



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 21st September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am

Doreen Veigas RIP

11.30am

Priscilla McHugh RIP

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 22nd September

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Cherry Kenworthy RIP

Tuesday 23rd September

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (*Padra Pio*)

10.00am

Fr. John Moth RIP

Wednesday 24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham

12noon

Priscilla McHugh RIP

Thursday 25th September

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

10.00am

The Holy Souls

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

Friday 26th September

SS. Cosmas and Damian

10.00am

Fr. Peter Ryan RIP (*Parish Priest of St. Raphael's 1914 – 1930*)

Saturday 27th September

St. Vincent de Paul

10.00am

Hilda Barlow RIP

Sunday 28th September SS. Michael, Gaberial and Raphael

9.00am

Pope Leo

11.00am

Alexander Raphael and all past and present members of St. Raphael's Parish

5.00pm

Missa Pro Populo

No Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please note the change in Mass times next Sunday morning. The two morning Masses will be at 9.00am (Not 9.30am) and 11.00am (Not 11.30pm). There will be no Confessions next Sunday morning. There will be no Rosary and Benediction next Sunday.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Sunday - Rosary and Benediction at 4.00pm (Not next Sunday)
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 Sundays

TEA AND COFFEE - There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass this morning and after the 12noon Mass on Wednesday. (There will be no tea and coffee next Sunday morning)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Children's Liturgy resumes today during the 9.30am Mass. (There will be no Children's Liturgy next Sunday morning)

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 (Not this Sunday) & 4.30pm – 4.50pm,
Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

PARISH OFFICE

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

In our Gospel today, we are warned not to become the slaves of earthly things. We may feel that this warning is for millionaires and business magnates. Our Lord didn't say so - there was not a single millionaire in his audience. He meant it for all of us, what he warned against was not just the acquisition of this world's goods but their unjust acquisition and the dishonest use of them when they were justly acquired. God created all that exists in this world and He intended what He created for our use but we are only managers of these and it is the way we manage these goods, not the quantity, that our judgment will be based on. Millionaires can get to heaven while all paupers have no guarantee that they will make it.

A lesson our Lord wishes to teach us is that we should use what we can spare of our earthly possessions in helping those who need our help. By doing that, we will be making friends who will help us at the judgment seat to get a lasting reception in heaven. Remember that description of the judgment which our Lord gave when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me"? What we do for the needy, we do for Him. Those whom we help, as far as we can, will be witnesses, testifying for us when our final examination, on which our eternity will depend, comes upon us.

Two resolutions worthy of our serious consideration today in relation to earthly goods are: Never let them take up all our time. We have a far more serious purpose in life. Secondly, let us be grateful to God for what He has given us in this life. We might like to have a lot more, but God knows best. Let us work honestly and be generous with what we have. We are serving God, not money. God will be waiting for us where there is no currency and where the one bank account that matters will be the good use that we made of our time and our share of this world's goods while we were alive.

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR CHURCH

Next Sunday 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**. This is 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. There will be no morning confessions, tea and coffee, Children's Liturgy or Rosary and Benediction)

BRASS POLISHING - In preparation for the Archbishop's visit, we need to polish our church brass. There will be a polishing session in the hall this Saturday 27th September at 10.30am, if you have a hour to spare please come along and help.

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.**

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY - Today 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.

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP -The Faith Formation group will re-start again today at 10:30-12pm in the Library. This group is for all children who have received their 1st Communion but are not yet Confirmed. Our aim is to inspire and share our Faith with our children.

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.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY - All children are invited to gather every Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in front of Our Lady's Altar to say a decade of the Rosary.

MUSICAL EVENING IN AID OF LIFE - Saturday 4th October at 7.00 pm in Alexander House. Doors will open at 6.30 pm. Admission is free. Michael Bevan and Nicholas Armour will perform a recital of songs by Peter Warlock, Schubert, Faure, Debussy and Quilter with piano music by Beethoven (Pathetique Sonata), Lennox Berkeley and Gershwin. Refreshments will be served in the interval. There will be a raffle and a retiring collection for the charity LIFE.