



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 7th December 2025

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

2nd Sunday of Advent (A)

Missa Pro Populo

Ginette Howell

Michael Cawley RIP

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday 8th December

10.00am

The Immaculate Conception

Fr. Michael

Tuesday 9th December

10.00am

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Fr. Geoffrey

Wednesday 10th December

12noon

Advent Feria

Michael Barlow & family

Thursday 11th December

10.00am

Advent Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Edward Black RIP

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

Friday 12th December

10.00pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Eugene Connolly RIP

Saturday 13th December

10.00pm

St. Lucy

The Ho family

Sunday 14th December 2025

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday (A)

Pope Leo & Fr. John

Marianna's intention

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 - Children are 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP – Will meet after the 9.30am Mass This morning in the Library.



*The second candle is the
"Bethlehem Candle"
which symbolises faith
and reminds us of Mary
and Joseph's journey to
Bethlehem.*



"The journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behaviour in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and

perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Our Parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday 21st December at 6.15pm
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP HEAT AND SERVE THE MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE – If you can HELP, please either speak to Dymphna or Subash after the 9.30am Mass today or Michael in the sacristy after the 5.00am Mass or the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS - Hannah and Christopher who were married here at St. Raphael's last week.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY AND PETITIONS -Children are invited to gather after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays at Our Lady's Altar to say a decade of the rosary. Children can also write their prayer intentions—and place them in the box at Our Lady's Altar. These will be presented on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December.

CHRISTMAS CARDS -There are a selection of Christian Christmas Cards for sale in the Hall, all proceeds go towards Church funds.

THANK YOU -Missio has written to Fr. Michael, thanking the parish for the £347.88 that was collected on World Mission Sunday.

NEW CUPS AND SAUCERS -The parish has purchased new sets of cups and saucers for the hall to replace those that were broken or went missing. Please take care of these.

2ND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - Our annual 2nd collection for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas will be held next Sunday.



Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Although the solemn dogma was only defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854, the Immaculate Conception was a belief held by the Church since earliest times. Our Lady, Immaculately Conceived and is the main principle patron of our Archdiocese. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

ADVENT TALKS AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL
 Friday 12th December

'Advent as a Call to Conversion'

Friday 19th December

'Advent as a Joyful Expectation'

Speaker: Fr. Jackson Sebastian Mavelithayil 6.00pm
 In the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral.

WEDNESDAY TEA AND COFFEE GROUP

CHRISTMAS PARTY. The Wednesday tea and coffee group, which meet after the 12noon Mass on Wednesdays, will be holding their Christmas Party on the 17th December – All are welcome.

**Of Your Charity, please pray for the
 repose of the Souls**

of Sandra Coombs.

Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 15th December
 at 10.00am

Of Soul of Tim Hays.

Details of his funeral to follow

May They Rest in Peace.