



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 18th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 19th October

10.00am

7.00pm

Tuesday 20th October

10.00am

Wednesday 21st October

12noon

Thursday 22nd 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 23rd October

10.00am

Saturday 24th October

10.00am

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

Sunday 25th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

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

St. Philip Howard

Elizabeth Ott RIP

'White Mass' for all health workers (See page 2)

Feria in Ordinary Time

Paul McLoughlin RIP

St. Margaret Clitherow

The Holy Souls

Pope St. John-Paul II (Latin Mass - Novus Ordo)

Terry Burchett RIP

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Donald D'Souza RIP

Missa Pro Populo

Maria Laura Pradera RIP

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Today

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT –

Sunday - Rosary and Benediction 4.00pm (**Not This Week**)

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 - In the library on Saturdays, 10.30am - 12.00pm.

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

In today's Gospel (Matthew 22:15–21), the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. If He supports the tax, He risks alienating His fellow Jews; if He rejects it, He could be accused of rebellion against Rome. Jesus responds with remarkable wisdom: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

At first glance, Jesus' answer seems to distinguish between our civic responsibilities and our religious duties. Yet His words go much deeper. The coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. But every human person bears the image and likeness of God. While we owe respect and obedience to legitimate civil authority, our lives, hearts, and souls belong entirely to God.

This Gospel speaks powerfully to the witness of Pope St. John Paul II, whose feast we celebrate on Thursday. Throughout his life and papacy, he demonstrated what it means to give God what belongs to God. Living under both Nazi occupation and communist rule in Poland, he understood the pressures of governments that sought to control not only society but also the human spirit. He courageously proclaimed that no political power can replace God or diminish the dignity of the human person.

As Pope, St. John Paul II encouraged us to be faithful citizens who contribute to the common good while never compromising the truths of the Gospel. His unwavering defence of life, religious freedom, marriage, and human dignity often challenged powerful political and cultural forces. He reminded the world that Christians must engage with society, but their ultimate loyalty belongs to Christ.

His famous words, "Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ," continue to inspire us today. They invite us to live our faith openly and courageously, even when doing so is unpopular or difficult. Like St. John Paul II, we are called to be witnesses to the truth in our families, workplaces, schools, and communities.

Today's Gospel asks each of us an important question: What am I giving to God? It is easy to fulfil our external obligations, but God desires much more than outward compliance. He asks for our whole lives—our love, our trust, our choices, and our hearts. May the example and intercession of St. John Paul II help us to live as faithful disciples, giving to God what is truly His: ourselves.

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.

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

A DAY WITH MARY - At Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7th November. The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> Or see the poster in the porch.

THANK YOU – for £463.75 that was collected last Sunday for 'Prisoners' Sunday'.



You can now make your weekly donation to the Parish via our QR Code

2ND COLLECTION TODAY 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.

A 'WHITE MASS' FOR ALL HEALTH CARE WORKERS MONDAY 19 OCTOBER AT 7.00PM HERE AT ST. RAPHAEL'S

The 'White Mass', named for the white coats and lab coats worn by medical staff, offers people in healthcare professions the chance to come together and pray for God to bless and guide their healing work.

The tradition of the White Mass began in the United States in early 1930s. and has since spread world wide. From its inception, the medical profession has been understood as a healing profession, a way in which Christ's work continues upon the earth. Moreover, since the apparitions at Lourdes in the late 19th century, the plight of the infirmed – and those who care for them – have taken on renewed appreciation in participating in the mysteries of Christ's own life. The White Mass gathers health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God's blessing upon the patient, doctor, nurse and caregiver alike.

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 is there, reclaim it. Any items not claimed by next Sunday will be donated to a charity shop.

Congratulations to Gabriel who was baptised last Sunday here at St. Raphael's.