



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 16th February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 17th February

10.00am

Tuesday 18th February

10.00am

Wednesday 19th February

12noon

Thursday 20th February

10.00am

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

Friday 21st February

10.00am

Saturday 22nd February

10.00am

Sunday 23rd February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Neil Townsend RIP

The Holy Souls

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction

Feria in Ordinary time

The People of Iran

Feria in Ordinary Time

Lilah's Intention

Feria in Ordinary Time

Canon Bernard Grady RIP (Parish Priest 1956 - 1986)

Feria in Ordinary Time(Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Anastasia De Menezes

St. Robert Southwell

Austin Niel RIP

The Chair of St. Peter

The Holy Souls

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Margaret and Alquin Noronha RIP

John Jo O'Mara RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction

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 no Children's Liturgy today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - resumes Saturday 1st March 10.30am in Alexander House

CONFIRMATION GROUP - Next Sunday evening at 6.15pm in the Church

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Today 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 - Next Saturday, 22nd February 10.30am in the Library.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

What Christ said to his disciples that day long ago in far-off Galilee applies equally well to every true Christian today. We must never let the things of this world keep us from God. We may acquire and use earthly goods, but we must acquire and use them justly, charitably and reasonably. While only a relatively small number of Christians are called on to take a vow of poverty, all Christians are forbidden to take a vow of wealth, i.e., to make the acquisition of wealth their purpose in life. While only a few special disciples of Christ are asked to give up even the lawful pleasures of the senses, all Christians are commanded to avoid unlawful indulgence in sensual pleasure.

No follower of Christ is forbidden to enjoy the legitimate joys of life, but every Christian must be prepared to accept life's pains and sorrows as well. We are pilgrims and strangers on this earth, weeding our way to heaven. The lighter our pack the easier and faster we travel. But there are cares and responsibilities, according to each one's vocation in life, which we may not and must not shirk. If we face these responsibilities honestly and cheerfully, realizing that they are the means by which God wishes us to gain our eternal reward then they will be less burdensome and less heavy for us.

These Beatitudes are personally important to all of us. If we are true followers of Christ and sincere Christians, we will take the rough as well as the smooth, the poverty as well as the plenty, the sorrows as well as the joys. These are the stepping stones which God has laid down for us to help us get across the river of life to the eternal shore. "Ours is the Kingdom of Heaven"

HOPE IN ADORATION

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ". The campaign, 'Hope in Adoration', will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration

Here at St. Raphael's, there is usually Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on a Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm and also on Thursday mornings following the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction just before midday.

A DAY WITH MARY

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1 March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE

If you want to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and the Catholic faith, come and join thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for the national conference 'Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible'. Tickets are available for the Friday and Saturday or just a day pass for the Saturday. Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February at the Excel Centre, East London. Speakers Include: Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland, Archbishop John Wilson and more. For more information and to register, please visit: wordonfire.org/the-bible-event.

THANK YOU

LIFE - £380.10 was raised at the recent concert in aid of LIFE held in the Hall.

SPUC - £278.66 that was collected for SPUC in our appeal on the on the 26th January.

'FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND' - 'Friends of the Holy Land' would like to thank all parishioners for £742.46 raised for Christians in the Holy Land, at a time when they desperately need our help to remain. Please continue to remember their work in your prayers, giving our brothers and sisters strength to continue.

NEXT SUNDAY

There will be the annual collection for the '**Clergy Support Fund**'. The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

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 this year, to avoid disappointment, please book them now with Michael in the Parish Office.

CANON BERNARD GRADY

On Wednesday we remember Canon Bernard Grady who was Parish Priest here for 30 years from 1956 – 1986 and who died on this day in 1992. He is buried in the crypt below the High Altar of our Church.

May He Rest In Peace