



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 6th October – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Rosary Sunday

9.30am Donald D'Souza RIP

11.30am Juliana Maria Sellwood RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 7th October

10.00am

Our Lady of the Rosary

Marcjanna (welfare)

Tuesday 8th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Fr. David Howell

Wednesday 9th October

12noon

St. John Henry Newman

The Hillier and Stapley Family

Thursday 10th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Agnelo & Rita Noronha (wedding anniversary) (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 11th October

10.00am

Pope St. John XXIII

Joe & Ray Konrath RIP

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

Saturday 12th October

10.00am

Our Lady

Cherry Kenworthy

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.

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.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

Congratulations to Michelle who was Baptised here at St Raphael's recently.



Today is traditionally called 'Rosary Sunday' and in fact the whole month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

'The Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as Our Lady did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life and our time. Through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through

us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary". I have had since my childhood, sweet memories linked to evening gatherings to honour Our Blessed Mother. Indeed, how is it possible to forget praying the Rosary in the parish or rather in the courtyards of the houses and in the country lanes?' Pope Benedict XVI

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Our First Holy Communion programme continues on Saturday morning at 10.30am in Alexander House.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS/AFTERNOON SESSIONS for our Reception 2025 intake. These will be held on: Thursday 10th October at 9.15a.m., 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.

AN EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI - Archbishop John will be giving a talk on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's life at an event hosted by the Southwark Catholic Youth Service on 31st October at St George's Cathedral. The event for 18-40 year olds starts at 6.30pm, with Eucharistic Adoration and praise and worship led by One Hope Project.

A LETTER OF THANKS - Fr. Michael received a letter of thanks from the Spiritans following their recent Mission Appeal. *'On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), may I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal that took place recently at your parish. With gratitude, we received £752.00 from your parish. This amount will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, responding to their cries for help.'*

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.

CONFIRMATION & FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Our children's Faith Formation groups will resume next Sunday. 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.

STRICTLY MINUETS - Tuesdays from 6.30pm - 8.30pm, (except the first Tuesday of the month) in Alexander House. Are you in need of some stimulating dance? It is exercise without you knowing you are having it! Come and join in the fun to ward off the autumn blues. We shall be trying out some baroque dances as well as fantasy/Bridgerton ones. No dance experience needed, all ages welcome, good sense of humour essential! £5 on the door. Light refreshments. Contact: Kate 07747 465 046

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 on Sunday the 20th October after the 9.30am Mass. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received on the day and please come along and buy some cakes**

THE SHRINE OF ST. JUDE - The shrine of St. Jude in Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent, will be celebrating the feast of St. Jude which is on the 28th October with three days of special Masses with anointing. 26th October at 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.00pm and on the 27th & 28th October at 12.30pm. For more details go to www.stjudeshrine.org.uk

DAY FOR PARISH READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be day for Parish Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on the new translation of the Lectionary, soon to be brought into use, on Saturday 19th October, 11am – 4pm 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