



NEWSLETTER

25th Sept – 1st Oct 2020

This week:

Friday 25th September *Feria*

Saturday 26th September *Feria*

Sunday 27th September **26th Sunday of Year**

Monday 28th September *Feria*

Tuesday 29th September **The Archangels**

(Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

Wednesday 30th September **St Jerome**

(4th century scholar: translated the Bible into Latin)

Thursday 1st October **St Teresa of Lisieux**

(19th cent French Carmelite nun: "The Little Flower")

THE ARCHANGELS

The Catholic Church recognises three Archangels from Scripture. You can see as part of their names the very old Hebrew word for 'God' which was EL: Thus **RAPHA-EL** means "God has healed"; **GABRI-EL**: "God is my strength"; **MICHA-EL** "Who is like God?"

Raphael appears in the charming Old Testament book of TOBIT. Raphael (in disguise!) is a mysterious companion travelling with the young Tobias on his journey to find a wife. When they succeed in finding Sarah, they all return home, where Raphael heals Tobias's father, Tobit, of his blindness and reveals to the family who he really is: "*I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand and serve before the Glory of the Lord.*" (Tobit 12.15). Raphael is the patron saint of Pharmacists and Nurses, people with eye problems, Travellers and people



looking for a suitable spouse.

Gabriel appears to the prophet in the Old Testament book of Daniel, and he helps Daniel understand his dreams. We know Gabriel best from his appearances at the beginning of Luke's Gospel - to Mary at the Annunciation and also to the sceptical Zechariah (the father of John the Baptist) in the Jerusalem Temple. *'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.'* (Luke 1.19) As the messenger, Gabriel is the Patron of Diplomats, Radio Broadcasters, Post Office workers - and Stamp Collectors!



Michael also appears in the Old Testament book of Daniel and is identified as the Protector of Israel. In a very graphic way he



appears in the last book of the New Testament – the Book of Revelation – when Michael leads the angels on behalf of the People of God against Satan. *'Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient serpent called the*

devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.' (Rev 12. 7-9) As you might imagine, Michael is the Patron saint of various cities & nations; the police and soldiers; and people needing protection.

NEWS: Members of the *Catholic Global Climate Movement* are gathering for readings from Pope Francis' **Laudato Si** on Sunday 27th September at 12 noon in the square beside St Mungo's Museum of Religion. Thence to George Square to distribute leaflets. For more information C. McLean at 078999 82 336. All welcome!



***"Good, better, best. Never let it rest.
'Til your good is better and your
better is best."***

St. Jerome

Temporary Timetable

Monday - Saturday

Mass at 12.15 pm

(Church opens at 11.45am

Confessions available 11.45-12.10pm

Church closes at 1.00pm)

Sunday

Mass at 8.00 & 9.30am

(Church opens at 7.30am,

Confessions available before each mass

Church closed for cleaning 8.30-9.00am)

Further information on Facebook or

The NEW! Parish website

www.staloysiusglasgow.org

