



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 9th June – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am

Missa Pro Populo

11.30am

Sylvia De Souza

5.00pm

The Holy Souls

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 10th June

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Elizabeth Stephens RIP

Tuesday 11th June

St. Barnabas

10.00am

Fr. Vincent Flynn

Wednesday 12th June

Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon

Juana Capili & Silva Dainty RIP

Thursday 13th June

St. Anthony of Padua

10.00am

The deceased members of the Wilson Family (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today.

Friday 14th June

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Deacon John-Simon Lawson

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

Saturday 15th June

Our Lady

10.00am

Andreina da Silva Kayall RIP

Sunday 16th June – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am

Missa Pro Populo

11.30am

The Holy Souls

5.00pm

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No Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT – There will be Rosary and benediction this Sunday at 4.00pm, we will then take our usual summer break from Sunday and Thursday exposition until September

CONFESSIONS – Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am and 4.30pm – 4.50pm.
Saturdays 10.30am – 11.00am

THE ROSARY – The rosary is recited in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays

TEA AND COFFEE – There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after the 12noon Mass on Wednesdays.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS – Our parish play group meets on Wednesdays from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Sundays during the 9.30am Mass.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP – will meet after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday in the Hall.

Thank you.

A big thank you to everyone who helped last Sunday's Corpus Christi Mass, Procession and Parish Lunch go so well

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from the 11th June and will reopen on the 19th June.

The truth of the saying "pride goeth before destruction" (Prov. 16:18) is clearly demonstrated in the first and third readings today. Pride indeed induced the First Parents to disobey God. They wished to be independent of him, in fact, they hoped to be his equals. The evil results of their folly are still among us. It was their sinful pride, their sense of superiority, their utter contempt for all who did not conform to their standard of observance, that led the Scribes and Pharisees to oppose Jesus. Blinded as they were by this deep-rooted pride, they could see nothing good in him. Absurdly, they explained as the work of Satan the miracles he worked. To any honest mind, these miracles proved that he was, at least, a friend of God. That most of the Scribes and Pharisees continued in their blind pride even after their attempt to silence him forever had failed, is most likely, as Jesus' reference to the unforgivable sin would indicate. They could not be forgiven while they refused, through pride, to ask for forgiveness.

While we can thank God that perhaps none of us has the same exalted opinion of himself as had the Scribes and Pharisees, there is still much pride in even the best of us. It is still the root of all the evil that is in our world. If faithfully observed the Ten Commandments of God would make the journey of all of us to heaven easier, safer and surer. But they are violated daily. Why? Because proud people refuse to be restricted in their actions. They cannot admit that any higher power has the right to regulate their lives; they are the sole arbiters of their fate; they will do as they please.

Which of us would admit to violating the first commandment? "I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before me." We never even thought of adoring a false god, we will say, we would never think of setting up a statue of Mars or Jove or Venus and bowing the knee before it. Yet, every time we break the law of God, we are setting up an idol—one more absurd than any false god of the pagan world. We are setting up our own self, our own will, our own authority in the place of God. We will not have him rule over us!

We are living today in what is politely called the permissive age—the age when God's laws are shamelessly flouted and despised; the age when men and women, old as well as young, do what they like regardless of whether or not their actions offend God and neighbour. This is a false philosophy, not of life, but of death; this is a philosophy or whim which has the ripe seeds of destruction of human society breaking through its crust. How long can we go on living together on earth, if each one claims the right to do as they please? If, with impunity, we can lay our hands on all the wealth and property we feel we want, what of our neighbours whom we despoil? If, outside of marriage, we have every right to enjoy all the sexual pleasure of which we are capable, who is going to take on the responsibilities of married life: Who will produce the next generation of citizens and who will feed and educate them! If we have the right to all possible comfort, pleasure and ease in this life, then abortion, euthanasia for the old and defectives, in fact, the quiet removal of anyone who stands in our way, who interferes with our absolute freedom, is not only lawful but absolutely necessary! How many will survive this regime?

Of course, those who approve of and demand permissiveness, do not encourage going to such extremes—except when it suits them.

We must keep the commandments of God. not only are they the guides that will keep us on the road to heaven, but they are our only guarantee of survival during our short sojourn here on earth.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE ANNUAL DAY FOR LIFE

This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The focus for this year's Day for Life will be opposition to assisted suicide (euphemistically called 'assisted dying'). With the intention of praying and advocating for the establishment of a culture of care at the end of life, the theme for the Day for Life is: "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life". There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday in support of this.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found at

<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>

Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

SVP AND CAFOD WORKING TOGETHER IN THE RUN UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Fr. Geoffrey will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 23rd June. To celebrate with him this wonderful event and to thank him for all his service to the Parish, we will mark the day with a celebratory Mass at 11.30am followed by a celebration in the Hall – more details to follow.

END OF AN ERA: JOIN US FOR URSULINE PREP, WIMBLEDON, FAREWELL EVENTS

The Ursuline Prep warmly invites past pupils, staff, and parents to participate in special events commemorating the school's legacy as we prepare to close our doors on 11th July 2024.

There will be a Summer Fair on 15th June, a Thanks Giving Mass on 25th June at 2pm and a Prep Visit on 25th June at 3pm. To help us cater appropriately, please complete the registration form at <https://ursulineprep.wufoo.com/forms/thanks-giving-celebrations/>.

SUMMERTIME 2024: 29TH JULY – 1ST AUGUST: ALTAR SERVERS TRIP TO WESTMINSTER PASTORAL CENTRE

For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. The cost is £189. For more details see Fr. Michael