



St. Raphael's Church

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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

Monday 5th December Advent Feria
10.00am Mohan (Monty) Loyal Perera RIP

Tuesday 6th December Advent Feria
10.00am Gabrielle McLoughlin's Intentions

Wednesday 7th December St. Ambrose
12.00noon Michael Cawley RIP

Thursday 8th December The Immaculate Conception (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am The Holy Souls

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying
for vocations to the priesthood concluding at 11.00am.

11.30am Requiem Mass Giuseppa (Maria) Petroni

Friday 9th December Advent Feria
10.00am Edward Black RIP

A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat

Saturday 10th December Advent Feria
10.00am Alfons Balinska RIP

Sunday 11th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday (A)

9.30am Patricia Single RIP
11.30am Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm Maria Taylor RIP
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



*The second candle is
the*

"Bethlehem Candle"

*which symbolises faith
and reminds us of
Mary and Joseph's
journey to Bethlehem.*

Please note because of the
Requiem Mass at 11.30am
Exposition will conclude at
11.00am today

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 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

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 God's invitation to you
this advent.

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

NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR SOUTHWARK

On Monday 28th November it was announced that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Mgr. Philip Moger as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years, Bishop-Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

Archbishop John wrote: 'I am very grateful to His Holiness Pope Francis for appointing a new Auxiliary Bishop to the Archdiocese of Southwark. I offer to Bishop-Elect Philip Moger the warmest of welcomes. He brings a vast array of experience to this new mission having served the Church as a priest for forty years. I know he will be such a great blessing to the people and communities in our Archdiocese, bringing gifts of joy, encouragement, and personal warmth. He is a man of faith and prayer who loves Christ, his church and his people. I very much look forward to working with him as we continue to shape our missionary Archdiocese in the service of the Gospel. I know that Bishop-Elect Moger will embody generosity and compassion as, together, we seek to make Christ known, loved and served. I ask everyone in our parish and school communities to pray for him as he prepares for this new mission among and with us.'

Following the news of his appointment, Bishop Elect-Moger said: 'As well as being very surprised, I am humbled indeed by the Holy Father appointing me to be an Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. I accept this calling with a glad and open heart. I shall, of course, be sorry to leave England's National Shrine of Our Lady, in Walsingham, and my home Diocese of Leeds, but I look forward to moving even further south, getting to know the Archdiocese of Southwark and working with Archbishop John Wilson, Bishop Paul Hendricks, and the clergy, religious and lay faithful in South London and Kent. Throughout my priesthood, and the various missions entrusted to me, I have much to thank God for. In Walsingham, England's Nazareth, I learned much from the many faith-filled pilgrims who sought to be wrapped in Our Lady's mantle of prayer. I have much to learn once more, and I depend on Our Lady's prayers and yours. Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.'

Congratulations -

to Esme and Lily who were baptised here at St. Raphael's recently.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Today there will be a 2nd Collection for Christmas flowers.

CHRISTMAS SALE - BUY THEM EARLY AND SUPPORT THE PARISH

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

MARY'S MEALS – 'BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS'

Mary's meals have launched their 'Big Family Christmas' appeal to help feed hungry children. For just £15.90 you can set a place for yourself or a loved one at their virtual Christmas dinner table. Your name will appear online and you'll receive a beautiful PDF place mat to pass on as a gift.

In addition, with 'Double The Love' donations to Mary's Meals until 31 January 2023 are being matched by a group of generous supporters – up to £1.5 million.

This means each place set will feed two children with life-changing school meals for a whole year! For more information, please go to <https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table/>

ST RAPHAEL'S CAROL SERVICE

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

THE PASSAGE 'BIG GIVE'

The Passage have launched their 'Big Give Christmas Challenge: Urgent support for the cost-of-living crisis.'

The campaign will be open until 12noon on Tuesday 6th December. They aim to raise £500,000 through matched funding to ensure they can continue to support those most at risk of experiencing homelessness this Christmas and into next year.

For more information, please go to <https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900002NEXYwAAP>

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**