

# St. Raphael's Church


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**Sunday 1st November** — **All Saints (A)**
**9.30am** — **Sheila Kinsella RIP**
**11.30am** — **Ivan Flangan RIP**
**5.00pm** — **Missa Pro Populo**
**(No Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament today – Blessing of graves see Page 2)**

Monday 2nd November — All Souls
10.00am — The Holy Souls
(Followed by the blessing the interred ashes around the church grounds and the crypt)
7.30pm — The Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd November — St. Martin de Porres
10.00am — John & Ruby Coelho RIP

Wednesday 4th November — St. Charles Borromeo
12noon — Teigan Freeman

Thursday 5th November — Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am — The Deceased members of the Mendonsa & Coelho families
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood and peace concluding with Benediction at 11.50am.

Friday 6th November — Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am — In reparation for the sin of abortion

Saturday 7th November — The dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. George.
10.00am — Jane Dixon
Followed at 10.45am by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary during confessions.

**Sunday 8th November** — **Thirty Second Sunday (A)**
**9.30am** — **Brendan Kinsella RIP**
**11.30am** — **Gerard Sheridan - welfare**
**5.00pm** — **Missa Pro Populo**
**4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**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** - 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.

**FAITH FORMATION GROUP -** Our Faith Formation group will meet following the 9.30am Mass next 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 (term time only)

**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 –** First Holy Communion classes - Saturday10.30am – 12noon in Alexander House.

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

The feasts of All Saints which we celebrate today and All Souls day tomorrow, invite us to reflect on the mystery of life, death and the hope we have in Christ. These two days remind us that death is not the end of our journey, but a passage towards eternal life with God.
Today, we honour all the saints, both those recognised by the Church and the countless holy people whose names are known only to God. They remind us that holiness is not reserved for a select few but is a calling for every Christian. Through their faith, love, courage, and perseverance, the saints show us how to follow Jesus in our everyday lives. Their example encourages us to live with compassion, forgive others, serve those in need and remain faithful even during difficult times.
Tomorrow on All Souls' Day and indeed throughout the whole of November, we remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially our family members, friends and loved ones who have died. We entrust them to the mercy and loving care of God, believing that His love is greater than death. Through prayer, we express our continuing love for those who have gone before us and our faith in the communion of saints, which unites the Church on earth, the souls being purified and the saints in heaven.
Together, these celebrations remind us that we are part of one great family of faith, united in Christ beyond the boundaries of life and death. They also encourage us to consider how we are living today. Are we growing closer to God? Are we showing love to others? Are we preparing our hearts for eternal life?
As we celebrate All Saints and All Souls, may we find comfort in the promise of the Resurrection and hope in God's unfailing mercy. May the saints inspire us to live holy lives and may our prayers bring comfort as we remember the departed. Above all, may we trust that, in Christ, love never ends and death does not have the final word.

**THIS SATURDAY – 7TH NOVEMBER – 'POETS, KINGS AND CONSCIENCE'** - songs from adversity, hymns to freedom: Another chance to enjoy a Musical Evening on Saturday 7th November at 7.00 pm in Alexander House, featuring soprano Margaret Nicholson, piano/viola/baritone Michael Bevan and Guy Pearson on piano with original music. Light refreshments will be served at 6.30pm and during the interval. Entrance is free and the retiring collection will support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

**CONFIRMATION 2027 -** Parents / Guardians of young people who will be aged 12 years and over who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year are invited to get in touch with us. If your child is eligible for Confirmation, please contact us at st.raphaelsconfirmation@gmail.com or to the parish office at surbiton@rcaos.org.uk by 13th December to register your interest and receive further information about the preparation programme.
Classes will commence in January 2027 and the Confirmation Mass will take place on the evening of Thursday 10th June 2027. Classes will be on Wednesday evenings 6:30pm.

**ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL –** next Sunday. The proceeds of this collection enable the Archbishop to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic Parishes and Schools of our Archdiocese.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Blessing of Graves –** Today - 2.00pm at Surbiton Cemetery and 3.00pm at Kingston Cemetery. Please meet at the cemetery chapels.
Also today Fr. James Raj from St. Ann's Kingston Hill, will bless the graves at Putney Vale Cemetery at 2.00.pm – please meet at the Crematorium.
Fr. Michael will bless the interred ashes around the church grounds and the cyrpt after the 10.00am Mass on All Souls Day – 2nd November. There will be an additional Mass on All Souls Day at 7.30pm.

**Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of the Kingston Deanary –** here at St Raphael's on Wednesday 11th November at 12noon followed by refreshments in Alexander House.
Many of us can recall a priest who touched our lives through his kindness, guidance, prayers, or faithful ministry. Once a year, the priests and people of Kingston Deanery gather as one family in faith to remember and pray for the priests who served our communities and have since been called home to the Lord.
As we give thanks for all they did for our parishes and families, we entrust them once more to God's mercy and pray that they may share in the fullness of eternal life. Please do consider joining us for this beautiful deanery celebration. Your presence and prayers are a meaningful way of honouring those priests who faithfully served God's people among us.

**NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS MASS ENVELOPES –**There are envelopes available at the back of the church. If you write a list of the names of your departed loved ones, place the list in the envelope and hand it into the Sacristy, these names will be placed in a casket by the Altar and will be remembered at every Mass during the month of November. If you would like to place an offering in the envelope these will be used to offer Masses for the Holy Souls.

**EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE** - with Fr Frankie Mulgrew. On Friday 6th November at 7.00pm at St Mary's University Chapel, 692 Waldegrave Rd, Twickenham.TW1 4SX. For further details please contact: John Gerard: johngerard@talktalk.net or Lalana Pang lalana.pang@gmail.com