



St. Raphael's Church

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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

Monday 23rd October Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Maria Moth RIP

Tuesday 24th October St. Anthony Mary Claret

10.00am Delia Capili in thanksgiving

Wednesday 25th October Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon The Barlow family

Thursday 26th October Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Anne Sheridan 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 27th October Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Christopher Byrne RIP

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

Saturday 28th October SS. Simon and Jude

10.00am Rupa and The Park & Tangri families

Sunday 29th October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am	Eileen Kelly RIP
11.30am	Donald Ross 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

TODAY – CHRISTMAS SALE

Today we begin our annual sale of Christmas cards, advent calendars and cribs in the Hall after all Masses. Do call in and have a look at our large selection of religious Christmas gifts and cards.

All profits go to Church funds.

THANK YOU

for £218.31 that was collected for Missio last Sunday

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Our 1st Holy Communion group is on half term this week so there is no class next Saturday. They will resume on Saturday 4th November at 10.30am

God's plan for man on earth was that he should live in the society of his fellowmen. Society must be governed, there must be authority which will direct the actions of the component members toward the common good, which common good is principally, though not exclusively, the material welfare of the members as a whole. As his ultimate end, however, man has his spiritual welfare. This government, this temporal power to rule and direct the human groups or societies or states, comes, therefore, from God for it is his will that such societies should exist. The answer of our Lord explicitly restates this fundamental norm of the divine natural law. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's;" the state authorities have a right to the obedience and cooperation in all things that tend to the material welfare of the state, always provided the spiritual welfare of the members is not impeded by the rulers' demands.

As a partly spiritual being man is destined to be a citizen of a spiritual eternal kingdom, and while on this earth he has the duty and the possibility of preparing himself for citizenship in that kingdom. And since this kingdom is of a higher and much more important nature, man's primary aim in life must be to reach that kingdom. He must, in other words, find out and fulfil his duties toward God; he must "give to God what is God's."

This dual citizenship of man and the dual obligations that arise from it are the common knowledge of all from the natural law but are made more explicit still in divine revelation of which today's answer, given by Christ to the Pharisees, is a precise and perfect resume. We have duties to God and duties to our country and the fulfilment of the latter is part of the fulfilment of the former. We Christians have no doubts as to our obligations under these two headings. We fulfil our duties to God by being faithful, loyal, active members of the spiritual kingdom, the Church, which Christ established on earth in order to lead us to our eternal kingdom. We fulfil our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State, by paying all lawful taxes, and by contributing our share, whenever called on, toward the common good.

Both St. Peter (1 Pet. 2: 13-14) and St. Paul (Rom. 13: 1-7), stressed the obligation on the early Christians of being an example to all in their loyalty as citizens of the state. The same necessity obliges us too. We who know the divine, positive and natural law so much better than many others, must help to enlighten those others by our faithful observance of these laws. And our loyalty, too, will give the lie to those enemies of the faith who, in their ignorance and foolish opposition to things spiritual, are only too ready to think that loyalty to our Church and our God must of necessity make us disloyal to our country. History already has given the lie to such calumnies, for the loyal Christian has ever been the loyal citizen, but we must keep on writing such history in glaring lights of daily deeds, for there are, and there always will be, those enemies who cannot read history books.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November Blessing of Graves- The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 5th November - 2.00pm Surbiton Cemetery and 3.00pm Kingston Cemetery. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels).

Fr. Michael will bless the cremated remains in the crypt and around the Church after the 10.00am Mass on All Souls Day – 2nd November.

Deanery Requiem for Deceased Clergy - The annual Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of the deanery will take place at St. Anne's Church, Kingston Hill on Friday 17th November at 12noon. All are welcome.

DONATIONS VIA CONTACTLESS MACHINE

Could V A with an address of Qp KT6 5BG and C Gregorio please contact the parish office.

When using the contactless machine, if you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please note we require your first name and full address, thank you.

Please note sometimes these weekly reflections come from American websites so there may on occasion be American spellings.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Two families in the Parish are looking for accommodation

Manura Fernando is looking for a DSS property in Kingston area for his family. He has 3 children and is in full time employment. If you are a landlord who accepts housing benefit, please contact him.

mihinsathsara49@gmail.com tel.0746 707 4942

May and Eric Tsui are looking for a two double bedroom flat to rent, ideally in Surbiton. Both are in full time employment – May works as our Parish Cleaner. If you can help, please email eric11761@gmail.com or call 0774 276 0381

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.