



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 13th October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am The De Menezes Family

11.30am Terry Burchett RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 14th October Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am Brian Croker RIP

Tuesday 15th October St. Teresa of Avila
10.00am Fr. Graham Smith

Wednesday 16th October St Margaret Mary Alacoque
12noon Fr. Michael

Thursday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch
10.00am Bernie Mitchell 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 18th October St. Luke
10.00am In Thanksgiving
A day of abstinence when we are asked to abstain from eating meat.

Saturday 19th October St. Philip Howard
10.00am Teagan – welfare and recovery

Sunday 20th October – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Junior Dicunto RIP

11.30am Fr. Geoffrey

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

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 meet on Wednesday afternoons 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday morning at 10.30am in Alexander House.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

Next Sunday is Worlds Mission Sunday and there will be the annual 2nd Collection for Missio

The story of the young man in today's Gospel teaches us that over-attachment to worldly goods is one of the big obstacles to entering heaven. The man in this story was a good-living man. Christ saw that not only was he fit for eternal life but that he was one who could have a very high place in heaven if he would leave everything and become a follower. Not only would he become a saint, but he would lead many to sanctity. The price to pay for this privilege, however, seemed too high for him to pay.

Christ asked him to make an exceptional sacrifice, one which he did not and does not ask of all his followers; his remark to the disciples later: "how hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God" holds for all time and for all mankind.

However, this does not mean that a Christian may not possess any of this world's goods but he must not let them to take such a hold on him that he has no time for acquiring everlasting goods—the Christian virtues. There are some whose whole purpose in this life is the accumulation of worldly goods. Concentration on such accumulation is wrong, but in many cases the methods of acquisition are unjust: defrauding labourers of their just wages; overcharging customers; cheating in business deals; giving false measures and many other devices which produce unearned wealth.

Those who let such greed regulate their lives are certainly not on the road to heaven. There are other sins, of course, which can keep us from heaven, but of all the sins a man can commit this irrational greed for the wealth of this world seems the most unreasonable of them all. How utterly inane and foolish to have spent a lifetime collecting something from which we shall soon be parted forever!

The rich man's bankbook and his gilt-edged shares will be not only valueless in the afterlife but they, if unjustly acquired, will be witnesses for the prosecution at the judgement on which one's eternal future depends.

While most of us are not guilty of such excessive greed for wealth, we all do need to examine our consciences as to how we acquire and use the limited wealth we have. There are very rich men who have acquired their wealth honestly and justly and who spend much of their wealth on charitable causes. Their wealth will not hinder them from reaching heaven.

However, we must remember that all of us, not just the rich have a duty to care for those less fortunate than ourselves. Remember that Christ praised the widow who put a mite (a penny) into the collection-box for the poor in the temple and he also said that a cup of cold water given in his name would not go without reward. We need not be rich in order to be charitable; often our own exaggerated sense of our poverty can make us hard-hearted and mean toward our fellowmen who look to us for help. The true Christian, whose principal purpose in life is to serve God, will not overburden himself with unnecessary pieces of luggage; instead, he will travel light and be ever ready to help others also to carry their burdens.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS/AFTERNOON SESSIONS

for our Reception 2025 intake. These will be held on: Thursday 12th November at 2.00p.m. and Wednesday 4th December at 9.15a.m. To book a place please contact the school office on 020 8546 7178, or email office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CHRISTMAS SALE

Our annual sale of Christmas cards, Advent calendars and cribs will take place on Sunday 27th October in Alexander House after all Masses. Please buy your religious cards and calendars from us. All profits go to Church funds.

MAPLE INFANTS SCHOOL

Maple Infants School is looking for a new Chair for their Governing Board. Being a Chair of Governors can be a highly rewarding experience, offering numerous personal and professional benefits. If you're interested in discussing, please contact Colette Corveste on 07931792184.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 3rd November - 2.00pm Surbiton Cemetery and 3.00pm Kingston Cemetery. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels). Fr. Michael will bless the cremated remains in the crypt and around the Church after the 10.00am Mass on All Souls Day – 2nd November.

CONFIRMATION & FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Our children's Faith Formation groups will resume today. 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 this evening. Any queries please see Subash or Dymphna after the 9:30 Mass.

ALL SAINTS PARTY - FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Friday 1 November during school half term. Our annual family party will start at 5.30pm in the hall, providing the opportunity to turn away from the darkness of secular hallowe'en and towards the light of Christ beaming through the Saints! There will be activities and food for children, followed by fireworks and the Parish Mass at 7.30pm. Children, come dressed as your favourite saints!

There will be a cake sale to raise funds for the party next Sunday after the 9.30am Mass. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received on the day and please come along and buy some cakes

DAY FOR PARISH READERS AND EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

There will be day for Parish Readers and Extra Ordinary Ministers on the new translation of the Lectionary, soon to be brought into use, next Saturday from 11am – 4pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Wimbledon. There will be a parish Mass at 10.00am for those who wish to attend. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee provided. Register directly via wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk (Travel costs will be covered by the Parish for those who wish to attend.)