



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 7th September

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

(No Rosary and Benediction- resumes on 14th September)

Monday 8th September

10.00am

Tuesday 9th September

10.00am

Wednesday 10th September

12noon

Thursday 11th 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 12th September

10.00am

Saturday 13th September

10.00am

Sunday 14th September

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Neil Townsend RIP

Kareem Dawood RIP

Missa Pro Populo

(No Rosary and Benediction- resumes on 14th September)

The Nativity of Our Lady

Bernadette Grey - welfare

St. Peter Claver

Princess Anne of Löwenstein-Wertheim RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Angela & Tim Combe - Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Bernard Forbes RIP

The Most Holy Name of Mary

The Holy Souls

St. John Chrysostom

The Holy Souls

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)

The Collins Family

Martin Goddard - welfare

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Today in Rome, Our Holy Father Pope Leo will canonise the First Millennial Saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis.

The fact that a millennial teenager is to become a saint is truly wonderful news. There is something about the life of Carlo, a saint of our times, that makes everyone excited.

For all those who felt heaven was out of reach, Blessed Carlo has brought great hope. Carlo was an ordinary boy, but because he tried to live for God, the Lord has raised him to the heights of holiness.

Blessed Carlo had a simple "roadmap" to heaven that each one of us can follow - Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Devotion to Our Lady and the Saints, Confession and Spiritual Guidance and Acts of charity.

Carlo was born in London in 1991 and died in Milan in 2006 at the age of Fifteen. At his request his body was transferred to Assisi in 2007.

There are some CTS pamphlets in the stand in the hall on his life should you wish to learn more about this extraordinary young man - the first saint to be canonised who was born in the 21st century.

'Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us.'

'Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God.'

Carlo Acutis



Today's Gospel from St. Luke teaches us that the essential condition for true discipleship, demanded by Christ, was, and still is, total dedication, total commitment of oneself to Him. There can be no such person as a half-Christian. Jesus said "He that is not with me is against me". We cannot be for Christ on Sunday and against Him for the remainder of the week. To be His true disciple, His true follower, we must live our Christian life every day and all day.

Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is a life-journey. We have a limited time in which to complete this journey. Therefore, we must travel a certain distance each day. This does not mean that we must spend every day in prayer and meditation. There are other tasks to be done, but we must Christianize these other tasks. Even the members of religious orders who "leave the world," that is, who are set free from the family and financial cares of this world by their vows of chastity and poverty, have to busy themselves with other cares like teaching, nursing, tilling the soil perhaps, house-keeping, writing and many such activities. They cannot and do not spend all their day and every day in prayer and meditation. Nor does Christ demand this of them.

Much less, therefore, does He demand this of the ninety-nine percent of His followers who have to take on themselves financial and family cares. It is by fulfilling these worldly duties in a Christian way that they are dedicating themselves to His service. This is their total commitment to Christ. The married man or woman who is loyal to his or her life-partner and to the family, if there is one, and who provides diligently and honestly for their own and their family's spiritual and temporal welfare, and who always does this with the intention of pleasing God, is following Christ and is moving steadily day by day towards heaven.

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday Rosary and Benediction resumes next Sunday and Thursday Exposition and Benediction will resume this week

THE ROSARY – The Rosary is said before Mass Monday – Saturday.

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 next Sunday during the 9.30am Mass

THE LITTLE CHERUBS – Our parent and child group 'The Little Cherubs' will start again this Wednesday.

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays - 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm,
Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday 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.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year 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. (Please note on that day the earlier Mass will be at 9.00am – instead of 9.30am)

Following the Mass there will be a Parish Lunch and we need help with the food and set up. We would also like to get an idea of numbers. Please let us know next week if you would like to come and how you can help. Subash and Dymphna will be outside the Church today after each Mass with sign up lists. Many thanks.

Congratulations to

Rafal & Daria, Matthew & Olivia and Peter & Dorothea who were married here at St. Raphael's over the summer.

To Grace who was baptised recently.

To Angela & Tim Combe who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this week.

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 on Saturday 20th September at 12noon May She Rest in Peace.