



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 15th October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am

Neil Townsend RIP

11.30am

Kathleen Ireland RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 16th October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Rosalina and Libra do Dawal RIP

Tuesday 17th October

St. Ignatius of Antioch

10.00am

The deceased relatives of Jannett Hamerton Fraser

Wednesday 18th October

St. Luke

12noon

Teresa Donaldson RIP

Thursday 19th October

St. Philip Howard

11.00am

Requiem Mass for Eric Scullard RIP

Friday 20th October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

In thanksgiving – The Reddaways family

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

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

Saturday 21st October

St. Margaret Clitherow.

10.00am

Rupa and The Park & Tangri families

Sunday 22nd October – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am

Patricia Single RIP

11.30am

Celine Dabliz's intentions

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

No 10.00am Mass or Exposition today
(Thursday's Exposition has been moved to Friday this week)

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

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES – Saturday 10.30am

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 World Mission Sunday and there will be the annual collection for 'Missio'

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken today goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church

is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

THANK YOU for £361.60 that was collected for PACT last Sunday.

The Gospel today is taken from Matthew 22:1-14. How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Mt. 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do violence to our ordinary inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavor to acquire true love of God and neighbour. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the "chosen."

A DAY WITH MARY

There will be 'A Day With Mary' at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 28th October. The day will begin at 9.45am and conclude at 5.00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BRASS CLEANING

We desperately need someone to take on the role of brass cleaning at the church. This would involve making a regular commitment of 1- 2 hours either weekly or fortnightly, during Parish Office hours during the week, to polish the sacristy brasses. If you could help please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

NEXT SUNDAY – CHRISTMAS SALE

Our annual sale of Christmas cards, advent calendars and cribs will take place on Next Sunday in Alexander House after all Masses. Please buy your religious cards and calendars from us. All profits go to Church funds.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are planning to start our Baby and Toddler Group again in November. We are looking to meet in Alexander House on Wednesday afternoons. We need helpers who could spare two hours once or twice a month. If you could help or would like further information, please email Dymphna on Dymphna.subash@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

To Kerry Ono and Bill Vaughan who were commissioned as Extra Ordinary Ministers at the Cathedral last week.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the
Souls of

Eric Scullard

His Requiem Mass is on Thursday at 11.00am

Anne Sheridan

She has been cremated privately

May They Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Our Faith Formation will resume after the 9.30am Mass today in Alexander House. This is for all children who have made their 1st Holy Communion.

The sessions will be every month with a summer break. The aim is to communicate the richness of the Catholic Faith, Scripture and Liturgy in an ongoing way that will help the children grow and deepen in knowledge and relationship with the Lord.

This is not a Confirmation programme. However, we envisage that children in the Faith Formation group will reach a point when the Catechists, Parish Priest and they themselves will recognise that the time has come for a more intense programme focussed primarily on the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Currently the Diocesan rules state this cannot be before they are 12 years of age.

Parents if you wish your child to be Confirmed in the Parish of St Raphael's your child needs to be attending Faith Formation as soon as possible after 1st Holy Communion. During the years of Faith Formation for the children, we will do our best to nourish the faith of the parents who have the primary task of raising their child in the ways of faith. Please pray for all the children of the Parish, their Parents and Catechists.

If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please speak to either Subash or Dymphna after Mass in the Hall today and after most 9.30am Sundays Masses.

KINGSTON STREET PASTORS

Kingston Street Pastors is a Christian initiative that deploys volunteers in the night time in Kingston Town Centre. They are currently in need of new volunteers for this work and have produced a recruitment video which you can watch using the link below. If you would like to find out more about volunteering with Street Pastors please contact the Kingston Coordinator, Charles Bamford, on kingston@streetpastors.org.uk. Comprehensive training is provided and the next training course begins in February 2024.