

St. Raphael's Church

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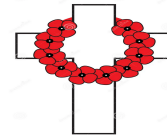
Sunday 10th November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Remembrance Sunday (B)

9.30am The dead of the Two World Wars and subsequent conflicts

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Camarata Catalda

4.00pm Rosary Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Monday 11th November St. Martin of Tours

10.00am Donald D'Souza RIP

Tuesday 12th November St Josaphat

10.00am Michael Dwyer RIP

Wednesday 13th November Feria in Ordinary Time

12noon Graham Spencer - welfare

Thursday 14^h November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am In thanksgiving for Lucy Neil (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 15th November Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am The Holy Souls

Saturday 16th November Our Lady

10.00am Daniel Keenaghan RIP

Sunday 17th November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Angeline & Matthew Rodricks RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The Holy Souls

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 11.50am.

R.C.I.A - The next session will be on Saturday 16th 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 - Saturdays at 10.30am in Alexander House.

CONFIRMATION GROUP / FAITH FORMATION GROUP – Next Sunday

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

Today we have the 2nd collection in aid of the Archbishop's Appeal

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese to support innovative projects taking place around the Archdiocese. Please be as generous as you can.

To find out more go to www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal

Today is Remembrance Sunday and Bishop Paul Mason, the Catholic Bishop of the Forces, offers this reflection, highlighting two stories of heroism – one a sergeant, another a priest.

November is the time in our national calendar when we solemnly remember those who lost their lives in battle defending our freedoms. For Catholics, November is also the month in which we pray especially for the Holy Souls in purgatory. We remember and we pray. It's important to do both. Not to remember our war dead would be to break trust with those who died for us, while not to pray for them would betray the solidarity and communion we share with them in Christ. Remembering becomes more concrete and present to us when we remember a person, a name.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission helped us tremendously with that. Names in stone we can see and touch, even gravestones where the name is known only unto God. Behind every name or anonymous headstone is a person, a story, a family, always a tragedy. For the anniversary of the Falklands conflict I went to Buenos Aires with a dozen veterans. While there they shared their stories.

They remembered together names, places, events, fears and they prayed together. Hearing the witness of so many of our veterans first-hand made me mindful of the stories we never hear, but also of the stories that may fade in the mists of the collective memory. With that in mind, I identified two individuals through whom I could find a connection to incarnate my act of remembrance, if you like. The first is Sergeant Ian John McKay. The connection is that he is buried in Aldershot Military Cemetery just around the corner from the Catholic Military Cathedral.

This compelled me to find out more. Sergeant McKay died on the night of 11 June 1982 on Mount Longdon in the Falkland Islands. I will read part of his citation for the Victoria Cross he received. My intention is not to glorify any aspect of war, but to hear the detail of his last moments of his bravery as they are important in helping focus our remembrance. During the night of the 11 to 12 June 1982, 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment mounted a silent night attack on an enemy position on Mount Longdon.

Sergeant McKay was Platoon Sergeant, a four platoon B Company, and was ordered to clear the northern side of the long east-west ridge. The enemy resisted fiercely with heavy and accurate fire. When the platoon commander was shot in the leg, command devolved upon Sergeant McKay. It was clear that instant action was needed if the advance was not to falter and increasing casualties to ensue. Taking three men with him, they broke cover and charged the enemy position.

The assault met a hail of fire. The corporal was seriously wounded. A private killed, another wounded. Despite these losses Sergeant McKay, with complete disregard for his own safety, continued to charge the position alone. On reaching it he dispatched it with grenades, thereby relieving the position of beleaguered four and five platoons. Sergeant McKay, however, was killed at the moment of victory, his body falling into the bunker.

The second connection is not with a soldier, but a priest. Father Willie Doyle Not only was he a priest, but also a military chaplain in the Great War. With the outbreak of World War I, Father Willie volunteered as a military chaplain for the 8th Battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, of the 16th Irish Division of the British Army.

He served from late 1915 through to his death on 16 August 1917, at the Battle of Passchendaele. He died at the age of 44 while rescuing two soldiers. He was awarded the Military Cross for bravery at the Battle of the Somme and a Divisional Merit Award for bravery during a poison gas attack. He was also nominated for both the Distinguished Service Order and the Victoria Cross.

During this period of remembrance, find a war memorial in your town or village. Read the names, touch the names, utter the names out loud and make them real. And having done that, pray for that person. Give thanks to and for that person and pray that their soul will rest in peace with God.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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.

THANK YOU - Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. The appeal raised £211.84 which is enough to feed 11 children for a whole school year. On behalf of the children we serve, we would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks! Please do continue to pray for the children and for the work of Mary's Meals worldwide.. May God bless you all.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Elizabeth who was baptised here last week.

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.

BARBARA HOGAN - RESEARCH STUDY -

I have now completed my interviews at St. Raphael's, and I would like to thank Fr. Michael, Michael in the parish office, and all the parishioners who gave their time to participate in my research. Everyone has been so kind and supportive, and I very much appreciate your help. I will send a copy of my completed thesis to the parish in due course, should anyone wish to read about my findings. My very best wishes to you all, Barbara.