



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 3rd November – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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.

Monday 4th November St. Charles Borromeo

10.00am Ivan Flanagan RIP

Tuesday 5th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am In reparation for the sin of abortion

Wednesday 6th November Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon Leonardo Capili RIP

Thursday 7th November The Dedication of St. George's Cathedral

10.00am Jane Dixon (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood and Peace concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

Friday 8th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am Mike Barlow

Saturday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10.00am James Brady RIP

Sunday 10th November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Remembrance Sunday (B)

9.30am Donald D'Souza RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Camarata Catalda

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Rosary and Benediction – Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm. (Not this Sunday)

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 - Resumes Saturday 9th November at 10.30am in Alexander House.

CONFIRMATION GROUP / FAITH FORMATION GROUP – Sunday 17th November

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

The lesson which comes from today's gospel, is that the foundation of our faith is love of God and neighbour. As our Lord says: "there is no other commandment greater than these." All the other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these two commandments into daily practice. For example: why am I forbidden to murder my neighbour? Simply because he belongs to God; it was God who gave him his life and God has commanded me to love and respect him. Taking his life is interfering with God's rights and disobeying him as well. Likewise, the prohibition of idolatry, refraining from insulting God's name, keeping the Sabbath day holy are the principal ways of indicating how we should love God.

One may ask: how can I love God? He is infinitely perfect, he needs nothing from me, what therefore can I do for him? I can understand loving my neighbour—for a neighbour can need help, advice, encouragement and consolation. I can prove my love by giving these to my neighbour, but God has no such needs. It is quite true that true love is not theoretical but pragmatic, it means doing some good for somebody. While the infinite God has no needs that I can supply, he has claims on my service, on my respect, on my gratitude—claims so basic and so great that I must be ready to suffer persecution and even death rather than deny or dishonour him. It was God who gave me existence and every gift that I have. It was God, through the incarnation of his own divine Son, who made me his adopted child and heir to heaven. Everything that I am and have and hope to be, I owe to God's generosity; therefore, he has an unquestionable right to my gratitude, my reverence, my respect—these are the ways in which I can show my love for him.

To love God then, is not an obligation imposed on us by some demanding superior but a privilege granted us so that we can become worthy of the greater gifts he has in store for us.

Loving our neighbour—no matter who they are—is, according to our divine Lord, another most effective way of proving to God that we love him. Because of our common humanity we should be inclined to help our fellowmen, our neighbours, but the Christian law spiritualizes this natural inclination, by commanding us to help our neighbour because he is God's child. We are all fellow-children of God, members of the one family. Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and wants our salvation. If we love our common Father we will do all we can to help his other children also to attain salvation. It will earn for us God's Favour.

If we observe these two commandments we are "fulfilling the whole law and the prophets,"; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God and travelling safely toward God's eternal kingdom of peace and happiness.

CHRISTMAS SALE - Our annual sale of Christmas cards, Advent calendars and cribs continues 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 today - 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 today - 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 now and the 8th November.

DEANERY REQUIEM FOR DECEASED CLERGY

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

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL - Next Sunday there will be the annual 2nd collection for The Archbishop's Appeal. This funds three key mission areas: Youth and Evangelization, Our Faith in Action, and Clergy Care and Formation.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS – We get booked up for Mass intentions many weeks in advance, particularly for Sundays. If you have any Mass intentions for any time next year, to avoid disappointment, please book them now with Michael in the Parish Office.

*Congratulations to
Fiona who was Baptised here at
St. Raphael's last weekend.*