



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

The parish office should be your first port of call for any 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 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

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SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)  
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord, Feast</b>
9.30am	Frances, Cyril, Ellen & Charles Jarvis RIP
6.30pm	Intention for Barbara & Chris Mack
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time</b>
9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
10.30am	People of the Parish
6.30pm	Private Intention for Patricia & Gerry White
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Roger Isaia RIP
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial</b>
	<b>Whole School Mass</b>
9.30am	Wellbeing of Fred, Mary, Jo & Family
7.30pm	St Agatha's Day Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Francis Jarvis RIP
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Frances May RIP
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Christine Lysaght
6.30pm	Marie-Anne Xiberras RIP

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.  
*ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.*

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, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *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

Winifred Duckett, Elizabeth Sharkey, Margaret Scott, Martin Hughes, Emily Wright, Catherine Mary Fisher, Mary Cassidy, Frederick Thomas, Frances Carr, Catherine Sellwood, Alan Hanley, Catherine McDonnell, Francis Brain, William Gentry, Karmimurz Skicki, Noreen Halloran, Mary Joyce, Salvatore Grassi, Alice Bennett, Father Albert H. Jenner, Kathleen Lombard, Amadeis Mouta, Noreen Mullane, Frances Marie, Edith Campbell, William Hardy, Cornelius O'Reilly. +++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£431.47	Loose	£589.93
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£21.20	Loose	£48.42

TOTAL £1091.02

Diocesan Directory

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. They cost £3.00 each. Please place the money in the papers box in the porch.

PRAYING IN OLD AGE

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 70:1-6, 15, 17.

Jesus experienced rejection from his neighbours in Nazareth. When Jeremiah received the call of God he was warned of the opposition he would face. 'No prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

The psalm chosen to accompany these readings is the prayer of an old man who is experiencing a lot of opposition. He describes himself as old and grey-headed, and he appeals to God who has supported him from birth to be his rock of refuge. He resembles Jeremiah in his belief that he was under God's protection even before birth. *From my mother's womb you have been my help.*

It is sad to see people in their declining years struggling to hope. The psychologist, Erik Erikson, maintained that the eighth and final crisis of human development is between despair and integrity. Integrity means oneness, the wisdom that comes from experiencing the unity of all things in the larger picture of life. It is marked by peace. It sees the sifting of the unimportant things from the frame.

Integrity has to withstand many opposing voices. Despair means that all falls apart. The dissenting voices may come from external sources like scandals in the church, media criticism, falling numbers, loss of high standing in society. Or the negative arrows may come from within... from personal guilt, consciousness of failure, doubts, inability to accept declining health.

The old and grey-headed psalmist continued to call God *a rock where I can take refuge... my stronghold*. Let us pray this psalm for all who are struggling in their old age.

*It is you, O Lord, who are my hope.*

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

**We have a very busy period coming up with several activities and events, please ensure you check the dates below and make a note of all the important dates that are relevant to you!**

St Agatha's Feast Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Please come along and join us for a special thanksgiving Mass at 7.30pm.

Important Upcoming Dates

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Group 1 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Confirmation Session 3
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St Agatha's Whole School Mass
	St Agatha's Evening Mass
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Group 2 Rehearsal of Reconciliation
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to heaven. – St. John Climacus

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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**REFLECTION – SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

God says to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; and before you came to birth, I consecrated you; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations" (1:5). This statement is also true for every one of us. God has an irreplaceable purpose for each of us and empowers us to carry out this mission. This task has to be done with love as St Paul preaches; but fidelity to our calling does not guarantee protection from persecution. Be assured that God does not send us on mission without going with us.

**REFLECTION – WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

In Mark 6:4 Jesus says: "A prophet is despised only in his own country". In some parts of the world today, Christianity is under attack and missionaries are at risk. Some attacks come from within, while others are from outside the fold. Some believers reject or look down on missionaries due to cultural variations and other factors that could be considered as not so relevant. Missionaries are teachers whom the Lord uses and 'The Lord trains the ones he loves' (Heb 12:6). We pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten those that allow prejudice to separate them from Christ and His Church.

**REFLECTION – THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

We all have a special place in God's Heart. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we are citizens of heaven. No wonder Jesus sends his Apostles on mission with authority and power over the devil so that nothing stands in their way to lead people to heaven. Jesus commends the virtue of poverty and places the missionary mandate beyond what money can buy. Every Christian should always celebrate his or her citizenship for we belong to God. No child of God is ordinary. We should discourage all attachment to material things that adversely affect our gratuitous God-given status.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

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***Our Organist and Pianist Maggie will soon be having a hip operation, so there will be no-one to play the organ on Saturday evenings for the 6.30pm Mass. Is there anyone in the Parish who could help out by playing either the organ or piano on a Saturday evening? We have three hymns: Entrance hymn, Offertory hymn and Recessional hymn. Please see either the parish secretary or Frs. Anthony or Pius if you can be of assistance! Thank you.***

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***We have received details of several job vacancies currently available in the diocese, please see the church noticeboard for all details.***

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**Lifts to Mass**

If you think you might occasionally be able to offer someone a lift to any of the Masses, that you normally attend, please could you kindly contact Karin in the Parish office to discuss further. Thank you!

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**CAFOD Family Fast Day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Let's eat simply so others can simply eat!**

CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who do not have enough to eat. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

**Confirmation 2019**

The next session (3) is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**First Holy Communion 2019**

Group 2 Rehearsal for Reconciliation: Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 4 – 5pm  
Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11am  
*Reconciliation for parents will be accessible from 10-10.45am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February.*

**Baptism Preparation Class**

Our next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 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.

**London SW Catholic Social Group**

London SW Catholic Social Group is a social group for 'young' Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Andrew on 07787 231798. The next social evening is on **Saturday 2nd February at 7.30pm at Ganley's Irish Bar, London Road, Morden, SM4 5HP.**

**Parish Men's Group**

The men of the parish usually meet together on the third Wednesday of each month but due to a clash with another event at the Wych Elm this has now been set for the fourth Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the group will meet on the following dates in 2019: 27th February, 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course**

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius. Arrangements for The Rite of Election will take place later in the year.

**St Agatha's Catholic Primary School  
Nursery Admissions September 2019**

If your child is born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, they are entitled to start Nursery in September 2019. You are invited to attend our open sessions on **Wednesday 6th February 2019 10.15am - 11.15am**. Should you have any further queries please contact Sharon Parsons on 020 8546 3879 Email: [office@stagathas.school](mailto:office@stagathas.school) Or call in to the School Office. Closing date for Nursery Admissions is 8th March 2019

In Krakow, I asked you several times: "Can we change things?" And you shouted: "Yes!" That shout came from your young and youthful hearts, which do not tolerate injustice and cannot bow to a "throw-away culture" nor give in to the globalization of indifference. Listen to the cry arising from your inner selves! ~ Pope Francis