mayne and companions
The Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th November

12.00noon St. Andrew
Deceased members of Mendonsa, Coelho and Tauro families

Thursday 1st December

10.00am SS. Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin & Alexander Briant (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
Daniel Keenaghan RIP

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

Friday 2nd December

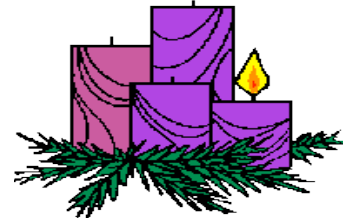
10.00am Advent Feria
In reparation for the sin of abortion
A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat

Saturday 3rd December

10.00am St. Francis Xavier
The Holy Souls

Sunday 4th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent (A)

9.30am Stan Conley RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Kevin Greenway RIP
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



*The first candle is the
'Prophet's Candle' - Hope*

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 & Bendiction
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

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

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP - The Confirmation group will be meeting next Sunday - 4th December after the 9.30 Mass. The session will be focussed on Who is Jesus? They will be looking into such questions as, Why did he have to die on the cross? What does it mean to say that he rose from the dead? And what difference does this make to our lives today? Please pray for the Confirmandi.

A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent:

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer below
Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to Gods invitation to you this advent.

<https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences today, the First Sunday of Advent. This is a time for a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This powerful time of prayer and penance endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the Christ child at Christmas.

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.' – Pope Benedict XVI

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives. As Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait.' To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed' " (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armour of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44).

BRASS CLEANING

On Saturday the 3rd December at 12noon, there will be a church brass cleaning session in the Hall. If you can spare a hour or so to come along and give our brass candlesticks and other church items a polish, please come along.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a 2nd Collection for Christmas flowers next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS SALE - BUY THEM EARLY AND SUPPORT THE PARISH

There are Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards, Cribs and other Christmas gifts for sale in the hall. All proceeds will go to Church funds.

ALL USERS OF THE CAR PARK

Could people please take extra care not to mount the grass verges in the new car park – sadly already there is evidence of tyre tracks on the new grass verges.

SIMBANG GABI

The Kingston Filipino Community, are organising the annual Simbang Gabi (Evening Mass) which is a Filipino way of anticipation the birth of Christ. This 9-day Novena with the weekday masses will be celebrated at St Pius X in Norbiton between the 15th – 23rd December. Please see the poster in the porch for details.

ST RAPHAEL'S CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 18th December at 6.15pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies
All are Welcome!

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday this week.

**Congratulations to Sophia who was baptised recently here at St. Raphael's
And to Maximilian, Hannah's new born baby**

OF YOUR CHARITY,

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of
Giuseppa (Maria) Petroni
whose Requiem Mass will be here
on the 8th December at 11.30am

Honora O'Shea

whose Requiem Mass will be here
on the 19th December at 11.30am

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
AND RISE IN GLORY**