

# **Saint Raphael**

*By Rafael*

*St Raphael is one of the Archangels and his feast day is the 29th of September. His feast day was originally on the 24th of October but was changed in 1969 so it could be celebrated with the other Archangels, St Michael and St Gabriel. He is the patron saint of travellers, the blind, happy meetings, doctors and nurses. He is also known as the angel of healing. Raphael means God has Healed.*

*Archangel Raphael is known as the angel of healing and he is full of compassion on people who are struggling. Raphael works to bring people closer to God so they can experience the peace God wants to give them. He is often associated with joy and laughter.*



*Before he was known as Saint Raphael, he called himself, 'Azarias the son of the great Ananias' and he travels alongside Tobit's son, Tobiah. Once Raphael returns from his journey with Tobiah, he declares to Tobiah that he was sent by the Lord to heal his blindness. It is then that his true healing powers are revealed and he makes himself known as' the angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the Lord' Tobit 12:15.*

*I chose St Raphael because he will inspire me, guide me and protect me on my journey throughout my life. He is also my name saint - Rafael, spelt the Spanish way.*