



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 1st September – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

11.30am The Braganza- Gomes-Fernandez and The Avgousti-Cox families & The Holy Souls.

5.00pm Ivan Flanagan RIP

(No Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – resumes next Sunday)

Monday 2nd September Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am The Braganza- Gomes-Fernandez and The Avgousti-Cox families
& The Holy Souls.

Tuesday 3rd September St. Gregory The Great
10.00am Benedict Britto RIP

Wednesday 4th September St. Cuthbert
12noon The Braganza- Gomes-Fernandez, The Avgousti-Cox families
& The Holy Souls.

Thursday 5th September Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Philip Grant RIP (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Friday 6th September Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am In reparation for the sin of abortion
A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat.

Saturday 7th September Our Lady
10.00am The Lee Family

Sunday 8th September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

11.30am Terry Burchett RIP

5.00pm Charles Piddock RIP

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday Rosary and Benediction will resume next Sunday at 4.00pm

Thursday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on the 12th September.

THE ROSARY –

The Rosary is said before Mass Monday- Saturday

TEA AND COFFEE -

Sunday tea and coffee resumes next Sunday.

There is tea and coffee after the Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY –

Children's Liturgy resumes next Sunday

THE LITTLE CHERUBS –

Our parent and child group resumes on the 11th September.

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

Congratulations to

Sophia, Maria, Isabelle,
Masha and Eabha

Who were baptised here at
St. Raphael's over the Summer

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

MARCH FOR LIFE LONDON 7TH SEPTEMBER - There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint, whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion Isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. The March will begin at the Emmanuel Centre – 9-23 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW at 1.30pm and conclude in Parliament Square at 4.00pm. Before the event there will be Pro Life Summit at the Emmanuel Centre between 10.00am and 1.00pm with various keynote speakers. There will also be a Mass at St. George's Cathedral at 11.00am. For more information go to www.marchforlife.co.uk

MARY'S MEALS - SCHOOL + FOOD = HOPE - During the month of September we are collecting for Mary's Meals, any unwanted foreign currency - notes and coins that you may have either lying idle in a draw or left over from your holiday. They can also take any old UK notes and coins that are no longer legal tender. These will be used to provide nutritious school meals for children living in the poorest parts of the world. If you can help with this project, please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it to either the Sacristy or Parish Office. Thank you.

SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING - You are warmly invited to the annual service of hope & healing for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed. The service will be on the 25th September at 6.30pm in St. George's Cathedral and Archbishop John will preside. Please see the notice on the 'Safeguarding' noticeboard in the hall for more details.

RCIA – Are you interested in becoming a Roman Catholic or reconnecting with your Faith? Maybe you have missed out on one of the Sacraments e.g. Confirmation? Just curious about the Catholic Faith? If you have any questions or are interested, or know someone who may be interested, you are warmly invited to an information session on Saturday 21st September at 10.30am in the library. The RCIA is a small and friendly parish group, there is no obligation to remain, you can leave the group at any time.

2ND COLLECTION - There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday in aid of The Catholic Education Service (CES). This acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 - If your child will be in Year Three or above in the Autumn term, they are eligible to join the First Holy Communion course which starts on the 5th October. The course runs on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 12noon during term time. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on the 17th May 2025. Application forms are now available in the Sacristy. There will be an introductory meeting for parents in October - please keep an eye on the newsletter for the time and date. Application forms must be returned by the **9th September**. Please note if the course is oversubscribed, priority will be given to parishioners. If you have any queries, please speak to the Catechists - Ginette Howell and Kate Freeman.

THANK YOU - The Parish has received a letter of thanks from Stella Maris – The Apostleship of The Sea, thanking us for the £284.84 that was raised on Sea Sunday in July.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Kingston Association for the Blind are looking for new volunteers to help blind and partially sighted residents attend activities such as lunch clubs, walks, book clubs and much more. If you feel this is something you'd like to get involved in go to www.kingstonassociationforblind.org or call us on 020 8605 0060.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

THE HOLY CROSS GIRLS SCHOOL, NEW MALDEN -

There will be an Open Evening for Year 7 admission in 2025 on Monday 30th September. For more information, please see the poster in the porch.

THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL, WIMBLEDON -

There will be an Open Evening on the 25th September from 6.00pm – 8.30pm and two Open Mornings on 30th September and the 4th October at 9.00am and 11.00am for Year 7, 2025 entry. To attend you need to book a place via www.ursulinehigh.mertonsch.uk/admissions/open-events

There will also be a 6th Form open evening on the 9th October from 5.00pm – 7.30pm. You must book to attend via www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/sixth-form/admissions/openevents