



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 26th January

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 27th January

10.00am

Tuesday 28th January

10.00am

Wednesday 29th January

12noon

Thursday 30th January

10.00am

Friday 31st January

10.00am

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

Saturday 1st February

10.00am

Sunday 2nd February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Missa Pro Populo

Kristiaan Corner - Munroe RIP

Mary O'Connell RIP

Rosary and Benediction

Feria in Ordinary Time

The Altar Society

St. Thomas Aquinas

Nellie Brennan RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Louisa Giles RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Requiem Mass for Peggy Beehan RIP

St. John Bosco (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Brigitta Ezechial RIP

The Presentation of The Lord (Candlemas) (C)

Machiko McAlister RIP

Ena O'Sullivan RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction

Please note that our Thursday Latin Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Friday this week due Peggy Beehan's Requiem Mass on Thursday.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm.

Thursday - Exposition from after the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is said before Mass Monday - Saturday.

TEA AND COFFEE - There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass today and after Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - There is Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday 10.30am in Alexander House

CONFIRMATION GROUP - This evening at 6.15pm in the Church

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Sunday 9th February at 10.30am in the Library.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our parent and child group meet on Wednesdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Hall.

RCIA - 8th February 10.30am in the Library.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays - 10.30am - 11.00am

SPUC

Today we will have the annual collection for SPUC – The Society For Protection of Unborn Children. Founded on 11th January 1967, SPUC is the world's first and UK's largest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world. SPUC believe in the right to life from conception to natural death. For over 55 years, they have partnered with UK communities to promote a culture of life in line with the Church's teaching. Through compassionate support, education, and advocacy, they protect the most vulnerable – unborn babies, the elderly, and those facing end-of-life decisions. They work with schools, universities, and policymakers to ensure every life is valued and respected.

'THE ROMERO ROSARY'

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled 'The Romero Rosary.' With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero Mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishop warmly invites everyone to the book launch on Wednesday 12 February at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.

FILM NIGHT IN AID OF 'LIFE'

Another chance to see Classic Clips and Rare Reels on Saturday 8th February at 7.00 pm in Alexander House. The programme includes Laurel and Hardy's 'Laughing Gravy' (1930), Elvis Presley's musical Roustabout (1964), 'Journey of a Lifetime' (1961) Biblical Sites in the Middle East, 'Mickey's Grand Opera' (1936), 'The Elephant will Never Forget' (1953) plus surprises. Doors will open at 6.30 pm for refreshments, interval with raffle, and retiring collection for the charity Life. All are very welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

St Ann's Church, Kingston Hill, is one of the designated Pilgrimage Churches for the Jubilee Year 2025. St Ann's welcomes pilgrims, with Pilgrims' Masses and Adoration, Rosary Walks, and Special Talks planned throughout the year. Please see the poster on the noticeboard outlining the schedule.

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips to chapter four, here we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom as Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. As he stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

**Please note the Parish Office is closed
until Monday 10th February**