



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 16th November 2025

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 17th November

10.00am

Tuesday 18th November

10.00am

Wednesday 19th November

12noon

Thursday 20th November

10.00am

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

Friday 21st November

10.00am

Saturday 22nd November

10.00am

Sunday 23rd November 2025

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Daniel Keenagh RIP

Celine Dabliz's Intention

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Feria in Ordinary time

Francis Gutridge RIP

The dedication of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Basilicas, Rome

The Fox and Burns families

Feria in Ordinary Time

Moirra & Nigel Rocca

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Edward Hillier RIP

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The welfare of Jason, Odette and family

St. Cecilia

Dylan Freeman

Christ the King (C)

Praveen Joshua RIP

The deceased members of the Ho family

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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 noon.

THE ROSARY - The Rosary is said before Mass Monday – Saturday and at 4.00pm on Sundays. Children are also invited to gather in front of Our Lady's Altar after the 9.30am Sunday Mass for a decade of the Rosary.

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 – Next 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.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP – After the 9.30am Mass today in the Library.

Today the Church wants us all to do a bit of spiritual stock-taking. As next Sunday will be the special feast day of Christ the King, today's Mass is really the last of our liturgical year. We are reminded today that this world will come to an end one day. We do not know when or how, but that end will come. Christ will come in power and glory to judge the whole human race. Each one will receive the sentence they merited while on earth. It is on this judgment that we should try to concentrate. It is to help and encourage us to do just this that the church brings the thought of the end of the world before our minds in today's Gospel. The end of this world will come for each one of us when we draw our last breath. How will we stand in God's sight when that moment comes? An eternity of happiness or grief will depend on our spiritual state at that moment.

The thought of death is a frightening thought for most of us. We would rather put it far from our minds, but of all the other things that can possibly happen to us on this earth, death is the one and only certainty. It would be utter folly then to try to ignore it or forget it. What matters is the judgment which follows death. How will we fare in that?

Each one of us can put the following simple question to ourselves - how would I fare if I were called before the judgment seat of God today? The best of us would certainly prefer to be better prepared. There is so much good I have left undone, so many faults for which I have not atoned properly, so many uncharitable thoughts about my friends and neighbours in my mind, so many acts of charity I kept postponing, so many acts of thanksgiving and praise I have not made to my loving God.

If we were called, and we have no guarantee that we will not be called today, could we dare to face our judgment in our present state?

The Christian who wants to die in the state of grace, that is, in the friendship of God (and can there be any real Christian who would not want to?) has but one way of making sure of this. They are to try to live always in God's friendship. The person who does this by living their Christian life daily need not fear death. It may be a sudden death, but it will never be an unprovided-for death.

Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

CHERISH LIFE CONFERENCE - A one-day conference to help us build a culture of life will take place on Saturday at St John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall, Purley from 11:00am. This event is for everyone who has a heart to defend unborn babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. For more information and to register, call 07926007175 or visit cerishlife.eventbrite.co.uk, ,

INTER FAITH WALK: UNITY IN COMMUNITY - There will be an Inter Faith Walk taking place this coming Thursday. The walk will begin at 1.00pm in front of the Guildhall and will stop here at St Raphael's before going on to the Kingston Orthodox Synagogue, Kingston University (for a talk focusing on youth and in collaboration with Kingston Muslim Youth) where refreshments will be served. The walk will then go on to the Kingston Quaker Centre and All Saints. The walk will end with a dialogue event titled: 'Unity in community' and will be facilitated by the Dialogue Society. Food will be served.

There are 50 spaces available, so please do book your free ticket as soon as possible by going to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inter-faith-walk-unity-in-community-tickets-1963257475960?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

SAFETY AND VOTIVE CANDLES – Would parents please ensure that children are never left unsupervised around the votive candle stands in the church or allowed to light candles themselves. Also could we remind people that an offering should be made for candles. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION - Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King and there is the annual 2nd collection for the Catholic Youth Service.

Congratulations
to Romy who was baptised here at St. Raphael's
on the 8th November

#REDWEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – This is a day when we are asked to remember and pray for the persecuted Church around the world. This year there will once again be a special Mass at St George's Cathedral at 6.00pm followed by a reception. The focus for this year's Mass will be on suffering young Christians around the world. If you would like to attend, please do RSVP at advocacy@acnuk.org. All are welcome. For more information go to https://youtube.com/shorts/_C3FKP6CZ1U?si=inOjssUAD5iHLilc

CHILDREN'S ROSARY AND PETITIONS - All children are invited to gather every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass in front of Our Lady's Altar to say a decade of the rosary.

Children are also warmly invited to write down their prayer intentions—or express them through drawings if they want—and place them in the special box at Our Lady's Altar. These heartfelt offerings will be presented on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December.

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.

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, this coming Friday at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

MASS OFFERINGS – We often get booked up for Mass offerings many months in advance. If you have any particular dates for Mass intentions – including for the whole of 2026, please book them now to avoid possible disappointment.