

St. Raphael's Church

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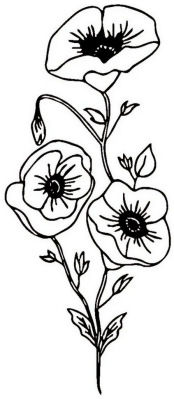
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Sunday 8th November	**Thirty Second Sunday – Remembrance Sunday (A)**
9.30am	**The Dead of the two World wars and subsequent conflicts**
11.30am	**Mike Barlow**
5.00pm	**Missa Pro Populo**

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 9th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10.00am	Cataldai, Sina, Teresa, Biacia, Pietro & Raffafie
Tuesday 10th November	St. Leo the Great
10.00am	Jimmy Russell RIP
Wednesday 11th November	Deanery Clergy Requiem Mass
12noon	Deceased Clergy of the Kingston Deanery
Thursday 12th November	St. Josaphat (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am	Ralph Adamson RIP

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



Friday 13th November	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
10.00am	The Dead of The Great War
Saturday 14th November	Our Lady
10.00am	Peter, Wendy Ho and Family (Thanksgiving)

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

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

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 today. 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

This Remembrance Sunday is a solemn and deeply moving occasion when we pause to remember and more importantly pray for, all those who have given their lives in the service of their country, particularly those who have died in war and conflict. It is a time of gratitude, reflection and prayer, but also a time to renew our commitment to peace, justice and reconciliation.

As Catholics, remembrance invites us to reflect on the precious gift of life and the importance of love, sacrifice and selflessness. We remember the countless men and women who left their families, homes and loved ones, often never to return. Behind every name on a memorial is a human story: a son or daughter, a husband or wife, a mother or father, a friend or neighbour. Their sacrifice reminds us of the enormous human cost of war and the lasting pain experienced by families and communities.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). These words speak powerfully to us on Remembrance Sunday. They remind us of the courage and selflessness shown by those who sacrificed their lives for others. We give thanks for their service and hold them in our prayers, trusting that God's eternal love embraces them.

However, remembrance must be more than looking back. It must also challenge us to consider the world we are creating today. As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers, to stand against hatred and injustice, and to recognise the dignity of every human person. The late Pope Francis repeatedly reminded us that war is never the answer to humanity's deepest problems. We must never become indifferent to the suffering of others, wherever they may be in the world.

On this Remembrance Sunday, let us also remember and pray for those who continue to suffer because of war: innocent civilians, refugees, wounded soldiers and families torn apart by violence and let us pray for all who work tirelessly to bring peace and healing to troubled nations.

May we honour the fallen not only with silence, wreaths, ceremonies and prayers, but through the way we live our lives. May their sacrifice inspire us to show greater compassion, forgiveness and kindness towards one another.

We entrust all those who have died to the loving mercy of God, praying that they may rest in eternal peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL – TODAY - The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese to support innovative projects taking place within Archdiocese.

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.

FREE ITEMS – There are some free religious items in a basket in the Hall , please help yourselves. If you would like to make a donation, please put it in the black collection box by the CTS stand.

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.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR COAT? - A ladies full length padded white coat was recently left in the Church – if it is yours, please collect it from the sacristy.

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.

The Cathedral will be lit up red both inside and out to remember the persecuted church and the martyrs, particularly of our time.

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.