



St. Raphael's Church

Catholic Parish Church - Parish Priest - Fr. Michael Lovell

Tel 020 8616 9583 Email michaellovell@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Office -(Monday - Thursday 9.00am - 4.00pm)

St. Raphael's Church, Portsmouth Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 - 2NA

Church Manager Tel 020 8541 - 4999

Email surbiton@rcaos.org.uk Web. www.straphaelsurbiton.org.uk

St. Joseph's Our Catholic Primary and Nursery School

The Fairfield, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2UP.

Tel. 020 8546 7178 E. mail office@stjosephs.rbksch.org Web. www.stjosephs.kingston.sch.uk

Head Teacher Mrs Lorraine Flower

Sunday 11th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 12th October

10.00am

Tuesday 13th October

10.00am

Wednesday 14th October

12noon

Thursday 15th October

10.00am

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

Friday 16th October

10.00am

Saturday 17th October

10.00am

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

Sunday 18th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Brendan Kinsella RIP

Gerard Sheridan - welfare

Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Wilfred

Cherry Kenworthy RIP

St Edward the Confessor

Terry Burchett RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Bryan Corrigan RIP

St. Teresa of Avila (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

Xi and Donald

Feria in Ordinary Time

The Reddaway Family

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Tommy Duffy RIP

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Filippo Dinardo RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Barney & Mary Byrne RIP

No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Today

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 following the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th November. 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.

OCIA - No OCIA this week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Saturday, 10.30am – 12noon in Alexander House.

Our Gospel today presents the powerful parable of the wedding banquet, where a king invites many guests to celebrate his son's wedding. While the invitation is generous and freely offered, many reject it through indifference or hostility. The king then extends the invitation to everyone, both good and bad, filling the banquet hall. Yet the story ends with the removal of a guest who is not wearing the proper wedding garment, reminding us that accepting God's invitation requires an authentic response.

From our perspective, this parable reveals God's universal call to salvation. The wedding feast symbolizes the Kingdom of Heaven and the eternal communion God desires with all people. Through Christ, God continually invites us to share in His divine life, especially through the Eucharist, where we participate in the heavenly banquet in anticipation of eternal life.

However, the wedding garment represents more than mere attendance; it signifies a life transformed by grace. Through Baptism, we are clothed in Christ, but we are also called to preserve that garment through faith, repentance, charity, and obedience to God's will. Simply identifying as a Christian is not enough. We must strive to live as faithful disciples, allowing God's grace to shape our thoughts, words, and actions.

The parable also challenges us to examine how we respond to God's invitation. Do we allow worldly concerns, pride, or comfort to distract us from Him? Or do we make time for prayer, the sacraments, and acts of love toward others? Every day is another opportunity to accept God's invitation with gratitude and commitment.

As Christians, we are reminded that God's mercy is abundant, but it calls for conversion of heart. May we faithfully wear the garment of holiness, nourished by the Eucharist and strengthened by the sacraments, so that when the Lord calls us to His eternal banquet, we may joyfully enter into His presence.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

FOR 'MISSIO' - Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken next Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

JOIN THE ST RAPHAEL'S CHOIR We are looking for new, enthusiastic singers to join the parish choir, which sings regularly at the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and other feast days. All are welcome! We rehearse on Saturdays at 5.30pm for 1 hour and briefly before Mass on Sundays. Please email Michael.J.Nicholson@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to join us.

ANNUAL EDUCATION MASS – This year's Kingston Schools Deanery Mass will take place at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Tolworth at 4.00pm, this Thursday 15th October. The Mass is open for all those who work in education in the Deanery.

Congratulations - to Una who was baptised here at St Raphael's recently.



You can now make your weekly donation to the Parish via our QR Code
Simply open your phone's camera and point it to the code. A link will appear in yellow below the code. Click on the link then select 'Parish Offertory'

TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY – Today remember prisoners and their families. It is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church and as communities, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment.

Archbishop Richard Moth writes 'Our prisons are in crisis. There are record numbers of people behind bars. Inspectors regularly report instances of vermin, violence, self-harm and people languishing in cells with nothing to do. At the same time, too many people are released with no home, no job, no family and no hope.

The ripple effects of this crisis are felt well beyond the prison walls. The lives of hundreds of thousands of families and children are affected as they, too, serve a hidden sentence. Having a mother, father, husband or wife in prison can have a devastating impact – more than half of families tell us they are struggling to afford the basics for themselves and their children.

PACT is the leading Catholic charity in prisons, they have been helping people in need for more than 125 years. They support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. Their work draws on the values of our faith: dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity. They believe that everyone can make a fresh start, whatever they may have done.

Last year, their dedicated staff and volunteers supported 565,000 prison visits and helped nearly 600 people with emergency welfare grants. Their work is a lifeline for many thousands of people struggling to stay afloat or to make a fresh start.

There will be a second collection today to support Pact's important work in the year ahead.

LOST PROPERTY – There are various items of lost property that have been handed into the sacristy over recent months displayed on a table in the hall. If you have lost something please take a look and if it there, reclaim it. Any items not claimed in the next two weeks will be donated to a charity shop.

THE PARISH OFFICE - Please note the Parish Office is closed until Tuesday 20th October.