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The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at kingston@rcoas.org.uk or call on **020 8546 4633**. The office is open from **9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday**. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

**SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (B)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

Sunday 9th

9.00am Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 10th

9.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 11th

9.30am Mary Kerrigan RIP

Wednesday 12th

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church,
Memorial

Thursday 13th

9.30am Kathleen Carrie née Norman RIP

Friday 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast
St Agatha's Whole School Mass
Edith Knight RIP

Saturday 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial
9.30am Nora Hedger Birthday Thanksgiving
6.30pm People of the Parish

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Confessions: Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call.
Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages: Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan and Keith Fraser. *Due to the new data protection rules we are unable to have names on the sick list unless we have written permission from the person to publicise their names. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Beatrice Barker, Andrew Marshall, Guilhermina Fernandes, Tullie Di Vito, Bridget Breen, Emily Ellen Geal, Dorothy Whelan, Ellen Gadd, Frank Andrews, Constance O'Neill, Ken Woolger, Nellie Flynn, Maureen Geary, Lionel Osborne, Elizabeth Pettyfer, Nancy Casey, Herminea Lintern, Roseanna Stimson, Henry Stimson, Anne Collopy, Roy Browne, Oswald Garrow-Fisher, William Parker, Edward Heaton Harris, Kathleen Edwards, Ellie Mary Cahill, Michael Henry, Marie Dolan, Thomas Murray, Carlo Fiorellino, Kate Glasbey. **+++ May they rest in Peace +++**

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£571.50	Loose	£405.32
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£17.50	Loose	£60.51

TOTAL £1054.83

This Sunday is Education Sunday and our retiring collection is for the Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England, educating over 800,000 students.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Welcome back to all who have returned from holidays. We hope you had a lot of fun and that you were able to catch up with friends and relatives and that you have had a good rest. We welcome you all warmly to all our Masses and hope that you may feel that you can add a spark to the life of this Parish and will get involved. Please pop into the Cloister after the 10.30am Sunday Mass to say hello, have a cup of tea, meet the parishioners and find out more about what is going on in the parish. The Parish Team ultimately look forward to meeting with you all. *St Agatha's Parish Team*

PRAISE THE LORD

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 145:7-10.

Today's readings celebrate healing. In Mark's Gospel, an individual is sometimes taken to represent the group. The deaf man with the impediment of speech represents the pagan people of Galilee of the Gentiles. Jesus opened their ears to hear his word and loosened their tongues to proclaim his message. These actions may be recalled in the ceremony of Baptism. The psalm of the day praises God for all works of justice and healing. *'My soul, give praise to the Lord.'* When Francis of Assisi saw something beautiful he was moved to praise the artist of that beauty. Our psalm today is an invitation to see the good deeds of people and to praise God whose grace is to be seen in this goodness. Miraculous healings are rare and the vast majority of healing actions are performed through medical skill and devoted care. But it is the Lord who first bestowed these human talents. Similarly, divine intervention in matters of justice happens through people who work for justice. The psalm repeatedly recognises the Lord's part; *'It is the Lord.'* It reminds one of the beloved disciple's recognition of the Risen Lord after the huge catch of fish. *'It is the Lord'* whose grace motivates people to work for justice, to feed the hungry, to minister to the sick, to teach the blind, to welcome the stranger, to care for the poor. May our eyes be opened to see their goodness and may our tongues be loosened to praise the Lord, the giver of all goodness. *'My soul, give praise to the Lord.'*

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

This weekend we will have the final Thanksgiving collection for Fr. Julius Otoaye, MSP, and Fr. Vitalis Kondo, MSP, to thank them for their ministry at St. Agatha. Envelopes are available at the back of the church to make your offering, please hand in your envelopes by **Monday 10th September**.

INDUCTION OF FR ANTHONY OLEH, MSP

Fr Anthony will be formally inducted as our Parish Priest, by Bishop Paul Hendricks, on **Friday 5th October** at **7pm**. All parishioners are invited to this joyful occasion. Arrangements for the reception will be announced shortly.

Reflection – Friday 14th September 2018

The Feast of The Exaltation of the Cross commemorates two historical events; first, the finding of what was considered the Cross of Christ in the year 326 by St Helen, the mother of Constantine the Great, and second, its recovery from Persia in 628. The cross is at the centre of our lives every time we face sickness and death. The cross is at the centre of our lives in frailty and old age. The cross is at the centre of our lives every time we feel utterly alone and abandoned. The cross is at the centre of our lives every time we are tempted to give in and give up. It is at the centre of our lives every time we are tempted to throw our hands up in despair. It keeps reminding us that only when we embrace the cross in the midst of suffering and abandonment can we understand the power of the resurrection.

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

Marriage



Our congratulations and best wishes to Naomi and Jakub who were married here on Saturday 1st September 2018. May the Lord bless them as they begin their married lives together.

New Parish Email

The parish has been provided with a new email account as part of the Diocese's initiative to comply with GDPR to minimise the risk of data leakage and offer a more secure means of communicating with other diocesan users. Please note the new parish email address: kingston@rcaos.org.uk which should be used for all future communications.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 05 October 2018.

At Harvest time we celebrate and share the abundance that God has given us but not all of God's Children are so lucky. This year CAFOD focus on the need for a reliable supply of clean safe water. It is no coincidence that these campaigns frequently cite the benefits of a guaranteed supply of potable water. In previous Family Fast Campaigns, CAFOD have identified the dire cost of an unreliable supply of safe water: More than 2 billion of our brothers and sisters do not have access to safe and readily available water at home, a figure in excess of 300, 000 children under 5 die due to diarrhoea each year, on average, a child dies every 21 seconds from a water related disease. Once again, we are invited by CAFOD to "eat simply" and give the money we save to help those less fortunate. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith?

If so, this 18 month course, recommended by Archbishop Peter and run by the School of the Annunciation may be for you. Diocesan Catechetical Certificate (DCC), Foundations of the Faith for the New Evangelisation. A formation programme rooted in prayer for all those desiring to know the Catholic faith better and be better equipped to tell others about Christ Our Lord. For further info please see:

www.schooloftheannunciation.com or www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

Important Upcoming Dates

Wed 12 th September	St Agatha's Ladies Group
Sun 16 th September	Baptism Preparation Class
Tues 18 th September	Secondary School Application Signing
Wed 19 th September	Parish Men's Group
Sat 22 nd September	'Caring, Sharing, Helping Others' Concert
Fri 28 th September	Secondary School Application Signing
Fri 5 th October	Fr. Anthony Oleh, MSP, Induction Ceremony

St Agatha's Ladies Group

We will hold an initial meeting on **Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 1pm, in the Cloister** to discuss all ideas and a schedule. Refreshments will be provided. This group will be for all the ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 16th September 2018, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish are invited to meet together on **Wednesday 19th September** at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two

Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic School. Regular mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign. Fr. Anthony / Fr. Pius will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Tuesday 18th September 2018 between 10.30am and 12.30pm** and on **Friday 28th September between 2pm and 4pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates.

An Introduction to Liturgy

The Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF) will host their annual introductory course to Liturgy and Worship which is held each autumn over two Saturdays at CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS. **Saturdays 13th October and 3rd November 2018**, 10.30am-4pm. £25 per person. If you want to find out more or wish to register for the course please contact ccrs@ccftootingbec.org.uk or call 020 8672 7684.

Retreat/Workshop for those suffering from the pain of loss

A time for mourning.... Anger, resentment, depression... Those are some of the feelings often experienced in grief. When will they end? How to cope? Such questions are common among those who have been bereaved. **On October 12-14th** there will be a retreat/workshop. It takes place at Aylesford Priory and is residential. For more details telephone Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670880 or email earpartridge@gmail.com.

Let go of your plans. The first hour of your morning belongs to God. Tackle the day's work that he charges you with, and he will give you the power to accomplish it. ~ St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

