



St. Raphael's Church

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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

Monday 27th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Kathleen Ireland RIP

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

Tuesday 28th October

10.00am

SS. Simon & Jude

Richard Hourigan RIP

Wednesday 29th October

12noon

Feria in Ordinary Time

Maria Laura Pradera RIP

Thursday 30th October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time (Mass in English)

Juana & Bartolome Capili RIP

12noon

Requiem Mass for Eugene Connolly RIP

Friday 31st October

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mariangela's Intention

Saturday 1st November

10.00am

Our Lady

All unborn children and expectant mothers

Please note our period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that normally takes place on Thursday, will take place on Monday this week due to Eugene Connolly's Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Thursday.

Sunday 2nd November 2026

5.00pm (Saturday Evening)

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

All Saints (C)

The Holy Souls

Theodore's intention

Ivan Flanagan RIP

Missa Pro Populo

No Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today - Blessing of Graves - see page 2

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. (See note above for this week)

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 on Sundays. 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

During His public life Our Lord met sinners of all kinds. There is not a single record of a harsh word spoken by Him to any of them. In fact, He was accused of mixing too freely with them. His answer was that it was those who were ill who needed a doctor, not those who were in good health. The sinners He met knew that they were ill. They regretted their sins. He forgave them.

One thing that we can learn from this sad story of the Pharisees in today's Gospel, is that, while God does not approve of sin, His mercy and His forgiveness is available for all sinners except the proud. It isn't that God cannot or will not forgive the sin of pride but that the proud man will not ask for God's forgiveness.

We must all be on our guard against this insidious and destructive vice. It is insidious because it can grow in us almost without our knowing it and once it has taken root it is difficult to eradicate. It is destructive because it spoils every other virtue we practice and every good work we do. Charity, or brotherly love, cannot flourish in a proud heart, for a proud heart is so full of self that it has no room for others. No true love of God can exist in a proud heart, for even the very acts of religion which a proud man performs, are done for the motive of self-glory and not for the glory of God. The Pharisee in this parable proves that fact. He boasted of his good works. A few simple straight questions can tell us whether or not we are proud. Do we like others to see and hear of our good works, or do we prefer to do them in secret? Do we give as generously to charitable causes when no list of benefactors is published? Do we criticize offhand those who are not all they should be, or do we thank God that we were saved from similar temptations? Do we always try to find an excuse for the failings of others or have we excuses for our own faults only?

Let us all remember the two men praying in the Temple. One was full of himself and boasted to God and to all present, of his many good works. The other just humbly beat his breast and asked for mercy - he had nothing to boast of, yet, he left the Temple forgiven, the other returned home a worse sinner than when he had entered the Temple.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS - Next Sunday we celebrate the transferred feast of All Saints. On Monday we celebrate All Souls Day. There will be two Masses that day, 10.00am and 7.30pm. Fr. Michael will bless the crypt and the graves where ashes are buried around the church grounds after the 10.00am Mass.

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

DEANERY REQUIEM FOR DECEASED CLERGY - The annual Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of the deanery will take place at St. Anne's Church, Kingston Hill on the 21st November at 7.00pm.

HOLY SOULS NOVEMBER ENVELOPES - The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls. The best way we can help the Holy Souls is to remember them at Mass - the greatest prayer that we have. There are envelopes available at the back of the church. If you write a list of the names of your loved ones, place the list in the envelope and hand it into the Sacristy, these names will be placed in a casket by the Altar and will be remembered at every Mass during the month of November. If you would like to place an offering in the envelope these will be used to offer Masses for the Holy Souls.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL 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

KINGSTON CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMLESSNESS - are advertising for a Night Shelter Co-ordinator and five Night Shelter Support Workers. For more information go to kcah.org.uk/vacancies/

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS - There are a selection of Christian Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars for sale in the Hall, all proceeds go towards Church funds

ALL SAINTS PARTY – 1st NOVEMBER - Our annual family party will start at 5.30pm in the hall next Saturday. There will be a Parish Mass at 5.00pm. (This fulfils the Sunday obligation) Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite saints! Followed food, activities and fireworks. There will be the second of our two cake sales to raise funds for the party after the 9.30am Mass today. Please come along and buy some cakes.

THANK YOU - The Musical Evening on 4th October raised £240 for the charity Life. The donations help support women facing a crisis pregnancy and their babies. Many thanks for your generosity.

***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***