



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 17th September – 24th Sunday in ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am

Marina, Carlos, Nicholas & Daniel

11.30am

John Schembri RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18th September

St. Edith of Kemsing

10.00am

In Thanksgiving

(Deanery Teachers Mass at St. Joseph's New Malden 4.00pm)

Tuesday 19th September

St. Theodore of Canterbury

10.00am

Denis Curtin RIP

Wednesday 20th September

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and companions

12noon

John Schembri RIP

Thursday 21st September

St. Matthew

10.00am

In Thanksgiving (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 22nd September

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Billy, and Margaret Doyle RIP

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

Saturday 23rd September

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

10.00am

John Grealy RIP

Sunday 24th September – 25th Sunday in ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am

Donald D'Souza RIP

11.30am

Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm

The Holy Souls

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is recited in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass 4.00pm on Sundays

TEA AND COFFEE – After the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – during the 9.30am Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sundays at 4.00pm and after Mass on Thursdays concluding with Benediction at 11.45am

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am,
4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

Today - is Home Mission Sunday, this year the church has asked that the 2nd collection taken today be in support of the 'Evangelii Gaudium' – 'Joy of the Gospel' in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025. For more details go to www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday

DEANARY TEACHERS MASS

The annual Deanery Teachers Mass will take place at St. Joseph's Church New Malden, on Monday at 4.00pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 20th September until Monday 2nd October



On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant in today's Gospel, most of us would judge him a mean, low type of man, a heartless man, who puts himself outside the pale of mercy. He throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy. When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved."

We had better stop and think for a moment today and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally we have incurred an unpayable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God's courtroom as free men. A weight greater than any debt has been lifted from our shoulders. A fate worse than generations of earthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God's loving, infinite mercy. How then can it happen that we could be so heartless, mean and foolish as to refuse to forgive a neighbour for some offence he has committed against us?

Yet it happens, and it may be that there are some among us here today who continue to have enmity in their hearts against neighbours who offended them. In their hard-heartedness they cannot get themselves to forgive and forget. Are these not following in the footsteps of the merciless servant? Will they not receive the punishment of the merciless servant — a punishment richly deserved? This will be the fate of all unforgiving Christians; they will meet an unforgiving God when they are called to settle their accounts.

That day has not yet come for us. We still have time to put our affairs in order. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offences forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of our divine Lord for this in the lesson he draws from the parable "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you (that is, deliver us up to eternal slavery) if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

There will be an introductory meeting for parents of children who have been accepted on to the course on the 28th September at 7.00pm in Alexander House. If you have any queries, please speak to the catechists - Ginette Howell and Kate Freeman.

RUN THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE - SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20.

Fundraising goal: £300. All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness. Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/> For more information contact Prathiti Kumar 020 7592 1856

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RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) INFORMATION SESSION

Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic or reconnecting with your Faith? Maybe you have missed out on one of the Sacraments? Just curious about the Catholic Faith? If you have any questions or are interested, or know someone who may be interested, there is an information session on Saturday 23rd September at 10.30am in the library. By joining the small and friendly parish RCIA group, there is no obligation to remain, you can leave the group at any time.

HOPE IN DEPRESSION

A 6-session course at Christ Church Surbiton Hill, designed to support and inform adults living with mild to moderate depression and anxiety and those who care for them. The course will explore the causes and symptoms, learn about brain chemistry and medication, hear about counselling and talking therapies and learn about ways that have been clinically shown to aid recovery and continued wellbeing. The course runs from the 26th September – 7th November (exc 24th October) 2023 from 7:30 – 9:30pm. For further information, please email the course leader Denise Morris on hopeindepression@ccsurbiton.org or call 07423 144803