



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

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

Monday 20th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mary Brennan - welfare

Tuesday 21st October

10.00am

St. Margaret Clitherow

Eugene Connolly RIP

Wednesday 22nd October

12noon

Pope St. John Paul II

The Holy Souls

Thursday 23rd 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 24th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

The Holy Souls

Saturday 25th October

10.00am

Our Lady

The Holy Souls

Sunday 26th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Donald D'Souza RIP

Mary, Michael and Paul McLoughlin RIP

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 8th November 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

Our Lord teaches us, in the parable about the Judge and the widow that we hear in today's Gospel, the need for perseverance in prayer. This perseverance develops our trust and confidence in God. It helps us to become humble and to realize how weak we are when left to ourselves. It keeps us close to God, as we learn how dependent we are on His generosity. If we only would realize that God is perhaps never closer to us than when we think He is forgetting us! The trials of life, spiritual or temporal, which He allows us to suffer are not obstacles to our spiritual progress but rather stepping-stones without which we could not cross the rivers of life at all.

God wants every one of us in heaven but just as no two men on earth have the same identical features, so also no two men on earth have the same road to lead them to heaven. God is supervising the journey of each one of us. He is ever there to help if the obstacle on one's road is insurmountable. We may and we must, keep asking God for the spiritual and temporal favours which we feel we need. We must never grow despondent or feel that God has lost interest in us, if He delays in granting these favours. When we shall look back on our earthly journey from the happy vantage point of heaven, we shall see how effectively and how lovingly God regulated our journey. When He did not grant a certain favour it was because He had a much more important one to give us, one we did not ask for or even realize we needed.

"Ask and you shall receive," not perhaps what you wanted, but what God knew you needed. "Seek and you shall find," not the easy way which you thought you deserved, but the harder way which would make you more deserving of heaven. "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," not the door you were standing at, which would have delayed or endangered your progress, but the door further down the street where refreshment and new courage to continue on your upward climb were awaiting you.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARCHBISHOP JOHN'S VISIT - If anybody took any photographs of the Mass or lunch, we would very much like to share them on the parish website – could you please contact Michael in the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES - The Southwark diocesan Marriage and Family life team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) per annum for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For a full job description and further details, please email liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: October 31.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY – Today 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.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES - The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 2nd November - 2.00pm at Surbiton Cemetery and 3.00pm Kingston Cemetery. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels.)

ST JOSEPH'S CHOOOL OPEN DAYS – St. Joseph's our Catholic Primary School are holding the last of their open days 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

ST RAPHAEL'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY - To commemorate the parish's 175th anniversary celebration, and to support the Lenten project in 2026, a booklet containing parishioners' recollections of the parish will be created. Over the years, the parish has seen priests come and go, had cause to celebrate many events, both religious and social, and taken pilgrimages together. If you would like to share your memories of these, a written piece of historical interest, or how the parish has touched your life in other ways, please submit any short anecdote, story, poem, memory or picture to alisonking52@gmail.com by the end of December. It goes without saying, that anything humorous and uplifting would be much appreciated.

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 today and next Sunday. Please come along and buy some cakes.

***Of Your Charity,
please pray for the repose of the Soul of
Eugene Connolly.***

***Who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be on
Thursday 30th October at 12noon
May He Rest in Peace***