



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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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES  
SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (C)

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
9.30am	No Intentions
6.30pm	Joseph & Mafald Di Lieto RIP
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday</b>
9.00am	Paddy Monk & Family
10.30am	People of the Parish
6.30pm	Denis Parker RIP
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Denis Parker RIP
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast</b>
9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Dominic, Priest, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Michael Rombord RIP
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Feast</b>
9.30am	No Intentions
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Lawrence, Deacon, Feast</b>
9.30am	Wellbeing of Fr. Gerry O'Brien
6.30pm	People of the Parish
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 (7<sup>th</sup> September) 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. 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

Joseph Goldsmith, Muriel Connellan, John Smyth, Delia Galligan, Gertrude Farrell, Freda Ross, John Dracas, Richard North, Madeleine Miller, Brian Barrett, Sheila Eugenia Taylor, Christopher Byrne, Josephine McParlane, Ellen Wiseman, Margaret Broatbent, Alvaro Americo Britto, Mary Kathleen Frain, Shelagh Gray, Chris Sargent, James Jennings, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Mary Sweeney, Lilian Thompson, Mary Ellen Young, Jessie Wiseman, Bridget Lynn, Jane Mary Lamb, Nora Teresa Noonan, Ellen Fear, Bill Drinkwater. ++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

<b>First collection</b>	Gift Aid	£518.62	Loose	£415.55
<b>Retiring Collection</b>	Gift Aid	£16.00	Loose	£61.84
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1012.01</b>		

Missionary Society of St Paul, MSP, Appeal

Next weekend we welcome Fr. Franklin Achionye, MSP, who will do a Mission appeal for the MSP at all Masses. Your prayers, material and financial support are most needed for: • the training of 120 MSP seminarians studying to become priests, • to help sustain some challenging missions like Malawi, Chad, South Sudan and agriculture and water projects. MSP priests serve in more than 20 countries; Fr. Anthony and Fr. Pius are among the MSPs currently serving in the UK. The Missionaries of St Paul are committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and the wonderful works of the Father in the Holy Spirit, but they cannot do this alone, they need your help.

Eighteenth Sunday (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21 – A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Reflection

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Family Reflection

Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the Confiteor. End this time together by praying the Confiteor ("I confess to almighty God...").

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HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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## The Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 9:28–36 – Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.*

### Reflection

On August 6, our liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Our Gospel for this liturgy in Cycle C is the same as the Gospel proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent. Recall that on the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration, each time from a different Gospel. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Our Gospel for this day is taken from the Gospel of Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Mark's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship follows the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some believe that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history indicates Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offered to construct three tents for them. Luke's Gospel reports that Peter's offer was made in confusion. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven spoke, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continued as they wondered what Jesus meant by "rising from the dead." Until they also witnessed his passion and death, the disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we see in this event an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

### Family Reflection

Every family has special moments that they remember and share. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

Gather as a family and think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Luke 9:28–36. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfils the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the Prophets; God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection; Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding and love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Prudential Ride 100; local road closures
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

### St Agatha's Church Youth Club

We would also like to thank the parishioners who have already come forward to help, however, **we urgently need more volunteers**, of all ages, to help behind the scenes with the various tasks involved with running the club, such as setting up and clearing away equipment, to ensure the club can continue. No experience of youth work is necessary. Could you spare just a few hours a month? Please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius or contact the parish office for further details.



### Music at Masses

During the summer holidays traditionally, our musicians take a well-earned break for the month of August. This means that our songs during Mass may not be accompanied by musical instruments. However, if you would like to play any musical instrument at any Mass during this summertime, please let the priests know. We are still in need of more musicians to join when the musicians resume in September! A big thankyou to our musicians for all that they do for the parish!

### Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Fr. Anthony will still be available in case of emergency or a pressing enquiry.

### Michael Monk RIP

It is with great sadness that we let you know that Michael Monk died peacefully last Saturday, 20th July. Michael was the son of former St Agatha's headteacher Mr Paddy Monk, from 1990 until 2013 and who is known to so many of the St Agatha's Church and school family.

All are warmly invited to a Mass for the Monk Family's intentions on Saturday 14th September at 11am. This will be followed by light refreshments in the cloisters and church grounds. This Mass replaces the "Team Monk" tea party which was to be held in the grounds of the school on the same day and Mr Monk is planning to join us. For further information please contact Josie Bate directly:

[goldenjosie@googlemail.com](mailto:goldenjosie@googlemail.com)

### Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be held on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form, available from the back of the church and return to the Parish Office and register for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

### Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish meet together once a month at the Wych Elm The group will meet on the following dates in 2019, please note changes to some previously announced dates: **28<sup>th</sup> August**, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

**Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:**

- **The Mustard Seed**
- **St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal**
- **Conquest Art Group at St Pius**
- **London SW Catholic Social Group**

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS** For all those on holiday over the coming weeks we hope that you have a refreshing and relaxing time, for those travelling, we pray that you will have a safe journey. For those visiting families, may it be moments to cherish and for those going on pilgrimage over the summer period, please keep the parish in your prayers. May God be with you all over this period. Pray for God's protection and safety for all families wherever they may be. God Bless you all.