



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 20th September

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 21st September

10.00am

Tuesday 22nd September

10.00am

Wednesday 23rd September

12noon

Thursday 24th 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 25th September

10.00am

Saturday 26th September

10.00am

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

Sunday 27th September

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time(A)

Sandra Ricaplaza RIP

Missa Pro Populo

The Holy Souls

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Matthew

Fr. Geoffrey

Feria in Ordinary Time

Fr. Michael

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Renee Baudonne – welfare

Our Lady of Walsingham (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Philip - healing

Feria in Ordinary Time

Jimmy Russell RIP

Our Lady

Fr. Peter Ryan RIP – Parish Priest of St. Raphael's 1914 -1930

SS. Michael Gabriel & Raphael

(Transferred to the nearest Sunday)

Hilda Barlow RIP

Bill McCarthy RIP

Missa Pro Populo

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 this morning 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, Jesus presents the parable of the workers in the vineyard to reveal the generosity, justice, and mercy of God's Kingdom. A landowner hires workers at different times throughout the day, yet at the end of the day he gives each worker the same wage. Those who worked the longest complain, believing they deserve more, but the landowner reminds them that he has acted according to his agreement and generosity.

This parable teaches that God's grace is a gift freely given, not something that can be earned or compared. The vineyard represents the Kingdom of God, and the workers represent all people called to serve Him. Some are called early in life, while others encounter God later. The important point is not the length of one's service, but the willingness to respond to God's invitation.

The parable challenges the human tendency to measure worth through comparison. Like the early workers, we may sometimes feel that our sacrifices deserve greater recognition than those of others. However, Jesus reminds us that God's love is not limited by human ideas of fairness. His mercy is abundant, and He desires to welcome all people into eternal life.

The teaching also reflects the Church's understanding of salvation as a gift of grace. While good works and faithful living are essential responses to God's love, salvation ultimately comes from God's generosity. The phrase "the last will be first, and the first will be last" calls Christians to humility, compassion, and trust in God's wisdom.

Our Lord invites us to rejoice when others receive God's blessings and to remain grateful for the grace we have received. It reminds us that God's Kingdom is founded not on competition, but on love, mercy, and generosity.

2ND COLLECTION TODAY – 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.

THANK YOU – for £216.35 that was collected for the Catholic Education Service last week

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.

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd September until Monday 5th October.

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 – NEXT SUNDAY 27th September.

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Are you curious about the Catholic Faith and not baptised? Or a baptised, non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic? Maybe you are a Catholic and have not received either the Sacrament of Confirmation or Holy Communion? If so, you are warmly invited to an information session on **Saturday 26th September** at 10.30am in the library to find out about the RCIA process. By joining the group, there is no obligation to remain, you can leave at any time and are always welcome back.

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/tnpn4hqg> or email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

BILL MULCAHY RIP – Requiem Mass Monday 28th September 2026 at 12noon Our Lady of Immaculate Church, Tolworth.