



St. Raphael's Church

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Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 8th February

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Donald D'Souza RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Catie & Nadre D'Ubaldo & Family

Monday 9th February

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Margaret Carr RIP

Tuesday 10th February

10.00am

St. Scholastica

Fr. Dominic O'Sullivan RIP (Former Parish Priest of St. Raphael's)

Wednesday 11th January

12noon

Our Lady of Lourdes

Fred Jeffreys RIP

Thursday 12th February

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Khider Alkass RIP

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week

Friday 13th February

10.00am

Feria in Ordinary Time

Alan Reddaway (In thanksgiving)

Saturday 14th February

10.00am

SS. Cyril and Methodius

Cameron Cottey RIP

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction at 4.00pm.

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 28th February, 10.30am in Alexander House

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Today 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

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

In today's Gospel, Christ calls his followers the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." These are titles of honour and of the greatest distinction. Christ is putting his followers on almost a level with himself. He was the light of the world; he was the salt of the earth. He it was who gave men the knowledge of the true nature of God, as shown by the Incarnation. He it was who gave this life its flavour, who gave this life its meaning, its preservation. By his death and resurrection he took away the sting of death, and removed its eternal corruption, by the guarantee and promise of a resurrection to an eternal life.

In true humility, we can all say that we are far from worthy of any such honourable titles. Yet in all sincerity too, many if not the majority among us, are doing their little bit of Christ's work, in cultivating their own small corner of his vineyard. The parents who teach the Christian way of life to their children by word, and especially by example, are spreading the Christian faith. The worker, who shows that they are Christian by their honesty, charity for their fellowmen, their respect for God, and the things of God, in their speech, are spreading their Christian faith. All those who show moderation in their personal expenditures and donate some of their savings to help those who are in need, these are true disciples of Christ.

Unlike the salt that has lost its flavour and the light that is kept under the bushel, if necessary and with God's grace, we can change, we can become once more what we ought to be— the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world."

Life on earth is short. The demands of our Christian life may not always be easy, but we know that if we live up to them, we are other Christs. We are continuing his great work by our own good example to our neighbour, and we are giving glory to God, and are earning for ourselves the eternal light of heaven.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 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.

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.

🎵 **STRICTLY MINUETS** 🎵 - Feeling lethargic and want to feel motivated? Dance is the best form of exercise for well being and a healthy body. Why not try out Strictly Minuets, here on Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm in the Hall. All are welcome. Strictly Minuets is a joyful time of classical music, learning new dances from the 18th century minuet to the waltz and having fun with a marvellous group. This term starts on Tuesday February 10th. For more information, please contact Kate: 07747 465046

CHURCH LIGHTING - Work is due to begin tomorrow, 9th February 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. There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays 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.

GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST - A weekend for those who have been bereaved 20th - 22nd March. This will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

Of your Charity
Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Khider Alkass,
(Brother of Mas) who died recently.
May he Rest in Peace