



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 11th January

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

(No Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today)

The Baptism of The Lord (A)

Joyce Lobo RIP

The Holy Souls

Missa Pro Populo

(1st week in Ordinary Time -year (A) ferial cycle 2)

Monday 12th January

10.00am

St. Aelred of Rievaulx

The Holy Souls

Tuesday 13th January

10.00am

St. Hilary

Brigid Craig RIP

Wednesday 14th January

12noon

Feria in Ordinary Time

Piotr Brys - welfare

Thursday 15th January

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 16th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Una Annett RIP

Saturday 17th January

10.00am

St. Anthony, Abbot

The Holy Souls

Sunday 18th January

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

(No Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today)

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Michelle & Rushabh's Intention

Kristiaan Corner – Munroe RIP

Missa Pro Populo

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction resumes on the 25th January.

Thursday - Exposition from after the 10.00am Mass, concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

CHILDREN'S 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 today and after Mass on Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – There is Children's Liturgy during the 9.30am Mass today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday 10.30am in Alexander House

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Next Sunday, 18th January at 10.30am in the Library.

THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our parent and child group meet on Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hall.

CONFESSIONS -

Sundays - 9.00am – 9.20am & 4.30pm – 4.50pm. Saturdays- 10.30am - 11.00am

THANK YOU

Fr. Geoffrey would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and good wishes over the Christmas season. He has offered Mass for all your intentions.



Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism? - by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

It has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptised by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

The Baptism of Jesus was also an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, let us reflect upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Let us hear the Father speaking to us about the divinity of His Son. Let us turn our eyes to Jesus and prepare ourselves to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfil that mission in our own lives.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which we daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

MASS INTENTIONS - We get booked up for Mass intentions many weeks in advance, particularly for Sundays. If you have any Mass intentions for any time this year, to avoid disappointment, please book them now with Michael in the Parish Office.

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST - A Catholic apologetics resource. The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, to watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

PEACE SUNDAY – Next Sunday is Peace Sunday Pax Christi is an official church organisation basing its work on the Gospel values of peace, justice and non-violence. Pax Christi prayer cards on the Peace Sunday theme will be distributed after all of the Masses next Sunday. Please continue to pray for peace in our troubled world.

CRIB OFFERINGS – This year our Crib collection will once again be donated to the 'The Catholic Children's Society'

Each year they help hundreds of families facing a crisis in their lives. By providing immediate emergency support via their Crisis Funds, they ensure families can access the practical help they need when they have nowhere else to turn. This has only been possible thanks to the generosity of their supporters. By leaving a donation at the crib, you can help us reach many more families in urgent need.

Our Crib will be taken down during the week, so today is your last chance to make an offering.

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES FOR YOUNG

ADULTS TO LOURDES - Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7th – 13th June. The cost is £789, which includes flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. To book, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26
Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are also invited to register interest for the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in August 2027 at www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027
For information about youth activities for all ages across the Archdiocese please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/scys1