

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 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
6.30pm	Ray Forbes RIP
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
9am	Arthur Lawrence RIP
10.30am	<b>RCIA: First Scrutiny</b> Eoin Franey RIP
6.30pm	<b>Confirmation Inscription Mass</b> Rose Pereira RIP
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Zoran Popovic RIP
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Zoran Popovic RIP
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Rev. Fr. Albert Jenner RIP
7pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	<b>Year 4 School Mass</b> Diane Johnston RIP
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Fanny Margaret Cook RIP
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Sheila McCormick RIP
<b>Exposition:</b>	Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday to Saturday 9am.
<b>Mass Times:</b>	Monday to Friday: 09:30 Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.
<b>Baptisms:</b>	Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.
<b>Marriages:</b>	Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule

**HOST OUR LADY OF LOURDES STATUE  
IN YOUR HOME FOR MAY DEVOTIONS**

Our Lady's Statue will now begin her home visitations again. If you would like to receive the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home, please fill out the form available in the church porch and return it to the Parish Office. Please note, this is only a request which will be confirmed via a phone call to you. A date cannot be guaranteed and is subject to demand.



**St Agatha's Canasta Club**

The Canasta Club meets on  
Mondays between 1pm to 4pm.



**St Agatha's Scrabble Club**

The Scrabble Club meets on  
Thursdays from 2.30pm.

*Everyone is welcome to come along  
and share the space, warmth,  
and have a chat and a cuppa.  
You will find them in the Church Hall!*

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: 25/02/2024**

<b>Collection</b>	Gift Aid	£136.60	Loose	£522.69	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£894.41</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	Gift Aid	-	Loose	£235.12		

Last Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection was for CAFOD, the parish collected a total of £330.12. Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

**ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO DONATE TO YOUR PARISH**

**MAKE A DONATION ONLINE:**

Donate to St Agatha's Church online via Bank Transfer using the following details:  
**Account Name: RCAS Kingston Account number: 10317821 Sort code: 60-60-02**  
(NB. The details may come up as RCAOS or Southwark – these are also correct)

**VIA OUR QR CODE:** The QR code will take you to our parish's 'Give A Little' web donation page.





*Throughout Lent the church will be open every Wednesday Evening for either Stations of the Cross or Exposition and Adoration, please see below for the full details.*

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| Stations of the Cross            | Exposition and Adoration         |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March |

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be led every Friday morning, after the Morning Mass (16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March). In addition, on alternating Wednesday Evenings, at 7pm (21<sup>st</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March). This devotion provides an opportunity for us to walk the road to Calvary with Our Blessed Lord. *Everyone is welcome.*

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**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION**

**DURING LENT AND LENTEN RECONCILIATION:**

The church will be open on alternating Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7pm – 8pm for Exposition and Adoration. (28<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March). This is a beautiful opportunity for Quiet Prayer and Adoration. Please come for as long you can, be it 5 or 10 minutes or the whole hour, everyone is welcome. Reconciliation will also be available on these dates during this hour.

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**LENT READING - 'MY DAY BY DAY'**

Copies of the Lent edition of 'My Day by Day', for adults and juniors, are available at the back of the Church – they cost £1.00 each. Please put money in the box marked 'My Day by Day'. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

**LATELY DEAD**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gavan Edward Kelly**, of Kings Road, Kingston upon Thames, who died at Kingston Hospital on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 aged 95 years. His funeral will take place here at St Agatha's on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 11.45am. 'Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.'

**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.*

**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**

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, Zoran Popovic, 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+++**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of LENT, Year B**



**Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

**(John 6:68c)**

**PSALM 19:8, 9, 10, 11**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, CYCLE B**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 19:8,9,10,11*

*A prayer of praise to God who gives us his commandments*

**GOSPEL READING**

*John 2:13-25 Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's

Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

**FAMILY REFLECTION**

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today's Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

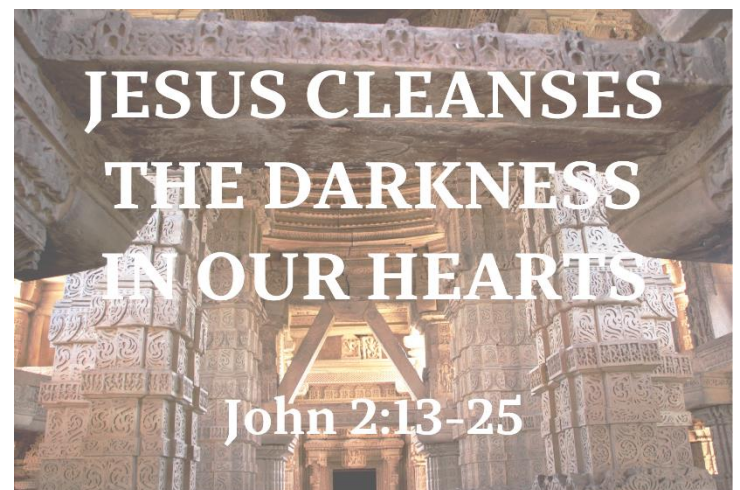
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**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

**RESPONSE: TEACH US YOUR WAYS**



## CONFIRMATION 2024

The Confirmation Inscription Mass will be on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm**: Candidates MUST arrive by 6pm.  
The next candidate session will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.15pm.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

An important email update will be sent this week with regards to session due to be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March (Session 5).



## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm.

Please complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

Our subsequent class will be held in June 2024.

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



## THE ROSARY

We pray the Rosary in the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.



## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

We Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week at 10 am after Mass. Please stay after Mass for 10/15 mins to pray with fellow parishioners



"In this time of Lent, let us strive not to put ourselves at the centre; rather, let us try to step aside to make room for others, to promote them, and to rejoice in their qualities and successes."

~ Pope Francis – Lent Reflections

## SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has several activities in 2024 for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, please sign up to our network at:

[www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork)

For a full list of of events please visit:

<https://rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/events-2024/>

## SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2024

Sign up to the Southwark Spirituality Commission's Lenten Reflections

Lent is always a time of prayer and reflection. A chance for us to renew ourselves and build a closer connection with the Lord Jesus.

To help you on your Lenten journey, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will be once again publishing daily reflections which can be sent straight into your inbox.

They're a great tool to use to reflect on your life and help you draw closer to Christ.

To sign up and for more information on the Spirituality Commission, please visit:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>

*The Spirituality Commission is part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark.*



## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE SOUTHWARK

### FOR THE BEREAVED

*Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ* is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from **March 22-24**, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Please call: 01622 717 272 to discuss.

### MAKING A NEW START

Beginning Experience is a residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. The next programme will be on **April 12-14**. For details phone 0208 647 4760 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

### THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

The date is **July 13**, 3pm at St George's Cathedral. Couples celebrating a special anniversary – one, 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 or more years – and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, should email [mflsw@rcao.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcao.org.uk)