



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 15th February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Paulo Fernando da Silva Braga RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Lara and Gemma Belletti

Monday 16th February

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Geoffrey McGuire - welfare

Tuesday 17th February

10.00am

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Lousia Giles

Wednesday 18th February

10.00am

12noon

7.30pm

Ash Wednesday

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Additional Mass at 10.00am

Thursday 19th February

10.00am

Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Canon Bernard Grady (Parish Priest 1956 -1986)

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

Friday 20th February

10.00am

Lenten Feria

Carol Goddard - welfare

Saturday 21st February

10.00am

Lenten Feria

In Thanksgiving

Sunday 22nd February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm

The 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

Stafford Walker

Missa Pro Populo

Carlo D'Ubaldo RIP

**Weekday Mass –
Monday to Friday
this week
will be celebrated
in the Hall – see
note page 2.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction at 4.00pm.

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. There will be no tea and coffee after the 12noon Mass on Wednesday.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Saturday 28th February, 10.30am in Alexander House

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Sunday 15th March 10.30am.

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

WEDNESDAY IS 'ASH WEDNESDAY'

There will be three Masses that day – 10.00am, 12noon and 7.30pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

In today's Gospel, Christ is not abolishing the ten commandments, but he is demanding of his followers a more perfect, a more sincere, fulfilment of them. The whole moral value of any legal observance comes from the interior disposition of those who observe or keep the law. None of us serves or honours God by any exterior acts, be they ever so arduous or continuous, unless these acts proceed from an intention and a will to honour and please God. This is the charter, the constitution, of the new law, Christianity. The old law is not abolished but deepened and given a new life.

Avoiding murder therefore is not enough; the true Christian must remove any inclination to murder by building up true, brotherly love for all in our hearts. We must not only not injure our neighbour or fellowman in their person, or in their character, but we must be ever ready to help them and prevent injury to them, whenever and wherever we can. We must not only not commit adultery but must also develop a Christian respect and esteem for purity, the virtue which will preserve us not only from adultery but even from thoughts of adultery, or any other abuse of our sexual gifts given us by God for his sublime purpose.

We must be truthful always. This virtue is not only necessary for our salvation but is the basis of rational intercourse between people in civilized society.

True and loyal service of God therefore begins in the heart and has its value from this interior disposition. Keeping the ten commandments is our way of proving to God that we are grateful, obedient and loyal to him who gave us all we have and who has promised us future gifts infinitely greater still. And just as our love for God is proved by our true love for our neighbour, so the last seven of the commandments impose on us obligations regarding our neighbour. It is only by fulfilling these seven that we can fulfil the first three which govern our relations with God. This truth is expressed by our Lord in the words: It you are offering your gift at the altar, and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there . . . first be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift.

LENT READING – ‘MY DAY BY DAY’ - Copies of the Lent edition of ‘My Day by Day’ are available at the back of the Church, they cost £1.00 (Please put money in the box marked Newspapers or pay with the card reader.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - This fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for clergy in their retirement, old age and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, his Church and his people. Donations ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR SPUC – Next Sunday we will have our annual appeal in aid of the Society For The Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary every Friday at 5pm throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral on Ash Wednesday at 5pm, and again on Friday 6th and Friday 27th March. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

EVENING CONCERT - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH AT 7 PM

ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH HALL, ENTRANCE FREE -

RETIRING COLLECTION - The Romantic poet William Blake has been described as a ‘guardian spirit of our Island nation’. The event is in support of SPUC, the Society For The Protection of Unborn Children, and celebrates Blake and the Romantic movement in an evening of poetry set to music featuring Margaret Nicholson (soprano), Michael Bevan (viola) and Guy Pearson (piano).

BRASS POLISHING – we are planning a brass polishing session on Saturday 28th February at 10.30am in the Hall to clean the three votive candles stands in front of Our Lady's Altar and St. Anthony's statue . If you can spare an hour or so to help, please come along.

CHURCH LIGHTING - Work has begun to update the lighting in the Church to a LED system. The current system uses halogen lamps that are now obsolete and difficult to source. The new system will be more robust and cost effective and also provide better lighting. The work is due to take about three weeks and during this time weekday Mass will be celebrated in the hall. Saturday and Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the Church as normal. Whilst the work is taking place, for safety reasons, there will be no admittance to the church during the week.

ST RAPHAEL'S LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP

- This Lent deepen your faith through a study of the Gospel of St. Matthew. Reflect with Pope Leo on the teachings of Jesus that sow peace and Christian love. Led by our parishioner Dr. Janet Croggon, there will be four sessions on Wednesdays - 25th February, 4th March, 11th March and 18th March at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in Alexander House. More details to follow.

ST JOSEPH'S – OUR PARISH

PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL - Will your child be 3 before the end of the year? Applications are being taken for our parish Nursery for the September 2026 and January 2027 intakes. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. To book a visit, contact the school office on 020 8546 7178 or email: office@stjosephs.rbksch.org.

Of your Charity
Please pray for the repose of
the soul of

Mary McCarthy
who died recently.
May She Rest in Peace