

**CLERGY**

Rev. Fr. Francis Olaseni, MSP – Parish Priest & Hospital Chaplain  
 Rev. Fr. Peter Akor, MSP – Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain  
 Rev. Robert Beresford – Deacon

The parish office should be your first port of call for all enquiries, including appointments, and arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk) or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from 10am to 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (closed Wednesdays). Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only. Thank You.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES	
SUNDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> JULY 2023	
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
6.30pm	Rev Dcn Robert Beresford 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
9am	Eileen Cornwell RIP
10.30am	Ryan Marquez Birthday Intentions
6.30pm	Intentions of Kathryn Tiny Wilson
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Thomas, Apostle, Feast</b>	
9.30am	Teresa Peral Birthday
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Thanksgiving to the Triune God
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	David Rattray RIP
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Marie Mullen RIP
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Maura RIP
<b>Exposition:</b> Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 9am.	
<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 09:00	
<b>Mass Times:</b> Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30	
<b>Baptisms:</b> Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.	
<b>Marriages:</b> Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule	

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**Sunday Collection 25/06/2023**

Collection Gift Aid £125.00 Loose £425.66

**TOTAL £550.66**

This Sunday we have a retiring collection for Peter's Pence. Next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, is Sea Sunday, we will have a collection for Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea). Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

**PETERS PENCE**

This Sunday we have a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, the annual collection for the Pope's charitable purposes.

Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those he meets who are marginalised and most in need, and other initiatives throughout the world.

Last year the Peter's Pence worldwide collection was able to finance 157 projects in 67 countries (41,8% in Africa, 23.5% in the Americas, 25.5% in Asia).



Please also use your gift aid envelopes or the red bucket in the church porch.

For further information please visit: [www.obolodisanpietro.va](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va)



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2024**

We are in the initial stages of exploring the possibility of a hosting a parish pilgrimage in 2024; A visit, not as tourists, but as people of Faith, an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Him and He with us. A Pilgrimage is a meaningful journey to a sacred place, it is also a beautiful experience with the chance to meet new people and see new places.

Destinations that are being considered are:

- Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- Lisieux, France
- San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

We would like to hear from you if you would be interested in joining us on a pilgrimage; this will help give us an approximate number of travellers and therefore help with our enquires when contacting tours companies for dates and prices.

Please email [kingstonevents@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingstonevents@rcaos.org.uk) to register your interest.

**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A**  
**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 89:2-3,16-19*

*Sing God's praises forever.*

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 10:37-42*

*Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.*

**Gospel Reflection**

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again, our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

**Family Reflection**

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behaviour from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42.

Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle.

*Please let the Parish Office know, in writing, if either you or your relatives would like to be mentioned on our sick list.*

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**LET US REMEMBER**

Let us remember those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Christ grant eternal rest to all who have died.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

*Yvonne Thompson, Louis Boribond, Mary Ann Duckett, Adele Morganti, Mary Ellen Lewis, Mother Rita, Hannah Mclsaac, Horace Rice, Paul Cantoni, Margaret Mary Elliott, Vanda Warne, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Navin, Eliza Judge, Edward Keating, Mary Flaherty, Raymond Solomon, Margaret Purser, Gladys Webley, Henry McFarland, Elizabeth Pask, Richard Duckett, James McDonnell, Vincent Bruce McCall, Jane Readon, Jessica Lilian Morgan, Sidney George Charles White, Frederick Norman, Irene Coll, Ian McIntyre, Hannah Coughlan, Stephen Robin John, Bela Szollosi.*

**+++May They Rest In Peace+++**

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Anyone who  
welcomes you  
welcomes me

Matthew 10:37-42

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**Due to demand, we have added an additional Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.** We also have several dates still available in August and September for Baptisms; if you would like to take advantage of one of these dates, please join us for this class. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm.

Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Please ensure you complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office before you attend a class.

Parents must attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism, and it is recommended that Godparents also attend.

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023/24

Application forms will be available in July. Children must be in Year Four or above in September 2023.

Application forms will need to be returned during a prearranged session in September. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Further details will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.

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### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023/24

Application forms will be available in July following consultation with our Bishop and Confirmation Catechists.

Candidates must be in Year Nine or above in September 2023.

Application form will need to be returned by the end of September 2023. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Further details will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.

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### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Or wanting to explore your Catholic faith further? Our Evangelium course will start in October/November 2023. The programme will consist of weekly sessions running until Easter, including vital dates during Lent.

Evangelium is for adults who have not been Baptised and for Christians of other denominations who want to be Received into the Catholic Church.

Please email the Parish Office with your details and to register for this next programme: [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

It can also be a good experience for full members of the Catholic Church who may not have practised their faith for a number of years, or for those who wish to more fully understand and deepen their faith. Everyone is welcome along!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass offered at St Agatha for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered at the altar, or you would like a Mass said for yourself.

**MASS OFFERING(S)**

Intention (s) .....

Number of Masses ..... Donor .....

Any special date (if available) .....

Any special place .....

St Agatha, Southwark, 10.30.19.20

Mass intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details. If you have a particular date or time on which you want a Mass said, ***it is very important that you let the parish office know ahead of time and as soon as possible.*** You are very welcome to book your Mass intentions in advance. We are sorry but we cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting late Mass Intentions; if no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open Mass. Many people would like for their intention on a Sunday, we will try our very best to facilitate this, but these are the most sought-after slots.

The usual offering per Mass is a minimum of £10, this amount is pre-set by Southwark Diocese for all parishes within her jurisdiction, but you can give more. This 'stipend' goes to the priest offering the Mass, not the parish; stipends are given to priests as they do not receive a salary, and sometimes they are their only source of income.

***Please note that the Mass diary is pre-arranged for the week ahead and the intentions can be viewed on the front of the Parish Newsletter, in the church porch or on the Parish website.***



## PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald, commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

Built around the midday Holy Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Kevin with Fr Daniel Rooke, the day will also include opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. This time will include the Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Litany of Life and Benediction. Mid-afternoon will herald a change of location from the Shrine to the Priory in the village, walking the Pilgrim Way, to the original site of the Holy House of Nazareth. This is the now traditional silent walk, a prayerful walk with Jesus to Calvary. The Pilgrimage concludes in the Priory grounds with the final prayers. While the focus is prayer and reparation for sins against life, the pilgrimage is also a chance for those attending to spend time in the peace and quiet of England's Nazareth

For details see the leaflets in the church porch or the poster on the noticeboard. Further details are also available at: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org)

Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

## ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson. To book & for more details please email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6:00 PM, St George's Cathedral, London SE1

At the beginning of July, we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the solemn opening of St George's Cathedral in Southwark.

A schedule of events will be provided shortly, but the principal celebration of the week will be Solemn Mass at 6 pm on Tuesday 4 July, at which Archbishop John Wilson will preside. The Apostolic Nuncio will impart the Apostolic Blessing at the conclusion of the celebration. All are welcome to attend.

## CAFOD: UPDATE ON THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to

CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

*Thank you for your continued support to CAFOD*



## THE PASSAGE'S SECRET GARDEN PARTY

Join The Passage at their [Secret Garden Party!](#) This flagship summer event is taking place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023, at 6pm, in the beautiful surroundings of the historic, College Garden, Westminster Abbey; College Gardens is one of London's best kept secrets, a 900-year-old garden, thought to be the oldest in England. You will enjoy views of Westminster Abbey and Victoria Tower, as part of the Palace of Westminster.

Enjoy a delicious barbecue and buffet, unlimited drinks (beer, wine, Pimm's and soft drinks), entertainment, a raffle, silent auction, and lots more.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a wonderful summer evening with friends, family and/or colleagues whilst supporting the work of The Passage, helping towards their vision of a society where everyone has a place to call home. **Tickets are selling fast, so purchase yours soon to avoid disappointment!**

To find out more and purchase tickets go to: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/secret-garden-party/> or call 02075921856.

All proceeds from this event will go directly to The Passage, helping to provide essential support for those who have experienced homelessness, and preventative action to support those at risk of becoming homeless.



## SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

Our collection point remains in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items. Some much-needed items are stock items such as: salt, pepper, herbs, stock cubes, jam, sugar and cooking oil. Please note that they accept non-food items such as toilet paper, washing up liquid, household cleaning products and toiletries.

'For too many families, 'food deprivation' is a fact of life. An unacceptable fact of life in 2023! But wishing will not make it go away. It is here for the immediate future at least, so are we and so many like-minded folks. Thanks to your generous support here at St Agatha's, parents have been able to feed their children. That is a simple fact not an exaggeration!' Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

'Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.' ~  
Pope Francis (Peter's Pence 2023)