



St. Raphael's Church

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16th September 2018 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Family Mass In loving memory of Euphemia & Harold Parker RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Tom & Catherine's 35th Wedding Anniversary
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm

Mon. 17th September St. Robert Bellarmine
10.00am Marie Authers RIP
Tue. 18th September St. Edith of Kemsing
10.00am Fr. Timothy Fitzpatrick
Wed. 19th September St. Theodore of Canterbury
12.00 noon Denis Curtin RIP
Thu. 20th September SS. Andrew Kim, Paul Chöng & Companions
10.00am The Altar Society
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood. Concludes with Benediction at 12.00 noon.
Fri. 21st September St. Matthew
10.00am Maria Del Carmen Navarro RIP
(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)
Sat. 22nd September Our Lady
10.00am Maria Moth RIP

23rd September 2018 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9.30am Family Mass Lina Cairolì RIP
11.30am Mass with Hymns Teresa & Alec Campbell RIP
5.00pm Quiet Mass Missa Pro Populo

Rosary & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00pm

If you would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn night and day before the Blessed Sacrament, the lamp on Our Lady's Altar or at St. Anthony's Shrine for yourself, a loved one or for a special intention please contact either the Parish Office or a sacristan. The recommended donation is £5.



The Sanctuary Lamps this week are burning for
- Chris Mooney The Rosary is recited daily in the Church
The Lamp on Our Lady's Altar is burning for Monday - Saturday
- In thanksgiving for baby Gartdiner before Mass and at
The Lamp St. Anthony's Shrine is burning for 4.00pm on Sundays
- Jaime Saul

A message from Deacon Peter

Dear everyone, I was so very touched by your good wishes, your smiling faces and your prayers at my farewell weekend - at Mass and at the Garden Party. As I said, you have all been a part of my journey to the priesthood. You have encouraged me along the way, first as a parishioner, then as deacon and now as I start two further years of formation for the sacred priesthood. I want to thank in particular the team who organised the Garden Party, our choir and organist, altar servers, handmaids and welcomees, Fathers Michael, Julian and Geoffrey for concelebrating at Mass. It has been a privilege to work with Fr. Michael this last year and indeed all the Parish Priests at St Raphael's since Fr. Dominic have been a great support. St. Raphael's will continue to be my parish for the next two years until, God willing, my ordination. You will see me at Mass from time to time. I am missing you already, but Christ is our light and our hope and I am very happy here at St. John's Seminary, praying and studying with this kind community. Please keep all the seminarians and staff here in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit continue to grace St. Raphael's with faith and love.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -

During the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

CONFIRMATION-

The next session will Sunday 23rd September at 6.00pm in Alexander House.

1st HOLY COMMUNION 2019 -

If your child will be in Year Three or above in the Autumn term, they are eligible to join the First Holy Communion Course which starts on the 6th October. **Prior to that, parents should attend a very important introductory meeting on Wednesday 26th September at 7.00pm in Alexander House.** The course runs on Saturday mornings during term time and the First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 16th June 2019 at 1.00pm. Application forms are available in the Sacristy and Parish Office. **Forms must be returned no later than this Friday 21st September.** If you have any queries please speak to the catechists, Ginette Howell and Kate Freeman.

HOSPITAL -

If you, or a member of your family, are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform ward staff that you are Roman Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, his number is **0745 924 7163** If you need the Sacrament of the Sick at home, please speak to Fr. Michael.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS -

£680.75 - loose + £303.00 Gift Aid = £983.75

Plus £165.70 for the Catholic Education Service

Today is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a 2nd Collection to support evangelization.

Please note the Parish Office is closed until Monday 1st October

CONFESSIONS
Sundays
9.00am - 9.20am
& 4.30pm - 4.50pm
Saturdays
10.30am - 11.00am

There is Tea & Coffee in the Hall after Mass on Sunday mornings and after the 12.00noon Mass on Wednesdays. Please join us and say hello.

In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in today's Gospel, the deeds of Jesus show him to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, had not yet realized this. Jesus asks the disciples who people think he is – he then turns the question directly to them and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Now that the disciples acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry - he will be rejected, must suffer and die and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship - to be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom St. Mark wrote his account of the gospel. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Today, the Church celebrates Home Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity to inspire Catholics and help them to engage with the mission of the Church, whilst supporting the work of the Home Mission Office. Often when we hear the word 'Mission', it is associated with the valuable work of sharing our faith and helping people in other countries. Whilst this is still important, the Home Mission Office helps Catholics to share their faith with those they love, know and meet on home turf. If home is where the heart is, the best place to start sharing our faith is with the people we carry in our hearts. The Home Mission Office is part of the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis at the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. Our long term vision is to help the Catholic Church make the 'Joy of the Gospel' a reality in England and Wales.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? COURSE FOR NON-CATHOLICS AND ADULT CATHOLICS SEEKING CONFIRMATION.

The course for adult non-Catholics who want to know more about the Catholic faith or who would like to become Catholics, begins in the first week of October (date to be announced). This course is also for adult Catholics who are seeking the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. This is a very friendly group – you go at your own pace, with no expectation that in joining the group you will become a Catholic. You can leave the course at any time. The course is free of charge, though it is recommended that you buy some key books. Please contact Fr. Michael (details at the top of this page) if you would like to know more about the course.

DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER

A Day of Prayer, Penance & Reparation for the sins committed within the Church and our country will take place next Saturday from 9.30am – 4.30pm in Westminster Cathedral. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

LITTLE CHERUBS PLAYGROUP

Little Cherubs Playgroup is looking for volunteers! The playgroup runs weekly on a Monday morning after Mass (10.30am) until noon, and we are looking for additional help so that a rota can be set up. Please contact moggs64@hotmail.com if you are able to help.



Congratulations to Sade who was baptised recently here at St. Raphael's. May God continue the good work he has started.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

At 7.30pm on the evening of Wednesday 3rd of October we welcome the Sisters of St Elisabeth's Convent, a Russian Orthodox community in Minsk, Belarus, to the parish for a concert of music from The Orthodox Divine Liturgy - as well as Russian and Belarusian traditional folk songs. The concert is free however, there will be collection at the end of the evening to support the sisters' work. St. Elisabeth's Convent is named after the Holy Martyr Grand Princess Elisabeth and was founded in 1999. The convent currently numbers just under 400 nuns and sisters of mercy. Taking up the ministry of their patron saint, the sisters of the convent provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. They care for some 200 orphaned children with psychophysical difficulties - who they try to rehabilitate and raise in an atmosphere of love and mercy. They run a shelter for 180 people who have been led astray by the rough and tumble of life - the homeless, drug and alcohol dependants, ex-prisoners and the less able. They also run a shelter for women - ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged. To support and develop their ministries, they run more than twenty workshops and studios producing sewing and embroidery, candles, wood-carving, stonework and metal goods - and many more. Some of these beautiful handmade items will be available to purchase in the hall after the concert. Tea & coffee will also be available.

PLATES & BOWLS

There are a number of plates and bowls, that people kindly brought food in for the garden party, left in the hall. If you have not collected yours yet please call into the kitchen after Mass. Thank you.

THEOLOGY & TAP

QUENCH YOUR SPIRITUAL THIRST

MONTHLY TALKS AT ST. RAPHAEL'S ON TOPICS RELATED TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

FR MICHAEL LOVELL – 30th SEPTEMBER, 6.00PM

On Sunday 30 September, Fr Michael will give a talk entitled "Half a century on: the impact of the Second Vatican Council". All are welcome to attend and enjoy a glass of wine with nibbles from 6pm, and to celebrate Fr Michael's and the Parish's patronal feast.

FUTURE DATES

On Sunday 28th October, Michael Nicholson – organist at St Raphael's – will give a talk on the music of the Mass. On Sunday 25 November, Olivia Darby will speak about Catholic social teaching in a #metoo age.