



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 27th October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Kathleen Ireland RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Private Intention

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 28th October

10.00am

SS. Simon and Jude

Mary Brennan - welfare

Tuesday 29th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

In reparation for the sin of abortion

Wednesday 30th October

12noon

Feria in Ordinary Time

Bartolume and Juana Capili RIP

Thursday 31st October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Una Flanagan (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 1st November

10.00am

7.30pm

All Saints

Christopher Byrne RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Saturday 2nd November

10.00am

All Souls

The Holy Souls

Sunday 3rd November – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am The intentions of the Dabliz family

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The Holy Souls

No Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessing of Graves – see page 2.

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.

R.C.I.A - The next session will be on Saturday 9th November at 10.30am in Alexander House.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The next session will be on Saturday 9th November at 10.30am in Alexander House.

CONFIRMATION GROUP – Today following the 5.00pm Mass in the Church.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our parent and child group meet 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 (But not this week – 2nd November)

*Congratulations to
Reeva
who was baptised
recently here at
St. Raphael's*

We read in this Sunday's Gospel that, while the Lord passes through the streets of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus addresses him, crying out loudly: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" This entreaty moves Christ's heart, who pauses, has him brought to Him and cures him. The decisive moment was a personal, direct encounter between the Lord and that man who was suffering. They are before one another—God with his will to cure and the man with his desire to be cured. Two liberties, two converging wills, "What do you want me to do for you?" the Lord asks him. "Let me receive my sight," replies the blind man. "Go on your way; your faith has made you well."

With these words, the miracle is realized—God's joy, man's joy. And Bartimaeus, who had recovered his sight—recounts the Gospel—"followed him on the way": That is, he becomes his disciple and goes up with the Master to Jerusalem to take part with him in the great mystery of salvation. In the essential of its passages, this account evokes the itinerary of the catechumen toward the sacrament of baptism, which in the early Church was also called "illumination." Faith is a path of illumination; it starts from the humility of acknowledging one's need of salvation and arrives at the personal encounter with Christ, who then calls us to follow him on the way of love.

(Angelus Address, Pope Benedict XVI, 29th October 2006)

CHRISTMAS SALE – *Today!*

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

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place next Sunday - 2.00pm at Surbiton Cemetery and 3.00pm Kingston Cemetery. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels.)

HOLY SOULS NOVEMBER ENVELOPES

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls. The best way we can help the Holy Souls is to remember them at Mass - the greatest prayer that we have. There are envelopes available at the back of the church. If you write a list of the names of your loved ones, place the list in the envelope and hand it into the Sacristy, these names will be placed in a casket by the Altar and will be remembered at every Mass during the month of November. If you would like to place an offering in the envelope these will be used to offer Masses for the Holy Souls.

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE HOLY SOULS -

This can be obtained either today, next Sunday, All Saints Day or on All Souls Day - by visiting a church and reciting the Our Father and Creed - receiving Holy Communion - going to Confession and praying for the Holy Father's intentions. A plenary Indulgence can also be obtained by visiting a cemetery between the 1st – 8th November.

DEANERY REQUIEM FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The annual Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of the deanery will take place at St. Catherine's Church, Leatherhead Road, Chessington on the 29th November at 7.00pm.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

Friday is the feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are bound to hear Mass. There will be two Masses in the Church that day - 10.00am and 7.30pm. As this is a Solemnity the church does not ask us to abstain from eating meat on this day.

Saturday is All Souls Day. There will be Mass as usual at 10.00am and this will be followed by the blessing of the ashes buried around the church grounds and the crypt. Please note there will no Confessions next Saturday.

ALL SAINTS PARTY - 1st NOVEMBER

Our annual family party will start at 5.30pm in the hall. 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!

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN

MORNINGS/AFTERNOON SESSIONS

For our Reception 2025. 12th November at 2.00pm and 4th December at 9.15am. To book a place please contact the school office on 020 8546 7178, or email office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

HOT WATER IN THE HALL

Because of a leak in the boiler, there is currently no hot water in the hall whilst we await a spare part to repair it.