

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 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 4TH JUNE 2023

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

Saturday 3rd

6.30pm Mary Murphy RIP

Sunday 4th The Most Holy Trinity

9am Rev Fr Gerry O'Brien RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm John Allen RIP

Monday 5th St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial

9.30am Private Intentions

Tuesday 6th

9.30am Holy souls

Wednesday 7th

9.30am Rosalia Da Costa RIP

Thursday 8th

9.30am Sydney George Alexander RIP

Friday 9th

9.30am Anne & Bob Cunningham RIP

Saturday 10th

9.30am Rev Fr Thomas McElbone RIP

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.

Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00

Mass Times: Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

Baptisms: Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.

Marriages: Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule

PARISH OFFERINGS

Sunday Collection 28/05/2023

1st Collection Gift Aid £135.90 Loose £447.59

TOTAL £583.49

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

KEYS FOUND!

HAVE YOU RECENTLY MISLAID A SET OF KEYS?

A SET OF KEYS HAS BEEN HANDED IN TO THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE CONTACT KARIN ON 02085464633 (DURING OFFICE HOURS) TO CONFIRM IF THEY ARE YOURS.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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CONFIRMATION 2023

Remaining timetable for Confirmation 2023:

- **Monday 5th June 2023**
Session 8 - 7.15-8.30pm
- **Friday 9th June 2023**
Final Preparation/Rehearsal
(Candidates to arrive at 7.15pm.
Parents to arrive at 8.30pm)
- **Sunday 11th June 2023**
Confirmation Mass at 12.30pm
- **Monday 12th June 2023**
Evaluation and Reflection at 7.15-8.30pm



ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief training session on Saturday 24th June 2023 at 5pm. The session will last approximately an hour. Parents are asked

to please remain in the church during the training. If you would like to join our brilliant team of Altar Servers at St Agatha's, please do come along and join them; we especially welcome those who have just completed their First Holy Communion.

Altar Server
Training
for current and
new servers.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Due to demand, we have added an additional Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday 2nd 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 17th 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.



**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle A
Sunday, June 4, 2023**

Gospel Reading

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

Gospel Reflection

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.



Family Reflection

Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father or today's Psalm.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

+++ LATELY DEAD+++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. John Perrotta FDP who died on 31st May 2023; 85 years old, 65 of religious profession and 56 of priesthood.

Requiescat in Pace!

+++ '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 and Marie Chlebeckova.

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.

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

Charles Rogerson, Alice Webb, Emma Frazer, Barry Copaldas, John Kennedy, Mary Eileen Moden, Margaret 'Clare' Horgan, Thomas Price, Father John Cremin, Francis Culligan, Francis Lamb, Amy Florence Webb, Thomas Muldoon, Sheila Margaret Atkinson, Leonard Cowdery, Mary Roath, Elenora Alexander, Donald Bird, Stephen Carrig, Kay Williams, Catherine Naughton, Nora Willgoss, Henry Egan, Joseph McDonagh and Mary Brewer, Michael Bourke, Christopher Gray, Patrick Anthony Jarret, Modesta Divito, Sean McConvey, Rowland Stimson, Mary Ellen Lewis, Marisa Davies, Mother Brigid Taylor, John Trefler, Denis Carpey.

+++May They Rest In Peace+++

MARY'S MEALS FOREIGN CURRENCY CAMPAIGN

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. Talk to friends and neighbours, maybe they have spare foreign coins/notes as well? We know that over the years foreign coins and notes end up in all sorts of odd places so please hunt high and low; remember we'll also gladly take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender anymore.

You will find envelopes at the back of church, please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins and notes* into it.

You have until Sunday 11th June to return your envelopes with all your foreign coins/notes* in it. Mary's Meals currently feeds over 2.4 million children one good meal every school day and we want to reach many more. Please bring in your envelopes and you'll be helping Mary's Meals reach the next hungry child. Thank you.

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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 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 or the Parish website



SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

Dons Local Action launched in March 2020 and is now a registered charity fighting the effects of poverty in South-west London. They are a local network of volunteers originally formed by fans of AFC Wimbledon during the Covid-19 pandemic, and are now permanent across Merton, Wandsworth and Kingston. They currently provide support to 133 households within these boroughs and they are actively supporting families within the KT2 area. In the last three years the group has collected and distributed food for more than five million meals, as well as 3,000 laptops for those in digital poverty and hundreds of items of furniture for households in need. With UK food poverty soaring from 12 per cent in January 2022 to 22 per cent in January this year, demand for support from Dons Local Action is rising and funds are urgently needed to maintain and increase support levels.

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.



PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on **Thursday 29th June 2023**, at the Wych Elm. A garden table has been booked! Please come along and join them from 8pm. Everyone is welcome.



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 23rd 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

THE CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN



The Catholic Union was founded in 1870. It is a membership organisation dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life, and the promotion of the common

good.

The Catholic Union is a lay organisation; however, it works with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland (CBCS). It is a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

Membership of the Catholic Union is open to practising members of the Catholic laity in Great Britain and includes people from all parts of the country and all walks of life. It includes doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, and civil servants – we represent a wealth of lay Catholic experience and expertise.

The Catholic Union have several upcoming and interesting events. For further details please visit:

<https://catholicunion.org.uk/eventscalendar/>

'Dear parents, never tire of talking about your faith to your children: may you always have the strength to be mediators of the faith you received from your parents' ~ Pope Francis

St Mary's University Twickenham London

Mass with The Right Reverend Kenneth Nowakowski

Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Holy Family of London

Bishop Nowakowski will preach at St. Mary's University Chapel Thursday 8th June 12:30pm

All members of our community are very welcome to pray for Ukraine and for peace.

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2 - 5PM

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PSA SUMMER FAIR

INFLATABLE SLIDE | VEHICLE CAROUSEL
PONY CYCLES | TEA CUP RIDE
ICE CREAMS | BAR | BBQ FOOD
RAFFLE | TEDDY TOMBOLA
COCONUT SHY | FACEPAINTING
BOTTLE TOMBOLA | SPIN THE WHEEL
HOOK A DUCK | PENALTY SHOOT OUT
LUSH BATH BOMB MAKING!

POPCORN

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!

ENTRY ON THE GATE:
£2 ADULTS, £1 CHILDREN (AGE 4+)
£5 FOR 2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN

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