



St. Raphael's Church

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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 below)

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 6th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Leonardo Capili RIP

Tuesday 7th November The Dedication of St. Georges Cathedral

10.00am Jane Dixon

Wednesday 8th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mike Barlow

Thursday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10.00am James Brady 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 10th November St. Leo the Great

10.00am Michael Mitchell RIP

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

Saturday 11th November St. Martin of Tours

10.00am The Dead of the World Wars

Sunday 12th November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – (A) - Remembrance Sunday

9.30am The Dead of The Two World Wars and Subsequent Conflicts

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The Deceased Members of the Pearce and Brennan families

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

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

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES- The annual blessing of graves will take place today - 2.00pm Surbiton Cemetery and 3.00pm Kingston Cemetery. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels).

RCIA -The next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) session is on Saturday, 18th November , 10.30 - 12.00 in the library. New members are always welcome. There is no obligation to remain on the course.

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)

LITTLE CHERUBS- St. Raphael's baby and toddler group will be starting on Wednesday 8th November from 1:30 to 3pm. We will meet every Wednesday afternoon in term time. All children welcome with their parent or carer. For further details email us at; straphaelslittlecherubs@outlook.com See our Facebook page, St. Raphael's Little Cherubs, or speak to Dymphna or Leela after the 9:30am Mass.

On Thursday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Saviour or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honour of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

On Tuesday we celebrate the dedication of our Cathedral, St. George's in Southwark. The original cathedral building was designed by the great Victorian architect Augustus Pugin and was considered the most important Catholic Church in England when it was built. It could seat about 3,000 people, and the building was 240 feet long by 72 feet wide. The church was solemnly opened by Bishop Wiseman on 4th July 1848. Two years later Blessed Pope Pius IX restored the English hierarchy and St George's was chosen as the Cathedral Church of the new Diocese of Southwark, which was to cover the whole of Southern England. For the next half-century, until the opening of Westminster Cathedral, St George's was the centre of Catholic life in London.

On the night of 16 April 1941, the Cathedral was hit by an incendiary bomb, starting a fire which destroyed the wooden roof and much else. The adjoining Amigo Hall temporarily became the pro-cathedral. The architect Romilly Craze was commissioned to rebuild the cathedral and work began in 1953. The work was paid for by War Damage Commission funds in addition to generous donations from Ireland, the USA, the people of South London and the diocese of Southwark. On 4 July 1958 the rebuilt cathedral was consecrated and solemnly opened by Bishop Cyril Cowderoy. On 28th May 1965 the diocese of Southwark was elevated to a metropolitan see and bishop Cyril Cowderoy became the first Archbishop of the new Archdiocese of Southwark.

In 1982, during his visit to the United Kingdom Pope St. Paul II visited the Cathedral and celebrated the Sacrament of the Sick.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY – THE ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL - The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2023. Every gift is welcome

THANK YOU - To those who volunteered to polish the Church Brass – your support is really appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ AT ALL SAINTS - A place to talk about the pain of bereavement and loss and find mutual support from others. 8th & 22nd November and 6th & 20th December from 2.00pm to 3.30pm in the church café, All Saints, Kingston Market Place

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.

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations to Una and Louis who were baptised here at St. Raphael's recently.

INTER FAITH WEEK – Inter Faith week begins next Sunday and there are a number of events taking place around Kingston that all are welcome to attend.

A Service of Remembrance –

Sunday 12 November at 11.15am at All Saints Kingston.

An Inter Faith Walk in Kingston –

Tuesday 14 November from 1.00 – 5.00pm Meeting at Kingston Train Station. Hosted by Rashid Laher. A free walking tour that will visit 5 different places of worship in Kingston. Come to visit and learn about some of the historic diverse places of worship in Kingston. Meet at 1.00pm at Kingston Train Station entrance (Wood Street). Refreshments will be provided at the end of the walk. Please wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes. Email <strategy@kingston.gov.uk> to participate.

'Noah's Pudding' –

Wednesday 15 November from 7:30pm - 9:30pm at All Saints Church, Kingston. An Inter Faith Activity and Discussion: As the Anatolian tale goes, after the flood waters gradually began to recede, Noah wanted to celebrate surviving the flood with a dessert. By sharing this ancient traditional Turkish dessert ('Noah's Pudding') together, people from different faiths and beliefs have the chance to respectfully engage with each other.

'Noah's Pudding' Ingredients:

Crushed wheat, Rice, Sugar, Apple, Orange, Pomegranate, Dried figs, Dried apricots, Seedless raisins, Cinnamon sticks, Ground cinnamon, Cloves, Bay leaves, Coconut

'Mitzvah Day' –

Sunday 19 November from 2.00pm – 4.00pm at Kingston Liberal Synagogue. Led by Rabbi Rene Pfertzel, 'Mitzvah Day' is the UK's largest faith-led day of social action. Mitzvah means 'good deed or act of kindness'. This year, the synagogue has partnered with RBKares, a local charity who are supporting vulnerable groups in the borough. Take part this year by helping to pack the "Kindness bags" which will be distributed out to these communities. Refreshments are provided. Email <strategy@kingston.gov.uk> to participate. All welcome.