



St. Raphael's Church

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St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 3rd December – First Sunday of Advent (B)

9.30am	Charmaine Lee & family
11.30am	Missa Pro Populo
5.00pm	Fr. Geoffrey
4.00pm	Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 4th December St John Damascene
10.00am Fr. Peter

Tuesday 5th December St John Almond, Diocesan Calendar
10.00am Eric Scullard RIP

Wednesday 6th December St Nicholas, Bishop
12.00noon

Deceased members of Logue family

Thursday 7th December St. Ambrose
10.00am Holy Souls (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for
Peace in the Middle East concluding with Benediction just before 12 noon, with Angelus.

Friday 8th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Maria's family

No day of abstinence today, as we celebrate the Solemnity.

Saturday 9th December The Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am The Rupa, Park & Tangri families

Sunday 10th December – Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Patricia Single RIP
11.30am	Holy Souls
5.00pm	Missa Pro Populo

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.

RCIA -The next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) session is on Saturday, 16th December, 10.30 - 12.00 (no session on the 9th) in the library. Fr Michael will talk about the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Tradition. New members are always welcome. There is no obligation to remain on the course.

LITTLE CHERUBS- St. Raphael's baby and toddler group will meet on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3pm. The Christmas party will be on the 13th. Then resuming on 10th January. Meeting every Wednesday 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.

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

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL, GAZA & THE MIDDLE EAST

God of peace, bearer of hope,
We seek your help
For the people of the Middle East.
Quiet the clamour of war
And guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
Sow seeds of calm and openness.
Where there is destruction
Help us to rebuild.
Where children are crying
Bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them.
Guide them and keep them from harm.
Show us how to break down the
Barriers of history and fear
And breath whispers of hope.

AMEN

WHAT IS A 'FOUNDATION GOVERNOR'?

These Governors, in particular, help to set the vision and Roman Catholic ethos of a school, setting outcomes, and the balance of the curriculum. They contribute to sub-committees, which specialise in different areas of school life. They are appointed by the Archbishop for service in schools for a term of four years initially.

Our Primary School, St Joseph's by the Fairfield and its Nursery invites applications from our parishioners. There are 4 – 6 meetings per year, typically in the early evening. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Chair of Governors on awaterworth@stjosephs.rbksch.org and Fr Michael, who will need to supply a reference and recommend a Foundation Governor. Some Governors are Parent Governors, or Local Authority Governors, or Associate Governors. These should leave a message with the school office on 020 8546 7178, if they wish to apply.

THE 'FAITH FORMATION' GROUP

Invites post First Holy Communion children (9 – 12 years old) to fellowship and exploration of their faith under careful guidance. The group meets after the 9.30 Mass on the following dates:
January 14th, 2024
February 11th, 2024
March 17th, 2024
Please make a note of these dates in your diaries.
Further information from Dymphna De Menezes on:
<dymphna.subash@gmail.com>

EXPERIMENTS ON 'EMBRYOS'

The Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority is pushing to remove the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos. 97% of the general public is against this. You can email your MP to request their opposition to the legislation for the removal of the 14-day limit, by visiting www.righttolife.org.uk Within the next two weeks.

PARKING BETWEEN MORNING MASSES

Double parking can occur because of those staying on after the first Mass, in the hall. We do not want to discourage the social time, but would ask drivers to make use of the parking in Riverside Close. This then requires only a short walk to the church and avoids congestion in our car parks. Also, as we must chain the new car park after the 11.30 Mass, please do not leave cars parked at the end of this Mass, and also after the 5 pm. Mass. Thank you.

WE WELCOME

Baby Helena for Baptism during the 11.30 Mass. Her sister was Confirmed recently. Congratulations!