

St. Raphael's Church

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Sunday 15th November	**Thirty Third Sunday – (A)**
9.30am	**In Thanksgiving (Moe)**
11.30am	**Missa Pro Populo**
5.00pm	**Rose & John Donnelly RIP**
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	
Monday 16th November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Daniel Keenaghan RIP
Tuesday 17th November	St. Hugh of Lincoln
10.00am	Anthony Butterly RIP
Wednesday 18th November	Feria in Ordinary Time
12noon	Martha Fernandez RIP
Thursday 19th November	Feria in Ordinary Time (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am	Elzbieta's Children and in thanksgiving

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

Friday 20th November	Feria in Ordinary Time
10.00am	Francis Gutteridge RIP
Saturday 21st November	The Presentation of Our Lady
10.00am	The deceased members of the Kingston Catenian Circle

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

Sunday 22nd November	**Christ The King – (A)**
9.30am	**Chuzzy & Chinazom – 10th Wedding anniversary**
11.30am	**Dominica & Sebastian Chale and Dominicus Makykula RIP**
5.00pm	**Missa Pro Populo**
4.00pm 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 - 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 on the 13th December. For more information email dymphna.subash@gmail.com

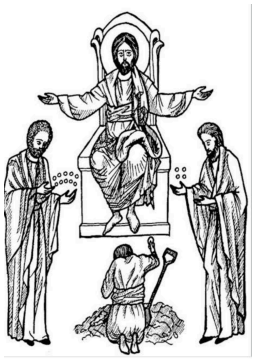
THE LITTLE CHERUBS - Our parent and child group meet on Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hall (term time only)

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.

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In our Gospel today, Jesus tells the parable of the talents, reminding us that God has entrusted each of us with gifts, abilities and opportunities. These gifts are not given simply for our own benefit, but so that we may use them to serve God and others.

The master in the parable entrusts his servants with different amounts of money according to their abilities. The first two servants use what they have been given wisely and are rewarded for their faithfulness. However, the third servant, overcome by fear, buries his talent in the ground. Rather than taking a risk and making use of what he has received, he allows fear to prevent him from fulfilling his responsibility. This parable challenges us to reflect on how we use the gifts God has given us.

Sometimes we may feel that our talents are insignificant compared with those of others. We may lack confidence, fear failure or believe that we have little to offer. Yet God does not ask us to have the same gifts as everyone else. He asks us to be faithful with what we have been given.

As Catholics, we are called to put our faith into action through love, kindness, generosity and service. Even the smallest acts of compassion can make a difference in the lives of others. We should not hide our gifts through fear, laziness or selfishness, but allow them to grow through our daily actions.

The words, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” remind us that God values faithfulness rather than comparison or perfection.

May this Gospel inspire us to recognise our God-given gifts, use them courageously and share them generously. Let us not bury our talents, but live each day with faith, purpose and a willingness to serve, so that our lives may bear fruit for God's glory.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY - There is the annual 2nd collection for the Southwark Catholic Youth Service which supports the work done in the Archdiocese and beyond for the youth of our Archdiocese.

MASS INTENTIONS - Please note we get booked up for Mass intentions many weeks in advance, particularly for Sunday Masses. If you have any specific dates for Masses next year, please book them ASAP to avoid disappointment. Please use the Mass Offering Envelope at the back of the church.

THANK YOU - Thank you to all those who helped with refreshments after last Wednesday’s Deanery Requiem for deceased clergy.

ANNUAL RED MASS – ST GEORGE’S CATHEDRAL - The annual Red Mass which remembers the persecuted church throughout the world will be celebrated with an African theme at St. George’s Cathedral on Sunday 22nd November at 5.30pm. by the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & ADVENT CALENDARS - Religious Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards are for sale in the Hall – please take a look after Mass. All profits go to church funds.

‘Brothers, sisters…
I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.
To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.
I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine.
And yes… there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.
But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.
I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.
I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.
I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others.
That changed me and the Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.
God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers. And you, yes, you - are one of them.’
(Fr. Robert Prevost now Pope Leo XIV)