



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 15th September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

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

5.00pm Kimberly Tilock

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 16th September

St Cornelius

10.00am

Joe Lynch RIP

(9.15am Mass for start of the new school year at St. Joseph's School – see note below)

Tuesday 17th September

St Robert Bellarmine

10.00am

The Braganza- Gomes-Fernandez, The Avgousti-Cox families
& The Holy Souls.

Wednesday 18th September

St. Edith of Kemsing

12noon

The De Menezes Family

(4.00pm annual Mass for Teachers here at St. Raphael's – see note below)

Thursday 19th September

St. Theodore of Canterbury

10.00am

Teresa Donaldson RIP (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood and Peace
concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

Friday 20th September

SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions

10.00am

The Holy Souls

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

Saturday 21st September

St. Matthew

10.00am

Maria Anna Moth RIP

Sunday 22nd September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – (B)

9.30am Missa Pro Populo

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

5.00pm Eric Scullard RIP

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Rosary and Benediction – Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm

Thursday exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following
the 10.00am Mass – concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is said before Mass

Monday- Saturday and at 4.00pm on Sunday.

TEA AND COFFEE - After the 9.30am Mass on Sundays
and following the midday Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – There is Children's Liturgy
during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our parent and child group
meets on Wednesday afternoons 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hall.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is closed until Monday 30th September.

2ND COLLECTION

Today is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a
2nd Collection: This collection provides the Bishops of
England and Wales with resources to support Home
Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country.

MASS FOR TEACHERS

This coming Wednesday at 4.00pm, the annual Deanery
Mass for teachers will take place here at St. Raphael's.

All those involved in Catholic Education are most
welcome to attend.

MASS FOR START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

Fr. Michael will say Mass at St. Joseph's School at 9.15am
on Monday to mark the start of the new school year.

We need not be surprised at the slowness of the Apostles in grasping the messiahship of Jesus. He did not want the crowds who flocked to him to know this until later — after his resurrection — because they had the idea that the Messiah would be a political leader who would set them free from their subjection to Rome. It was not until somewhat over a year after he had called them, that he admitted to his Apostles that he was the Messiah. To forestall and erase any ideas of a political leader which some of them might have, he immediately foretold the sufferings and death he would have to endure. He would be conquered and humiliated by his enemies but their victory would be short-lived - death would not hold him - he would rise triumphant on the third day. To the Apostles this seemed incredible and Peter, their spokesman, told him so. This outlook of the Apostles is also very understandable. They had seen him work many miracles, God was evidently very near to him: how could God let his enemies humiliate and kill him? Christ forewarned his Apostles so as to prepare them for the scandal of the cross. While it did not really prepare them because they were still too worldly-minded, it did help to strengthen their faith once the facts convinced them of the resurrection. They then realized that their beloved Master was more than the Messiah, that he was in fact the Son of God, who with knowledge aforethought freely accepted his humiliations and shameful death for their sakes and ours. They gladly gave their lives to bringing this news of God's great love for men to all nations. From being a scandal the cross became the emblem and the proud standard of God's love for mankind.

We are in the happy position of the Apostles after the resurrection. We know how much God loves us; we appreciate the humiliation that the incarnation brought on his Son, the sufferings and cruel death which the sins of the world, ours included, brought on Him.

All of this took place because God wished to make us his adopted children and worthy of the inheritance he had planned for us. For a faithful and grateful Christian appreciation for this is not enough, we must be ready to take up our Cross and follow him to Calvary.

This does not mean that we must search for crosses — there are plenty of them already in our lives — but we must gladly accept the crosses life brings us and see in them God's means of keeping us close to him.

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 in 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 at 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 Catholic or reconnecting with your Faith? Maybe you have missed out on one of the Sacraments e.g. Confirmation? Or are 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 next 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.

CAN YOU HELP - Barbara Hogan, a doctoral student at St. Mary's University, Twickenham, is conducting a research study in some parishes in the Surrey area to assess the importance of touch when attending Mass, particularly in the experience of receiving Holy Communion. She would like to invite members of the parish to take part in a one-to-one informal interview, which will last approximately 1 hour. Anything you say in the interview will be kept anonymous and the findings will form part of her doctoral thesis. Please see the link below for more information about the study: <https://mahara.stmarys.ac.uk/view/view.php?id=178082> If you are interested in taking part, please email 164936@live.stmarys.ac.uk . Many thanks for your help.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT'S MEETING – If you have applied for your child to join the course, please come to an introductory meeting on Thursday 3rd October at 7.00pm in Alexander House. The meeting is for parents but children are welcome if you have childcare issues.

CONFIRMATION & FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Our children's Faith Formation groups will resume on October 13th. We will have two groups this year, Sunday mornings 10:30am – 12noon for our post 1st Communion children, aged 8-12 and Sunday evenings 6:15pm - 8:15pm for our children 12 and over with a view to preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the summer 2025. All children and their parents considering Confirmation next summer need to attend the first session on October 13th. Any queries please see Subash or Dymphna after the 9:30 Mass.

DRIVING LESSONS - A person recently received into the Church is looking for cut price driving lessons – if you are a qualified driving instructor and can help, please call Aidan Lusha on 07935183188. Thank you.

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