



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 9th February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 10th February

10.00am

Tuesday 11th February

10.00am

Wednesday 12th February

12noon

Thursday 13th 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 14th February

10.00am

Saturday 15th February

12.noon

Sunday 16th February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Machiko McAlister RIP

Missa Pro Populo

The Holy Souls

Rosary and Benediction

St Scholastica

Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP (Former Parish of St. Raphael's)

Our Lady of Lourdes

The Holy Souls

Feria in Ordinary Time

The Holy Souls

Feria in Ordinary Time(Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

The Holy Souls

SS. Cyril and Methodius

Austin Niel RIP

Our Lady

The volunteers of St. Raphael's Parish

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Neil Townsend RIP

The Holy Souls

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction

Please note Mass next Saturday (for one week only) will be at 12.noon. Confessions will be from 11.30am -12noon

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 - resumes Saturday 1st March 10.30am in Alexander House

CONFIRMATION GROUP - This 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, 8th February 10.30am in the Library.

CONFESSIONS -

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

Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

In the Gospel today we see how the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! If a businessman of today (or even of the year 28 A.D.) were choosing a chairman and assistants for the world-wide enterprise he was about to set up, is it likely that he would choose them from among the unknown, unlettered fishermen of Galilee? Yet Christ, who was about to set up not only a world-wide institute but an everlasting one, chose these simple fishermen and made them his assistants and his successors in the work that he had taken in hand.

And it wasn't that he was restricted in his choice. There were many highly educated priests and scribes in Jerusalem whom he could have won over, men who could preach and instruct so much more eloquently than Peter or Andrew. There were Roman officers in Palestine who were highly educated, and who would be much more eagerly listened to in the Gentile world. There were Greek philosophers whose very name would add prestige to the Gospel message had they been Apostles. Yet it was to none of these that Christ entrusted the arduous task of spreading the good news of the Gospel, it was to none of these that he gave the keys of his kingdom.

Christ was not influenced in his judgement by external, accidental qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the society that he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a free transport system to heaven. The truths he was committing to its keeping were not based on earthly wisdom which would require eloquence and prestige to bolster them up. They were the eternal, divine truths which needed no human propaganda, no help from mere men.

Thus, in the selection of his Apostles, Christ has given us an extra proof, if one were needed, of his own divine wisdom and of the divine origin of the Christian religion which we profess. Our religion is not man-made, God is its author.

While thanking God today for our Christian religion, with its clearly-drawn map of salvation, let us show our appreciation by doing our own little part, as humble apostles, weak but willing helpers of Christ. This we can do without eloquence, or personal prestige. We do so by living as true Christians in our homes, in our places of work, and in our recreations, by carrying our cross daily and patiently, ever ready to give a hand when the neighbour's cross seems too heavy for him. This will be Christian eloquence, this will be a true apostleship of Christ, because actions speak louder than words.

Tuesday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, this day marks the first apparition of the Our Lady in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Between 11th February and 16th July that year.

Our Lady appeared eighteen times to St. Bernadette in Lourdes.

On March 25 she said to the fourteen year old Bernadette:

"I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity.

February 11th was proclaimed 'World Day of the Sick' by Pope St. John Paul II. So let us remember on this day all those suffering.



FR. DOMINIC O'SULLIVAN RIP - On Monday we remember Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan who was Parish Priest of St. Raphael's from 1986 until his retirement in 2002. Fr. Dominic came to the parish as Canon Grady's assistant in 1971 and succeeded the Canon when he retired in 1986. Fr Dominic was ordained to the priesthood on 12th June 1952. During his time in the parish he married hundreds of couples and baptized thousands of babies, he was a much-loved parish priest. Fr Dominic retired in 2002, shortly after his Golden Jubilee as a priest. Following retirement, he continued to live in the parish and until his health began to fail, to come to the church daily and concelebrate mass with Fr Vincent, his successor. He died on the 10th February 2008 and was buried in Waterville, Ireland.

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.

A REMINDER ABOUT PARKING AT THE CHURCH.

Please note that the Car Park in front of Alexander House must be locked at 1.00pm after the morning Masses on a Sunday and at 6.00pm after the evening Mass. (This is a planning requirement from Kingston Council) Please ensure that cars are moved before these times.