



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 12th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Cherry Kenworthy RIP

James and Wanda Fernandez

Missa Pro Populo

Monday 13th October

10.00am

St. Edward the Confessor

Terry Burchett RIP

Tuesday 14th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Sharon Pain - welfare

Wednesday 15th October

12noon

St. Teresa of Avila

The Holy Souls

Thursday 16th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

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 17th October

10.00am

St. Ignatius of Antioch

The Holy Souls

Saturday 18th October

10.00am

St. Luke

The Holy Souls

Sunday 19th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Theodore's Intentions

The indigenous people of Ecuador

Missa Pro Populo

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 11.50am.

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is said before Mass Monday – Saturday and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

TEA AND COFFEE - There will be tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass this morning. There is also tea and coffee after the 12noon Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - There will be Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass today.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS – Saturday in the Upper Room at 10.30am

RCIA – Saturday at 10.30 in the Library.

CONFESSIONS

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

Saturdays - 10.30am - 11.00am

We have little concept today of what it meant to be a leper at the time of Jesus. Worse than the disease was the leper's fate; cut off from family, forced to live a wretched life alone, begging for food.

The law stated that Lepers shall dwell apart making their abode outside the camp. They were the living dead and leprosy was regarded more with terror than pity. If a leper spoke to you, they had to do it from a distance, they were never to approach. But, Jesus was always breaking these ancient taboos.

Often we read of Him not only speaking to lepers but reaching out to touch them. He broke all kinds of laws; always His first concern was not law, but people, not religion but life. We are told that one of the ten was a Samaritan. Hated and distrusted by the Jews among whom he lived.

Tolerated only by the nine others with whom he shared this terrible disease. He alone returns to give thanks, ten said please and only one said thank you. He throws himself at the feet of Jesus in gratitude. There is a touch of sadness in the words of Jesus, were not all ten made clean? Where are the other nine? This is the only place in the Gospels that we find Jesus insisting of the duty of gratitude. Did you ever notice that ungrateful people are never happy?

I am privileged to know a young woman, we will call her Kate. Kate is a single parent, three children. Bringing up three children in today's world is difficult enough. But, for a woman alone, it can sometimes seem impossible. Some years ago, Kate's husband infected her with the HIV virus and then committed suicide and left her with the children who are trying to deal with their father's suicide and the fact that their mother has aids.

Every month she comes to see me, spends an hour in the chapel and then goes out to look at the spectacular view from the top of this mountain. Recently she said to me, "I thank God for this mountain and this view, it gives me such peace. And, you know, the car is running great, the children are doing well and all my bills are paid. And I feel great." Kate is grateful to God for every day. She thanks God constantly for her life; she never stops saying thank you to God. It could be said that Kate is a modern-day leper. There are people who do not want her around, do not want her to come near; they want her to stay outside of the camp-even members of her own family. God has not cured Kate, but He has healed her.

Healed her of anger, healed her memories and healed her pain. Now, she is free, free to be happy and live life to the fullest. Ten lepers were healed; one of them returned to give thanks, the other nine went on their merry way. Did it really matter? Jesus thought it did, he felt deep concern for those nine, ungrateful souls. They were cheating themselves, gratitude is important to you and me because it enriches our lives. And, none of us can ever be truly blessed without it. Today's gospel invites us to ask ourselves two things. First, to which group do we belong? Do we belong to those who are grateful like the Samaritan? Or, do we belong to those who are ungrateful like the other nine lepers who were cured? Perhaps, we all need to say from time to time, "O God, You have given us so much, give us one more thing, a grateful heart."

Before you leave mass today, say a prayer of thanks. Thanks for the ordinary things of life, that we so often take for granted: your life, your faith, your family and loved ones. But most of all, thank God for His greatest gift to you, His divine Son. The Son you can receive each time you come forward at the Eucharist, the Son who will heal you no matter who you are, or what you have done. You are always welcome here at this altar.

Fr. Robert Warren SA

ST JOSEPH'S CHOOOL OPEN DAYS – St. Joseph's our Catholic Primary School are holding their open day for their Reception 2026 intake on Wednesday 3rd December at 9.30am. Please contact the school office to book a date. Tel. 020 8546 7178 or email office@stjosephs.rbksch.org

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN – 'The Rosary Challenge' invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The 'Mark 10 Mission' has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY – next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and there will be the annual 2nd Collection for Missio. Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. This goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

CONGRAULATIONS

To Rocco and Sofia who were baptised here at St. Raphael's recently.

SAFETY MARSHALLS

Fr. Michael is grateful to the following who have agreed to act as Safety Marshalls in the Parish. Their job is to ensure that if there was an emergency during Mass or any other parish event, the Church and Hall are evacuated quickly and safely.

9.30am Mass –

Jose Ferraro and Marguerite Kinsella

11.30am Mass-

Mansour (Mas) Alkass and Carole Woodfield

5.00pm Mass -

Janet and Andy Croggon

ALL SAINTS PARTY – 1st NOVEMBER - Our annual family party will start at 5.30pm in the hall. There will be a Parish Mass at 5.00pm. Children,

come dressed as your favourite saints! Followed food ,activities and fireworks.

There will be two cake sales to raise funds for the party after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday - 19th October and on the 26th October. Please come along and buy some cakes.