



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 28th September SS. Michael, Gaberial and Raphael

9.00am The Holy Souls

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.

(26th Week in Ordinary Time)

Monday 29th September

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

Jhoana Cindy Capili RIP

Tuesday 30th September

St. Jerome

10.00am

Anne Sheridan RIP

Wednesday 1st October

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

12noon

Anne Martin & In memory of Will.

Thursday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

10.00am

Elizabeth Garry RIP

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

Friday 3rd October

Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00am

In reparation for the sin of abortion

Saturday 4th October

St. Francis of Assisi

10.00am

All unborn children and expectant mothers.

Sunday 4th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9.30am The D'Souza, Rodricks, Noronha and Pereira Families

11.00am Rosa and Henry McGarry RIP

5.00pm Missa Pro Populo

4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please note the change in Mass times this morning.

The two morning Masses will be at 9.00am and 11.00am.

There will be no Confessions this morning.

There will be no Rosary and Benediction this afternoon.

Parking is available in the TA Centre for those attending the 11.00am Mass and Parish Lunch

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

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 will be no tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass this morning. There is tea and coffee and after the 12noon Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -There will be no Children's Liturgy today.

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

Today we celebrate our patronal feast which we share with the other Archangels Michael and Gabriel. St Michael (Who is like God) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to Her, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of Christians. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition". In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God and she invokes their assistance. During a funeral we pray "May the angels lead you into Paradise". In the "Cherubic Hymn" of the Byzantine Liturgy, she celebrates the memory of angels particularly Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and the guardian angels".



Our knowledge of the Archangel Raphael comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveller with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means "God has healed."

Our Church, one of the oldest Catholic Churches in the country, was built by Alexander Raphael in the grounds Surbiton Park, his estate, where he lived. We are told that he built the Church to fulfil a vow he had made to Our Blessed Lady. Alexander Raphael was born in India of Armenian heritage in 1775. He was a great philanthropist and benefactor of Catholic causes, particularly education, in recondition of which, he was made a Papal Knight of the Order of St. Sylvester by Blessed Pope Pius IX. In 1831 he was appointed Bailiff of Kingston and in 1834 he was elected Sheriff of London, the first Catholic to hold the post since the Reformation. He was also Member of Parliament for St. Albans from 1847 until his death. He died on the 17th November 1850 and is buried in the crypt under the High Altar of the Church along with members of the Mexborough and Savile families.

Today we welcome His Grace, Archbishop John Wilson, our Metropolitan Archbishop to the Parish to celebrate Our Patronal Feast in this 175th anniversary year of the opening of our Church. We also welcome The Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Noel Hadjimichael and The Mayoress, Ms Carol Berliner along with our ecumenical guests. Following the Mass everyone is invited to lunch in Alexander House.

O God, who gave Your servant Tobias the Holy Archangel St Raphael for a companion and guide on his journey, grant that during our earthly pilgrimage, we may always be protected by his watchful care and strengthened by his help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.**

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 LIFE.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Are you interested in becoming a Roman 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.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - FURTHER ACTION NEEDED! - As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new Easy Action tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.