



St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 4th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Monday 5th October

10.00am

Tuesday 6th October

10.00am

Wednesday 7th October

12noon

Thursday 8th 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 9th October

10.00am

Saturday 10th October

10.00am

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

Sunday 11th October

9.30am

11.30am

5.00pm

4.00pm

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

(Rosary Sunday)

Missa Pro Populo

Juliana Connell RIP

Mariangela D'Ubaldo's intention

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Faustina Kowalska

Peter Sillem RIP

St. Bruno

Florentina Hely RIP

Our Lady of The Rosary

Genevieve Dale RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)

James Brady RIP

St. John Henry Newman

Jimmy Russell RIP

Our Lady

Mark Lucas RIP

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Brendan Kinsella RIP

Gerard Sheridan - welfare

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 following the 9.30am Mass next Sunday 11th October. 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.

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

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

Rosary Sunday invites us to contemplate the life of Christ through the loving gaze of Mary. As we meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary, today's Gospel (Matthew 21:33–43) calls us to examine how faithfully we have responded to the gifts God has entrusted to us.

In the parable of the vineyard, the landowner carefully prepares his vineyard and entrusts it to tenants while he is away. When he sends his servants to collect its fruit, they are rejected, mistreated, and even killed. Finally, he sends his beloved son, believing that they will respect him. Instead, the tenants seize the son and put him to death, hoping to claim the inheritance for themselves. Jesus uses this powerful story to reveal the tragic pattern of God's love met with human resistance. The vineyard represents God's Kingdom, generously entrusted to His people, while the son points unmistakably to Christ Himself.

The Gospel is not merely a warning but an invitation. God continues to entrust His vineyard to us today. Our families, parishes, workplaces, friendships, and communities are places where we are called to cultivate faith, justice, mercy, and love. The Lord does not seek impressive achievements as much as faithful hearts that bear lasting fruit.

Mary shows us what faithful stewardship looks like. From her joyful "Yes" at the Annunciation to her steadfast presence at the foot of the Cross, she received every grace with humility and offered her whole life to God's plan. She never claimed God's gifts as her own possession but always directed everything back to Him. As we pray the Rosary, we walk with Mary through the saving mysteries of Christ's life, allowing those mysteries to shape our own hearts. The Rosary is not simply a repetition of prayers; it is a school of discipleship that teaches us to listen, trust, persevere, and bear fruit.

Rosary Sunday reminds us that the Kingdom of God is given not to those who merely possess it outwardly but to those who allow God's grace to transform their lives. Every Hail Mary gently leads us closer to Jesus, the cornerstone rejected by many yet chosen by the Father as the foundation of our salvation. Through Mary's intercession, may our hearts remain open to Christ, our lives become fruitful vineyards of holiness, and our daily witness reveal the love and mercy of God to all whom we meet. May we receive the Lord with gratitude, serve Him with generosity, and joyfully produce the fruits worthy of His Kingdom.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE - What's Coming Up at SCYS?

A new year of faith, friendship, formation and unforgettable experiences. There's plenty happening across SCYS (Southwark Catholic Youth Services), with opportunities for young people, young adults, and parish youth leaders. For more information go to <https://scys.org.uk/>

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 lead 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.

ADOREMUS 2026, THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE AND CONGRESS –

Is Taking place in London on Saturday 10 October, Adoremus, is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. The program starts at 10.30am at St George's Cathedral, with Presentations on Eucharistic Art and Life. The Adoremus Mass is at 12 noon, celebrated by the Archbishop. At 3.00pm, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St George's to Westminster Cathedral, where there will be Solemn Benediction, Holy Mass, Holy Hours and an all-night Vigil. For more details, please visit bccew.org.uk/adoremus-2026

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 – The First Holy Communion course begins this Saturday at 10.30am in Alexander House.

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

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

Strictly Minuets

New term starts Tuesday October 13th. 6.30pm - 8.30pm in St Raphael's church hall. *Tuesdays except the first Tuesday in the month.* You will learn different dance styles from Minuets to Charleston. Dancing is great exercise and you will have fun with this group. If you want to try it out please call Kate : 07747 465046. £5.00 a session. Wear soft or Jazz shoes.



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