

St. Raphael's Church

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

9.30am Eileen Kelly RIP
11.30am Donald Rose RIP
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 30th October Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Bartolome Capili RIP

Tuesday 31st October Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am The Holy Souls

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints

9.30am (Mass at St. Joseph's School)
12noon Donal Rose RIP
7.30pm Missa Pro Populo

Thursday 2nd November All Souls
10.00am The Holy Souls (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Followed by the blessing of graves around the Church and the remains interred in the crypt.
(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today)

7.30pm The Holy Souls

Friday 3rd November St. Martin de Porres
10.00am Florentina Hely RIP

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

Saturday 4th November St. Charles Borromeo
10.00am Juana Capili RIP

Sunday 5th November – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – (A)

9.30am Juliana Marie Connell RIP
11.30am James Lee RIP
5.00pm Missa Pro Populo
Blessing of Graves (see note p2)

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

ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

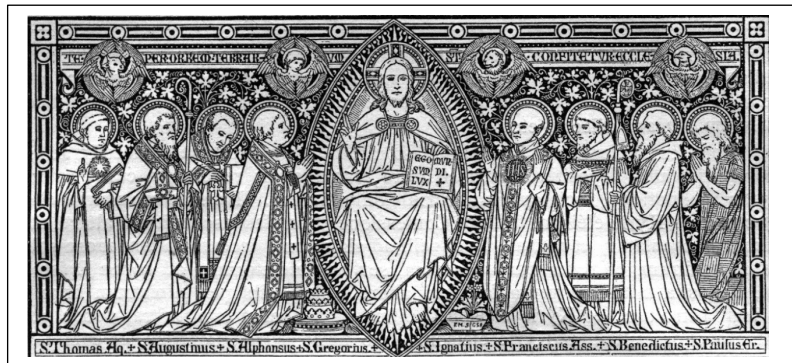
Wednesday is the feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at the Church at 12noon and 7.30pm. There will also be Mass at St. Joseph's School at 9.15am.

Thursday is the Commemoration of All Souls, Masses will be at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

Fr. Michael will bless the cremated remains in the crypt and around the Church after the 10.00am Mass.

1st HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES- Our 1st Holy Communion group resumes on Saturday 10.30am.

RCIA -The next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) session is on Saturday, 4th November , 10.30 - 12.00 in the library. New members are always welcome. There is no obligation to remain on the course.



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. This week she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood."

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

The Church, after rejoicing with those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven, then prays for all those who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory await the day when they will be joined to the company of saints. At no place in the liturgy is stated in more striking fashion the mysterious union between the Church triumphant, the Church militant and the Church suffering. By virtue of the consoling doctrine of the communion of saints the merits and prayers of each one are able to help all; and the Church is able to join her prayer with that of the saints in heaven and supply what is wanting to the souls in Purgatory by means of the Mass, indulgences and the alms and sacrifices of her children.

The celebration of Mass, the sacrifice of Calvary continued on our altars, has ever been for the Church the principal means of fulfilling towards the dead the great commandment of charity to pray for the Holy Souls. Daily in the Canon of the Mass, at which the priest remembers all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, the priest implores God to grant them a place of happiness, light and peace. Thus there is no Mass in which the Church does not pray for the faithful departed; but on All Souls Day her thoughts are directed towards them in a particular fashion, with the maternal preoccupation of leaving no soul in Purgatory without spiritual aid.

LITTLE CHERUBS - Little Cherubs, St. Raphael's baby and toddler group will be starting on Wednesday November 8th at 1:30 to 3pm. We will meet every Wednesday afternoon in term time. All children welcome with their parent or carer.

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

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. (The 85 bus from Kingston stops near the Church)

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

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ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL 175TH ANNIVERSARY

CONCERT - On Friday 3 November at 7.30 pm, the combined Cathedral Choirs of St George's perform a concert celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the opening of our Cathedral. The concert will map the history of the Cathedral in music, with singing interspersed with historical reflections from Joanna Bogle. Entrance is free and the concert will last around an hour.

HOLY SOULS NOVEMBER ENVELOPES - The best way we can help the Holy Souls is to remember them at Mass - the greatest prayer that we have. There are envelopes available at the back of the church. If you write a list of the names of your loved ones, place the list in the envelope and hand it into the Sacristy, these names will be placed in a casket by the Altar and will be remembered at every Mass during the month of November. If you would like to place an offering in the envelope these will be used to offer Masses for the Holy Souls.

CHRISTMAS SALE - Our annual sale of Christmas cards, advent calendars and cribs continues in the Hall. Do call in and have a look at our large selection of religious Christmas gifts and cards. All profits go to Church funds.

A VISITOR TO SUNDAY MASS - Recently, Fr Michael received some comments about a Sunday Mass by a visitor from Ireland. Here are some extracts:

'Everything about St Raphael's lifted our minds and hearts to God. Your Servers took their roles seriously, never putting a foot wrong, and their reverence set the tone for the congregation. It might be interesting to see whether we could start something similar (to our 'Handmaids') here in Ireland. I wish, also, to commend the talented organist and choir ... and the congregation on its prayerful involvement in the Mass.'