



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 13th September

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 14th September

10.00am

Followed by veneration of the relic of the true cross

Tuesday 15th September

10.00am

Wednesday 16th September

12noon

Thursday 17th September

10.00am

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

Friday 18th September

10.00am

Saturday 19th September

10.00am

Followed at 10.45am by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary during confessions

Sunday 20th September

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time(A)

Sandra Ricaplaza RIP

France Bakas RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The Exultation of the Holy Cross

The Holy Souls

Our Lady of Sorrows

Alida O'Driscoll - welfare

Feria in Ordinary Time

John & Mary Savile RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

The Holy Souls

Feria in Ordinary Time

Teresa Donaldson RIP

Our Lady

The Holy Souls

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Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm

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

Saturday - Exposition and Rosary during confessions.

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 the 12noon Mass on Wednesday.

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

FAITH FORMATION GROUP - Our Faith Formation group will meet next Sunday - 20th September, following the 9.30am Mass. For more information email dymphna.subash@gmail.com

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- 10.45am - 11.15am.



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In today's gospel reading we are presented with Jesus' powerful teaching on forgiveness through the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. When Peter asks how many times he should forgive his brother, suggesting seven times, Jesus responds, "not seven times but seventy-seven times," showing that Christian forgiveness should have no limits. The king's mercy toward his servant, whose enormous debt is completely cancelled, reflects God's infinite mercy toward each of us. Yet the servant's refusal to forgive a fellow servant for a much smaller debt reveals the danger of accepting God's mercy without extending it to others. This passage reminds us that forgiveness is at the heart of the Gospel. Every time we receive God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession we are called to become instruments of that same mercy in our families, workplaces, and communities. Forgiveness does not always remove the pain of injustice, nor does it mean approving wrongdoing, but it frees our hearts from resentment and opens us to God's grace. Jesus teaches that those who have experienced God's compassion must show compassion to others. By forgiving sincerely and repeatedly, we imitate Christ, strengthen our relationships, and grow in holiness, trusting that God's mercy is both the source and the model of our own forgiveness.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY - There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday for the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY – HOME MISSION SUNDAY – This is a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday/> The Second Collection next Sunday is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

VACANCY - Marymount School in Kingston have a vacancy for a School Secretary. While the role is currently structured on a full-time, full-year basis, there may be scope to consider a term-time plus working pattern, depending on the experience of the successful candidate and the requirements of the role. If you would like to find out more about the role, please call Ruth Bowley on 020 8949 0571 or email HR@marymountlondon.com.

HEALTH & SAFETY – FIRE EXITS – Please do not place chairs at the back of the church. In the event of an emergency this is the main exit from the building and must not be in any way blocked. Furthermore please do not stand at the back of the church if there are seats available. Thank you for your co-operation.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - If your child is in Year Three or above they are eligible to join the First Holy Communion course which starts on the 10th October. The course runs on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 12noon during term time. Application forms are now available in the Sacristy. There will be an introductory meeting for parents in October – date TBA . **Application forms must be returned by 27th September.**

CONFIRMATION 2027 – There will be a Confirmation programme running from January – details will be announced nearer the time.

ANNUAL SERVICE FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED BY ABUSE - The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30th September, at 6.30pm at St . George's Cathedral. The service will be led by Archbishop John and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all.

HOW DO WE PRAY? HOW DO WE BUILD A BETTER, MORE FULFILLING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? - You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called 'Teach Me to Pray' facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details / to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hq> or email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk