



St. Raphael's Church

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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

Monday 9th October

St. John Henry Newman

10.00am

Maureen Tallon RIP

Tuesday 10th October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Michael Morgan - welfare

Wednesday 11th October

Pope St. John XXIII

12noon

Benedict Britto RIP

Thursday 12th October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Cherry Kenworthy 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 13th October

St. Edward The Confessor

10.00am

Terry Burchett RIP

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

Saturday 14th October

Our Lady

10.00am

Rupa and The Park & Tangri families

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

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 'Prisoner Sunday' and there will be a 2nd Collection for PACT. Pact is a pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families. They provide caring and life changing services at every stage of the criminal justice process: in court, in prison, on release, and in the community. Their vision is of a society that understands justice as a process of restoration and healing, that uses prisons sparingly and as places of learning and rehabilitation, and that values the innate dignity and worth of every human being. They work for the common good of Society, taking a public health-based approach. They work at the intersection of criminal justice, child and family welfare, mental health, wellbeing provision and health and social care.

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

The Gospel is from Matthew 21:33-43. There are two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable: the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind, and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which men can sink. To His Chosen People of the Old Testament, God had given a fertile and fully-equipped vineyard — His revelation, His protection, a homeland of their own in Canaan, and all this in order to prepare them for the future Messiah, who would bring them an eternal home in God's own Kingdom. All He asked in return was their cooperation.

But they had other plans; they wanted their kingdom on earth. Yet God was patient with them; again and again He pardoned their infidelities. He sent them prophet after prophet to recall them to their senses, but they maltreated these messengers of God and refused to heed their warnings.

Then "the fullness of time" came and He sent His divine Son on earth in human form. He took His human nature from one of their race, lived among them and preached His gospel of love and peace to them. He tried to soften their hard hearts, and made them the final offer of the Father's mercy and pardon. But instead of accepting God's offer of mercy the chief priests and elders only made it an occasion of an even greater sin. To their crimes of infidelity and injustice they added the murder of God's Messiah and Son.

In God's plan of love and mercy the tragedy of Calvary turned out to be the great "triumph of failure." That death brought life to the world and opened the gates of God's eternal kingdom for all nations and races. The Gentiles rallied around the standard of Christ. A new vineyard was set up in which all men could work for their Father in heaven and for their own eternal interests.

We Christians today are the successors of the first Gentile followers of Christ. We too have been called to work in God's vineyard. Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's honour and glory and for my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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.

DEMENTIA CAFÉ

The Home of Compassion in Thames Ditton are inviting people to attend their Dementia Cafe Club. This takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2.00pm – 3.30pm. The event is a great place for likeminded people from around the community to get together and make friends, take part in social activities and discuss local issues, all while enjoying a cuppa. For more information please contact the home on 020 8339 3100 or email jgray@ariacare.co.uk

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

The Children's Faith Formation Group will resume next Sunday – 15th October at 10.30am in Alexander House. This group is for all children between 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation to form them and their families in the Catholic faith.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Aiden and Rupert who were baptised here at St. Raphael's recently.

THANK YOU

For £ 528.18 that was donated to the African Missions on the 10th September and £152.64 that was collected on Home Mission Sunday

CAR PARK

Please note that one of the planning restrictions imposed on us by The Royal Borough of Kingston in relation to the new car park is that it must be locked outside of Mass times or other occasions when not being used by the Parish. There have been a number of occasions when people have left their cars in the car park after Mass to go elsewhere. This causes considerable difficulty to the people who have to lock the Car Park, particularly after the 11.30am and 5.00pm Masses. To avoid being locked in please ensure you leave the Car Park ASAP after Mass.

THE HOLY CROSS SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING FOR 2024 ENTRY

We warmly invite applicants to attend our Open Evening on Wednesday 11th October from 4 - 7.00pm. We are based in Sandal Road in New Malden, convenient to public transport links and the local train station. We welcome applications from both external and internal students. External students (not enrolled at Holy Cross): please book via Eventbrite to book your ticket (one ticket will allow entry for the student and parents/carers). Alternatively please contact Mrs Parker/Mrs Nolan on 0208 395 4225 for further information.

RECEPTION 2024 INTAKE –

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Joseph's, our Parish Primary School are holding visits to the school for our September 2024 intake on the 12th October at 9.15a.m. The 2nd November at 2.00p.m. and the 24th November at 9.15a.m. Places can be booked by emailing the school office: office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

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

Eric Scullard

His Requiem Mass is on The 19th October at 11.00am

Anne Sheridan

Details of her Requiem Mass to follow

May They Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory.