



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 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 3RD MARCH 2019 – 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

Saturday 2nd

9.30am Gerry White
6.30pm Charles Parker RIP

Sunday 3rd 8th Sunday in Ordinary time

9.00am Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
10.30am Mario Cedro
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 4th St Casimir, Memorial

9.30am Thomas Naughton RIP

Tuesday 5th

9.30am Catherine Connolly

Wednesday 6th ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
9.30am Whole School Mass
7.30pm Holy Souls

Thursday 7th Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, Memorial

9.30am Carl Heighington

Friday 8th

9.30am Dunne Family

Saturday 9th

9.30am Private Intention for Family of Maria
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 (2nd March 2019) 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

William McDonagh, John Faith, Cyril Everest, Matthew Patrick O'Connor, Maureen Madden, Zena Kitchen, Elizabeth Agnes Wall, Doradea Marie Grassi, William Joseph McKenzie, Sarah Lewis, James Keeble, Tom Naughton, James Baker, John Christopher Letchworth, Margaret Laverty, George Davis, Kathleen Needham, Sarah Fox, John Fox, Martin Moone, Father Casper Lutz, Cynthia Cantoni, James Crowley, Phyllis Glenn, Louisa Margareta Marks, Patrick Bowen, Margaret Quaid, Daisy Cook, Christina Ross, John Dorsett, Dorothy Searle, Alice Leslie, Robert Thomas Kotei, Josie Alexander, Eileen Lumley, Margaret O'Sullivan, Mary Garrow-Fisher, Thomas Gerard Leslie Luson, John Conway, Cecil Cox, Christine Andrews, Elizabeth Clarke, J. P. McGowan, Renee Fox.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 91:2-3, 13-16

The power of the tongue, for good or for evil, is a thread running through today's readings. 'The test of a man is in his conversation' we read in Ecclesiasticus. 'Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.' As an orchard is judged by the quality of its fruit, similarly 'a man's words betray what he feels.' The gospel develops this comparison to the fruit trees, 'For a man's words flow out from what fills his heart.'

The letter of James graphically outlines the power of the tongue for goodness or for evil. It is a flame which can set a whole forest ablaze. The same tongue which blesses the Lord may be used to curse somebody who is made in God's image.

The psalm of the day celebrates some noble uses of speech. *It is good to give thanks to the Lord.* And not only to God, for it is very important to express gratitude and appreciation to one another.

It is good to make music to your name, O Most High. But that same holy name is often spat out in profanity. Profanity has been called the crutch of the inarticulate.

It is with the tongue that *we proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.*

The psalmist promises that the person of inner integrity will flourish like the palm-tree, the symbol of prayer, and persevere to old age like the mighty Cedar of Lebanon.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

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

St Patrick's Night Dinner

The St Patrick's Night Dinner will be held on Friday 15th March in the Cloister at 7.30pm. The price is £10.00 per head, drinks extra. The menu will comprise soda bread and toppings; bacon, parsley sauce, cabbage & potatoes, apple pie & custard, cheese and biscuits. Please sign up on the notice at the back of the church.

Joel's Birthday Fundraiser!

Come along and join in with a Ceilidh & Curry Night to Celebrate the Joel Community Night Shelter's 5th Birthday – Saturday 16th March 7.30pm at St. Peter's Church. Full details on the church noticeboard.

'Miserere - From Allegri to Macmillan'

On Saturday 30th March at 7.30pm the Merbecke Choir will perform a concert of sacred music at St. Raphael's Church, Portsmouth Road, Kingston. Tickets cost £6.00 and are available either on the door or can be reserved via surbiton@rcaos.org.uk. All profits will be donated to the Parish's Lenten Project which this year is supporting the 'Christian Blind Mission'. More information can be found at: www.straphaelsurbiton.org.uk

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£458.15	Loose	£481.16
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£33.00	Loose	£176.41

TOTAL £1148.72

**Friendships begun in this world will be taken up again,
never to be broken off. ~ St. Francis de Sales.**

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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REFLECTION – SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2019

A modern paraphrase of this gospel concludes: 'You don't get wormy apples off a healthy tree, nor good apples off a diseased tree. The health of the apple tells the health of the tree. You must begin with your own life-giving lives. It's who you are, not what you say and do, that counts.' It is not just for our own sake that we need to look after our health – physical, mental and spiritual. Whether we like it or not, we have an influence on others, just by the kind of people we are. Let's do our best to be fully alive so that we can be a source of life for others.

REFLECTION – WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2019

ASH WEDNESDAY

'Come back to me with all your heart' is the invitation today. This is not a call to appease an offended God. It is a call to recognize the mistaken ways we have been looking for happiness, and to change our lifestyle accordingly. God wants us to be fully alive. What changes can we make that would help us to be more physically healthy, mentally alert, emotionally at peace and spiritually alive. 'The glory of God is the human person fully alive', said St Irenaeus. May this Lent lead us to fuller living.

REFLECTION – FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2019

Sometimes Lent is seen as a season to multiply our religious practices and to do penance to get our personal relationship with God on track. Isaiah suggests our efforts are in vain if our relationship with people around us is lacking in care, compassion or justice. 'This is the fast that pleases me: to let the oppressed go free, to share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor.' In Lent we remember that when we open our hearts in compassion to others, we mostly closely follow the example of Jesus.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing



Baptism

Congratulations to Izabella, Jacob, Leon and Sophie who were Baptised here at St. Agatha's in February 2019. May God continue the good work he has started.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 15th March 2019

Let's eat simply so others can simply eat!

Have a simple meal and give to save lives.

For more information please go to www.cafod.org.uk and learn of the work of 'our' relief agency. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

The Passion of Jesus

Good Friday, 19th April and Easter Saturday, 20th April – Further details are on the church noticeboard.

Celebrate Twickenham! 2019



"Be strong and courageous! For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9 NLT)

The annual Charismatic Catholic Family Weekend on 15th and 16th June 2019 at St Mary's University. **Advance booking only!** For further information and a booking form, please see the poster on the notice board, pick up a flyer at the back of the church or visit:

<https://www.celebrateconference.org/twickenham>

Important Upcoming Dates this Month:

Saturday 2 nd Mar	Confirmation 'Faith in Action' Day
Sunday 3 rd Mar	FHC Session 5
Monday 4 th Mar	Confirmation Session 6
Wednesday 6 th Mar	Ash Wednesday

Confirmation 2019

Please note the following dates for upcoming sessions:

Session 6	Monday 4 th Mar	7.15 – 8.30pm
Session 7	Monday 11 th	7.15 – 8.30pm
Session 8	Monday 18 th	7.15 – 8.30pm
Family Meeting – Final preparation for Candidates & Mass of Confirmation	Friday 29 th Mar	7.15 – 8.30pm
	Sunday 31 st Mar	12pm

First Holy Communion 2019

Please note the following dates for upcoming sessions:

Children's Session 5	Sunday 3 rd Mar	4 – 5pm
Children's Session 6	Sunday 17 th Mar	4 – 5pm
Children's Session 7	Sunday 31 st Mar	4 – 5pm
Children's Session 8	Sunday 28 th April	4 – 5pm
Group 1 Rehearsal	Friday 3 rd May	4 – 5pm
Group 1 Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 5 th May	12 noon
Group 2 Rehearsal	Friday 10 th May	4 – 5pm
Group 2 Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 12 th May	12noon

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 March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them.

Altar Servers' Rally 2019

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on Monday 6th May at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Bishop Paul Mason is the principal celebrant. The annual rally gives servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. If you have not attended before please take the time to 'come and see'. All servers and their families and friends are welcome. A poster with more details is on the church noticeboard. Altar Servers perform a very important role in liturgical services. After approx. 2 years regular serving, servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and receive the Guild bronze medal. If you or your children are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Frs. Anthony or Pius.

An Evening with Matt Maher

On Friday 31st May 2019 (7-9pm) St. George's Cathedral, in association with the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, will host international artist, Matt Maher, who will lead praise, worship and adoration. Since his 2008 major label debut, Matt Maher has become a staple in the artistic and song writing community. An eight time-GRAMMY nominee, he has garnered multiple radio successes writing and recording songs like "Lord, I Need You", "Hold Us Together" and "Christ Is Risen". In 2013, Matt had a career highlight performing at World Youth Day in Rio in front of Pope Francis and a crowd of 3 million people. He has penned songs recorded by Chris Tomlin, Crowder, Third Day, Matt Redman, Hillsong, Casting Crowns, Jesus Culture and Bethel among others. Matt has written or co-written five No. 1 radio singles. Places for this exciting event are limited and seats are selling fast, so you are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are priced £10 each (to cover event costs). <http://buytickets.at/cathedraltour>

'Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.' Psalm 31: 25-26

International Women's Day 8th March 2019 #IWD2019