



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 1st October – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Rosary Sunday (A)

9.30am

Donald D'Souza RIP

11.30am

Michael, Mary & Paul McLoughlin RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

10.00am

Rosa & Henry McGarry RIP

Tuesday 3rd October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Agnes Barrett RIP

Wednesday 4th October

St. Francis of Assisi

12noon

Delia Capili - welfare

Thursday 5th October

St. Faustina Kowalska

10.00am

Peter Sillem RIP (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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

Friday 6th October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

In reparation for the sin of abortion

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

Saturday 7th October

Our lady of the Rosary

10.00am

Elizabeth Garry RIP

Sunday 8th October – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am

Lily Aranjo

11.30am

Richard Hourigan RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

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

BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP RIP - Bishop Howard Tripp's first anniversary of death is on 3rd October. There will be a Year's Mind Mass for him - celebrated at St George's Cathedral - the day after, on Wednesday 4th October at 12.30pm. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant. This Mass will be simply the usual lunchtime Cathedral Mass, but it was felt important to mark Bishop Howard's first anniversary in some small way, in the place where he lies at rest in the Cathedral crypt.

Bishop Howard gave 24 years of devoted episcopal service as Auxiliary Bishop in the South West Area of the Diocese, and continued his episcopal service indirectly during his 18 years of retirement. May he rest in peace and rise in glory! Everyone is most welcome to attend the Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY is 'Prisoner Sunday' and there will be a 2nd Collection for PACT

Today's Gospel is from *St. Matthew 21:28-32*. This parable was primarily intended to show up the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders of the Jews, and the perilous position in which they stood in relation to God and heaven. It is, however, a warning against hypocrisy for all time. Lip service of God will not merit heaven. Nominal Christians are not working in the Lord's vineyard. At any moment they may be called from this life, and what defense can they offer the just judge? Will they dare to offer the flimsy excuses with which they try to silence their consciences now: "we didn't realize how sinful we were"; "we were too occupied with family and personal cares to have time for our spiritual duties"; "we were led astray by bad example"; "we didn't like to be different from others"; "we were going to put things right"? Who will dare to offer such excuses at the judgment seat? Their utter futility will then be apparent in all its nakedness.

However, we are still on earth, and while the door of God's mercy is wide open to us. If in the past we said, "I will not go into your vineyard", we still have time to reverse that sinful decision. Not only can we with God's grace turn over a new leaf, but we can completely wipe out the sinful pages of our life's story written up to now. Remember that what God in His mercy did for the tax-collectors and other sinners, the Matthews, the Mary Magdalenes, the Augustines, the Margarets of Cortona, the Matt Talbots and the millions of unknown penitents who are now saints in heaven He can also do for you.

We answered the call to God's vineyard by accepting baptism and membership of His Church. If we have grown lax in our fervour and refused to do the tasks allotted to us, we still have time, thanks to God's mercy and patience, to put things right. Today, let us look into our consciences and see how much of our past life we have given to God and how much we have kept for ourselves. If we were called tonight to render an account to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in our favour? Is our corner of the vineyard producing abundant crops, or is it perhaps filling up with weeds, briars and brambles? If the latter, then we will say a heartfelt "Thank you, God, for not calling us to judgment today. We will begin right now to understand our sinful past, so that our corner of your vineyard will be in good order when you do call us. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. God grant that we shall never abuse it."

SITUATION VACANT - PARISH FAITH MINISTER FOR YOUTH

The Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon seeks a parish Faith minister for Children, Young Persons and Families. Please contact wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk for more information. Closing date for applications: Monday 16th October 2023.

TODAY IS ROSARY SUNDAY

The whole month of October is dedicated to the Rosary and a plenary indulgence may be gained by those recite the Rosary in a church or as a family or as a group of the faithful during the month of October. The Rosary is recited in St. Raphael's daily – before Mass on Monday - to Saturday and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

JOB VACANCY - COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER – ALL SAINTS KINGSTON

All Saints Church, Kingston are looking for a Communications Manager. For more information please go to allsaintskingston.co.uk or email joe@allsaintskingston.co.uk Closing date for applications is Friday 6th October 2023

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – CHRISTMAS SALE

Our annual sale of Christmas cards, advent calendars and cribs will take place on Sunday 22nd October in Alexander House after all Masses. Please buy your religious cards and calendars from us. All profits go to Church funds.

CTS PUBLICATIONS

We have a number of new CTS pamphlets for sale on the stand in Alexander House. Including a new publication called 'No Grater Love', the moving story of the Martyrdom of the Ulma Family - a mother father and seven young children – one yet unborn murdered by the Nazis during the 2nd World War for sheltering Jews. The whole family were recently beatified by the Church, the first time in history that this has happened. There are also a number of other pamphlets and leaflets on prayer, the sacraments and the writings of Popes and saints on the stand.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The diocesan Marriage and family life team are organising the following two events.

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from October 6-8; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

NEW BEGINNINGS

For those who have suffered a divorce or separation or the death of their spouse, this Beginning Experience residential weekend will help provide healing. It's on October 13-15 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For details ring Maura on 07795 498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.