



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 12th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary time (A)

9.30am Kate Freeman

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Jane Green RIP

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 13th February Feria in Ordinary time

10.00am The Holy Souls

Tuesday 14th February SS. Cyril and Methodius

10.00am Eddie Hillier RIP

Wednesday 15th February Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon The Holy Souls

Thursday 16th February Feria in Ordinary time (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

10.00am Bill and Ethel Larkin RIP

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

Friday 17th February Feria in Ordinary time

10.00am The Holy Souls

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

Saturday 18th February Our Lady

10.00am George McCaffrey

Sunday 19th February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary time (A)

9.30am Antonio Castagnino RIP

11.30am Canon Bernard Grady RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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.

EXPOSTION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays - With Rosary at 4.00pm,

Thursday - Exposition from after Mass concluding with Benediction at 11.45am

OF YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Pam O'Sullivan

Her Requiem Mass will take place here on 3rd March at 1.30pm

May She rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion programme continues on Saturday mornings at 10.30am

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Our Confirmation group will be meeting on Sunday 26th February after the 9.30 Mass.

TEA AND COFFEE

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

The lesson we must learn from today's gospel hardly needs any emphasizing. We must, if we are truly Christian, forgive those who offend or injure us. We must love all men, whether they be friends or enemies. G. K. Chesterton says: "We are commanded to love our neighbours and our enemies; they are generally the same people."

This is very true for all of us. It is very easy for me to love (in a theoretical way) all Japanese, Chinese, Russians and most Europeans—they never come in contact with me but it is my neighbours, those among whom I live and work, who are liable to injure me and thus become my enemies.

Charity begins at home, because it is here that it can and should be learned and practiced. It is first and foremost necessary for Christian peace in the home. Husband and wife must learn to understand and tolerate each other's imperfections and faults. If one offends in what the other would regard as something serious, the offended one should not demand an apology but should show forgiveness before the other has humbly to apologize. No two persons in the world, not even identical twins, can agree on all things, so it is vain and unrealistic to expect even one's married partner to agree with one in all points. Christian charity alone can cover the multitude of faults of both partners.

Our charity must spread from the home to our neighbours—to all those with whom we have contact. It is easy to get on with most people, but in every neighbourhood and in every village or town there will always be those who are difficult. There will be the dishonest, the gossips, the quarrelsome, the critic of everyone and everything. It is when we have dealings with such people that all our Christian charity is necessary. Most likely we will never be able to change their ways of acting, but charity will enable us to tolerate their faults and will move us to pray for their eternal welfare.

Try the sunny smile of true love, the kindly word of Christian encouragement, the helping hand of true charity and not only will you brighten the darkness and lighten the load of your brother, but you will be imitating in your own small way the perfect Father of love who is in heaven.

THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Join Friends of the Holy Land for an unforgettable evening of uplifting music on Thursday 16th February in Westminster Cathedral at a concert featuring the 'London Welsh Male Voice Choir' supported by 'The Priests'. The concert starts at 7:30 pm and tickets starting at £20 are available now through Eventbrite at - <http://bit.ly/3iOath2> or search *LWMVC Concert at Westminster Cathedral*, or by calling the office – 01926 512980.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Led by Rev William Allberry & Rev. Michael John's – Perring 7th – 16th March Cost £2,375. per person based on two people sharing.

It is moving to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, with so much to see and learn. St. Jerome said, 'Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four in books and one you will find in the land they call Holy. Read the fifth and the world of the four will open to you'.

Reading the gospels will never be the same and by visiting, we are standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who live there. To meet the local Christian who are living there, who are the ongoing living church in that region is humbling.

For more information speak to Fr. Michael or call 0208 390 2019 or email wallberry49@gmail.com

SCRIPTURE STUDY AND REFLECTION THROUGH LENT

Save the dates – 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March in Alexander House at 7.30pm. More details to follow.

INDUCTION OF FR. PETER SEBASTIAN AS PARISH PRIEST OF CHESSINGTON

Fr Peter, who many of you will know, is being inducted as Parish Priest of Chessington at St. Catherine's Church, Chessington on this coming Saturday 18th February at 12noon, followed by refreshments.

Fr. Peter has extended an invitation to all parishioners who know him and would like to attend.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint a qualified Nursery Nurse to our Early Years Team. We are also looking for a Teaching Assistant to work in either a KS1 or KS2. Further information can be found on our school website: <https://st-josephs-surrey.secure-primariesite.net/vacancies/> Visits to the school are encouraged.

St Joseph's Nursery are also taking applications for the September 2023 and January 2024 intake. If your child will be three by these dates, you are entitled to 15 hours of nursery provision. We also have a small amount of 30 hour spaces for eligible parents. Further details on how to apply can be found on the school website or by phoning the school office on 020 8546 7178

STRICTLY MINUETS

Have restarted their historic dance sessions on Tuesdays, 6.30pm-8.30pm. in Alexander House. Why not dip your toe into the water and come to our St Valentine's event on 14th February. All welcome to join the fun. Please contact Kate: 07747 465046

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT PHILIP MOGER

The Episcopal Ordination of the Bishop-Elect will take place in St George's Cathedral on Tuesday 21st February at 12.30 pm. All are welcome to attend but you are asked to be seated by midday. For those unable to attend in person, it will be possible to join the service via live-stream at <https://bit.ly/EpiscopalOrdination23>