



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 25th January

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Angeline & Matthew Rodricks RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Brigid (Breda) McGinty RIP

Monday 26th January

10.00am

SS. Timothy & Titus

The Christians of The Holy Land

Tuesday 27th January

10.00am

St. Angela Merici

Fr. Ossy RIP

Wednesday 28th January

12noon

St. Thomas Aquinas

Ivan Flanagan RIP

Thursday 29th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

John Gibney RIP

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

Friday 30th January

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Simone Dyer – welfare

11.30am

Requiem Mass – Terrance Allen RIP

Saturday 31st January

10.00am

St. John Bosco

Catie & Nadre D'Ubaldo & Family

Sunday 1st February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Agne & Alexander D'Souza RIP

Ena O'Sullivan RIP

Missa Pro Populo

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction resumes next Sunday.

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 7th February, 10.30am in Alexander House

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Sunday 8th February 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

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Tuesday 3rd February

The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God's involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as 'The Light' that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasises the colours and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected.

God's initiative with regard to men permits them to have a renewed relationship with reality. In God's light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. A light which illuminates gives strength and permits the disclosure of the universe and man. This is why, after saying, 'on those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone' (Is 9:1), the text adds, 'you have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing' (Is 9:2).

A joy and happiness that became real in Jesus' presence. He is the promised light that has come into our midst, His physical presence that expresses the definitive arrival of the Light. The light that shines brightly marks God's initiative performing His first merciful and free step towards a wounded humanity.

This dynamic is expressed through Jesus call of the first Apostles. He chooses them with an unequivocal call, 'Follow Me'. Faced with God's sudden interruption in their lives He invited them to abandon the nets and trust themselves totally to the Lord for a new 'catch', a new definitive horizon. At the Last Supper, the end of His earthly life, Jesus reminds His disciples 'you did not choose me, no, I chose you' (Jn 15:16).

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and absolutely free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us.

THANK YOU

£312.38 was collected at our crib over the Christmas season. This has been forwarded to the Catholic Children's Society.

HEALTH AND SAFETY –

STANDING AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

If there are seats available in the Church or in the private Pew – behind Our Lady's Altar, please avoid standing at the back of the Church during Mass. The main doors to the church are also an emergency exit and should be kept clear as much as possible. In case of an emergency, please be guided by the stewards. Thank you for your cooperation.

BISHOP ELECT –

CANON GERARD BRADLEY.

The Episcopal Ordination of Canon Gerard Bradley who has been named by Pope Leo as a new Auxiliary Bishop for our Archdiocese, will take place on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), 2nd February at 12 noon at St. George's Cathedral. All are welcome.

OF YOUR CHARITY,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Terrance Allen

Who died recently.

His Requiem Mass will be on Friday at 11.30am

May he Rest In Peace

Congratulations to Archbishop John who celebrates the 10th anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination as a bishop which took place in Westminster Cathedral ten years ago today.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS' RETREAT

A Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday 31st January, at St. Anne's Church, Kingston Hill, from 10:00 am, followed by Holy Mass at 12 noon. All readers and Extraordinary Ministers are warmly encouraged to attend.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1st February, at 10.00am. Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism, while celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride. If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags. After the Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments — a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion. The mass will be livestreamed through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>