

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 14th September

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

(24th Week in Ordinary Time)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)

The Collins Family

Martin Goddard - welfare

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 15th September

10.00am

Tuesday 16th September

10.00am

Wednesday 17th September

12noon

Thursday 18th September

10.00am

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

Friday 19th September

10.00am

Saturday 20th September

10.00am

12noon

Our Lady of Sorrows

Patrick Ward RIP

SS. Cornelius and Cyprian

John & Mary Savile RIP

St. Robert Bellarmine

Peter Bevan - 90th Birthday

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

In honor of Our Lady's birthday

St. Theodore of Canterbury

Teresa Donaldson RIP

SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions

Eric Scullard RIP

Requiem Mass for Priscilla McHugh RIP

Sunday 21st September

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Doreen Veigas RIP

Priscilla McHugh RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction at 4.00pm

Thursday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction just before 12 noon.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is said before Mass Monday - Saturday and at 4.00pm on Sunday's

TEA AND COFFEE

There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass this morning and after the 12noon Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy resumes today during the 9.30am Mass

THE LITTLE CHERUBS

Our parent and child group 'The Little Cherubs' meet on Wednesday from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Hall.

CONFESSIONS

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

Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

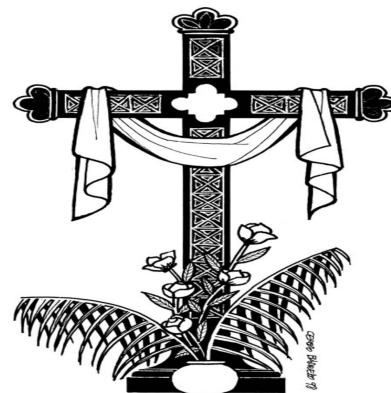
Please note the Parish Office is closed until the 25th September.

Today's feast, the Triumph of the Cross, is also known as The Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas. The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption.

To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

We made the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.



175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR CHURCH

In two weeks' time, we will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the opening of our church in 1850. To mark the occasion His Grace the Archbishop has kindly agreed to visit us again and celebrate Mass at **11.00am** on Sunday 28th September – the nearest Sunday to our Patronal Feast which is on the 29th September. This will be followed by a parish celebration in the hall. **(Please note on that day the earlier Mass will at 9.00am – instead of 9.30am)**

A GENTLE REMINDER ABOUT MOBILE PHONES AND NOISE IN CHURCH.

Please ensure you switch off or turn to silent your mobile phone when you come to Mass. There have been a number of occasions recently when they have gone off and this causes a distraction to the priest and other members of the congregation. Also please remember that other people are praying in the church before and after Mass, so please keep conversations to a minimum and in a low voice so as not to distract others. Thank you for your co-operation.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

If your child is in Year Three or above they are eligible to join the First Holy Communion course which starts on the 18th October. The course runs on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 12noon during term time. Application forms are now available in the Sacristy. There will be an introductory meeting for parents on 8th October at 7.00pm.

Application forms must be returned by 5th October.

Congratulations to

Peter Bevan who celebrates his 90th Birthday on Wednesday.

Of Your Charity

Please pray for the soul of Priscilla McHugh (Sister of Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan) who died on the 18th August. Her Requiem Mass will be this coming Saturday 20th September at 12noon
May She Rest in Peace.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today there will be the annual 2nd collection for The Catholic Education Service (CES) which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Next Sunday there will be the annual 2nd collection for Home Mission Sunday. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

Thank you for the £1,307.50 That was collected for the Missionaries of St. Paul (MSP's) following their recent Mission Appeal. Fr. Michael has received a letter of thanks from the MSP'S.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or reconnecting with your Faith? Maybe you have missed out on one of the Sacraments of Initiation e.g. Confirmation? Just curious about the Catholic Faith? If you have any questions or are interested, or know someone who may be interested, you are warmly invited to an information session on Saturday 4th October at 10.30am in the library.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP

The Faith Formation group will re-start again on Sunday 21st September at 10:30-12pm in the Library. This group is for all children who have taken their 1st Communion but not yet Confirmed. Our aim is to inspire and share our Faith with our children.