

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 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	<b>St Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop, Memorial</b>
6.30pm	Rev. Fr. Gerald O'Brien, OSA, RIP
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9am	Kavya & Paul Rayer Wedding Anniversary
10.30am	Charlie Gourley RIP
6.30pm	Intentions of Irin Williams
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial</b>
9.30am	<b>Whole School Mass</b> Carpo de Silva RIP
7pm	Parish Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Alan Fraser RIP
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Ira De Souza RIP
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Zena Melba Francisca De Silva RIP
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Radigunda San Agustin RIP
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial</b>
9.30am	
<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



**ST AGATHA'S PARISH NOVENA & FEAST DAY**

In recognition of our Parish's Feast Day of Saint Agatha on 5<sup>th</sup> February, we are observing a nine-day Novena before the Feast Day itself. The Novena commenced on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and continues daily through to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024, concluding with a Parish Thanksgiving on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. We are hoping that this Patronal Feast and the nine days of reflection and prayer proceeding it will be a wonderful celebration and give us all an opportunity to come together to share and celebrate our faith and the great Catholic heritage of our Parish and also offer a chance to reconnect with your faith in a sacred space. The programme will include guest speakers to help enrich and enliven your faith. We invite everyone to participate in this spiritual devotion programme; please enter into the occasion as fully as possible.

*The Novena will be observed on Saturday and Sundays during the evening Masses*

**Please leave your Reparations for during the Novena in the basket available on the sanctuary. Donations are not necessary.**

*"She teaches by her example, to hasten to the true Good – God alone." ~ St Methodius of Sicily (c 788-c 847) from a homily on St Agatha.*

**ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

We would like to invite everyone along to celebrate with us our Feast Day for a special Thanksgiving Mass at 7pm. Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the Cloister.

Please do come along and join us!

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: 28/01/2024**

Collection	Gift Aid	£157.00	Loose	£577.77
Retiring	Gift Aid	£7.00	Loose	£102.71

**TOTAL £844.48**

Last Sunday we had a collection for Racial Justice Sunday, our parish raised a total of £109.71. 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.



## LEPRA – WORLD LEPROSY DAY APPEAL

2024 is Lepra's Centenary; Over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy, which if not treated early enough may result in life-changing physical and mental health issues that can destroy people's lives. Leprosy, although curable is sadly surrounded by myths and discrimination, which often prevent people from coming forward to seek treatment. At Lepra, we aim to change the negative that surrounds the disease of leprosy and are committed to making sure that people affected by leprosy have the chance to live with dignity and their disease be of little adverse consequence to their lives. Throughout our Parish Novena we will be supporting Lepra, with a final collection on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Your support would be much appreciated, thank you.



### MARY'S MEALS

#### FOREIGN CURRENCY CAMPAIGN

We are very pleased to let you know that the parish raised a total of £557.68 during last year's Foreign Currency Campaign. Thank you to everyone that contributed. The envelopes remain in the church porch, and we will hold another campaign in the summer, so please keep collecting those coins!



*Mary's Meals have sent the following message: "Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific £557.68 which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 29 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all."*

### CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

The latest update from CAFOD on how her partners are supporting the people of Gaza can be viewed in the church entrance....



***You are invited to join us on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, between 12pm and 1pm, for a simple soup lunch and raise money to help our catholic family, wherever they live. A bowl of soup and bread roll will cost just £1.50. All proceeds will be go towards the work of CAFOD. Thank you.***

## 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.*

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are sick and/or housebound, our Priests would be happy to visit you, to pray with you, and to bring you Holy Communion in your home, please do let the Parish Office know; home visits are by request. If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass but who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Priests or the Parish Secretary.

### 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

Emily Wright, Catherine Mary Fisher, Mary Cassidy, Frederick Thomas, Frances Carr, Catherine Sellwood, Alan Hanley, Attilio Francesco Papaiani (Franco), Catherine McDonnell, Francis Brain, William Gentry, Carpo De Silva, Karmimurz Skicki, Noreen Halloran, Alan John Fraser, Mary Joyce, Salvatore Grassi, Alice Bennett, Father Albert H. Jenner, Kathleen Lombard, Amadeis Mouta, Noreen Mullane, Frances Marie, Felice Martha Heyes, Zena Melba Francisca De Silva, Edith Campbell, William Hardy, Cornelius O'Reilly, Ethel Maud Ward, Lucinda Potesta, Joseph McGuckin, Louise Maud Dawson, Antonio Ferritto, Bronislaw Jaroszynski, Mary Ellen Miles, Julia Woodhams, William Lovely.

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

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

Our Lady's Statue will now begin her visitations for May devotions.

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.



**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B**  
**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 147:1-6*

*A song of praise for the Lord's goodness to the lowly.*

**GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 1:29-39 Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

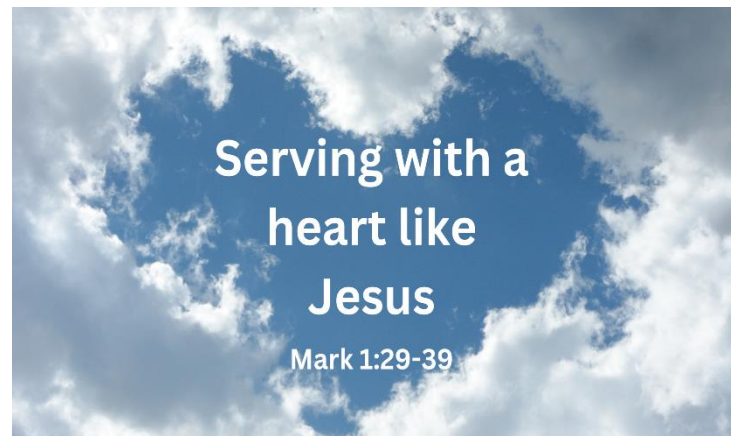
**FAMILY REFLECTION**

We know from last week's Gospel that Jesus gathered and prayed with the community in the synagogue. Today we learn that Jesus also took the time to pray alone. Following the example of Jesus, we also pray together with our community, and we take the time to pray alone. Our children observe our prayer with others. We might want to take the opportunity to talk with them about our private prayer, however, so that through our example, they may learn to make private prayer an important part of their daily lives.

Gather as a family and talk about the ways in which your family prays together (at Mass, grace before meals, bedtime prayers). Invite each member of the family to talk about his or her private prayer: When do you pray? Where do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray for?

Jesus modelled for us a life of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:29-39. Talk about this Gospel with your family. Ask questions such as the following: What do you think Jesus was praying about in today's Gospel? What guidance have you received from God in prayer? Conclude by asking God to bless our times of prayer so that we can know and follow God's ways. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**RESPONSE: NEVER LET US BE SEPARATED FROM YOU**

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we hope that you are settling down in your new home and will soon feel part of our community. If you are new to the parish, please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy, and please complete a family registration form which can be found in the church porch and is also on the parish website. If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.



### 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



**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!*

“Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom” is the theme of the Message for the upcoming season of Lent. “Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.” ~

Pope Francis

## LAUNCH OF ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY PRESS AND THE LAUNCH OF ITS FIRST BOOK, "CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT, THE MARKET AND PUBLIC POLICY – TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CHALLENGES"

You are warmly invited to the launch of St. Mary's University Press and the launch of its first book, "Catholic Social Thought, the Market and Public Policy – Twenty-first Century Challenges". The book is edited by Philip Booth and Andre Alves, with contributions from: Hugo Chelo, Inês Gregório, Andrew M. Yuengert, Martin Schlag, Jay W. Richards, Robert G. Kennedy, Kaetana Numa, Stephen Nakrosis, Samuel Gregg, Russell Sparkes and Leonardo Franchi. It includes forewords by Rt. Hon. Ruth Kelly (member of the Vatican Council for the Economy) and the Most Rev. John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark.

The launch will be held at St. Mary's University, Waldegrave Drawing Room, starting at 6 pm.

You can sign up at:

<https://estore.stmarys.ac.uk/product-catalogue/conferences-events/book-launches>

## KINGSTON STREET PASTORS ARE RECRUITING FOR A NEW DEPUTY COORDINATOR



An exciting opportunity to play a major role in the leadership and development of Street Pastors in Kingston. Part time role: Up to 20hrs per week. Salary range: Up to £15k - £16k. Closing date for applications: Sunday 3rd March 11.30pm.

Full job specification and how to apply can be found at: [Deputy Coordinator - CharityJob.co.uk](https://www.charityjob.co.uk)

## HEADTEACHER VACANCY – ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MORTLAKE

An exciting opportunity has arisen at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School in Mortlake for a highly skilled and inspirational Headteacher to play a critical part in supporting young people to achieve their very best. An application form, further details and a job description can be downloaded from our website, our e-teach home page, TES or directly from the school office. For more information please contact the school office on 020 8876 6679.



<https://www.eteach.com/job/headteacher-1400612>