



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 5TH MAY 2019 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

Saturday 4th The English Martyrs, Feast
9.30am Linda Susan Kuster-Kennedy RIP
6.30pm Brian William Preston RIP
Sunday 5th 3rd Sunday of Easter
9.00am Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
10.30am Marina Carbajal RIP
6.30pm Allice Coll RIP
Monday 6th
9.30am Denis Parker RIP
Tuesday 7th
9.30am Patricia White – Birthday
Wednesday 8th
9.30am Mrs Catherine Bradley RIP
Thursday 9th
9.30am Holy Souls
Friday 10th
9.30am Teresa & Gioanoario Micheletti RIP
Saturday 11th
9.30am Lawrence Family
6.30pm Trevor De Sampayoe 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 OF EVERY MONTH (1st June) 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

Denis McCartie, Isabel Sherlock, Charles Leite, Roland Tierney, Mary Bowen, Jeremiah Murphy, Nora Thorpe, Capt. Eugene William De'Kerckhove, Patrick McNally, Patricia Fenton, Marie Rogers, Ivy Walsh, James Young, Geoffrey Allen, Mary Finley, Mary Postins, Oscar George Friend, Mary Jordan, John O'Leary, Emily Jones, Margaret Little, Brian McCarthy, Mrs. Mcquillan, Mary Sinteff, Mary Smith. +++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£437.96	Loose	£559.56
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£89.98	Loose	50.00

TOTAL £1137.50

Last weekend's retiring collection was for the maintenance of St. Georges Cathedral, Southwark.

The collection next weekend is for Ecclesiastical Education: this collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Lately Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Bradley who recently died. Her Funeral will take place in Scotland on Wednesday 8th May. Our Mass will be said in her memory on that day. 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

DYING AND RISING

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 29:2, 4-6, 11-13.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.
The psalms were composed before people had developed any clear belief in a meaningful life after death. What the psalmist is celebrating is an escape from death-threatening experience. Which, in reality, was but the temporary postponement of inevitable death. *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*
Applying the psalm to Jesus Christ, what we celebrate is not an escape from death but a liberation through death. Jesus did not avoid death but saw it as the door out of this life into heavenly life. Jesus was not resuscitated but, in resurrection, he went forward to the higher life.
It is said that those who die well are those who have died often. There is a little death every time we let go of something in order to move on to something else: when we voluntarily give up something good for the sake of an ideal; when we let go of personal grief to let somebody we love move on; when we resist temptation. These little experiences of dying are part of our baptismal union with the death and resurrection of the Lord. In today's gospel Jesus speaks of the way Peter would let go of his impetuosity in preparation for the death by which he would give glory to God. Belief that we are called to share in the resurrection changes everything. *You have changed my mourning into dancing.*

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

May Devotions

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. During May it has long been the tradition of the Catholic Church to highlight our devotion to Mary and seek her intercession in our lives. Each Sunday in May, from 5.30pm, we will have Rosary followed by Adoration and when possible, Benediction. Prayer life is essential in these changing times.

Parish Website

Work is currently being undertaken to establish a new parish website. Please bear with us as this is a work in progress. All the events of the parish and any news will be included on this site and, hopefully, will be accessible in due course. If you are unable to find what you are looking for please contact the Parish Secretary.

Altar Servers' Rally 2019

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on this **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... Please let us know if you will be attending.

Music at Masses

As we now have hymns at all Masses, we are making an appeal for more musicians to lead the music. If you can play piano or organ and would like to take a turn at playing at one of the Masses, please contact one of the priests. Thank you.!

God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering. ~ St Augustine of Hippo.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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Volunteers!
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THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who have given so generously of their time and skill and helped to organise, prepare or present and made the Holy Week services and Easter Triduum such a success:

To everyone who helped prepare the Church for Easter – to all the church cleaners, gardeners, flower arrangers, to our musicians, singers, readers, sacristans, eucharistic ministers and altar servers for their contributions during Holy Week and Easter and to everyone who took part in the ceremonies, we thank you.

A BIG thanks to everyone for the tremendous response to the Easter Spring cleaning day. The church looked magnificent. *A very special thank you to the children and young adults of the parish who also generously gave their time to help on this day; we look forward to seeing you again at further events through the year.*

We are so proud of our young parishioners who presented the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and "Living Stations of the Cross" as part of the Good Friday Services; they did an absolutely amazing job!

And lastly, a specific thank you to our Priests; Fr. Anthony and Fr. Pius for the countless hours hearing Confessions at the church, and also at schools across the borough, and celebrating the Sacraments to prepare the parish for the Easter Season, and for our beautiful Holy Week liturgies! A special thank you to Rev. Bob Beresford, our Deacon, for his continued assistance with these sacraments.

There are dozens and dozens of people involved in making everything run smoothly at St. Agatha's during the festive periods; we thank you one and all.

3rd Sunday of Easter –

Gospel Reading John 21:1-19 (short form: John 21:1-14)

Reflection

Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.

Consider a recent family meal: What food was served? Where did the food come from? Who prepared the food? Who served the food? Was mealtime a happy time? Why or why not? Observe that today's Gospel tells about a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples after his Resurrection. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 21:1-14. Reflect on the Gospel reading using the questions above. Talk about ways in which this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples might remind us of the meal we share at the Eucharist. You might choose to plan a special meal together as a family, encouraging each person to participate in the meal preparation. Pray together that Jesus will make his loving presence known in your family life. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

CAFOD Volunteer Day: Celebrating our Common Home

Saturday, 11th May 2019, 9.30 – 14.30 Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. This volunteer meeting will include an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of our work overseas and an introduction to our new Climate Campaign "Our Common Home". There will also be an opportunity to participate in a number of interesting workshops. We will finish the meeting with a Laudato Si-inspired Creation Mass. For more information and to book a place, please contact Sarah Cadwallader on 0208 466 9901 or email southwark@cafod.org.uk

Important Upcoming Dates:

Friday 3 rd May	FHC Group 1 Rehearsal
Sunday 5 th May	FHC Group 1 Sacrament
Sunday 5 th May	May Devotion
Monday 6 th May	Altar Servers Rally
Friday 10 th May	FHC Group 2 Rehearsal
Saturday 11 th May	Flower Arrangers 1 st Meeting
Sunday 12 th May	FHC Group 2 Sacrament
Sunday 12 th May	Sunday Devotion

First Holy Communion 2019

Please note the following important upcoming dates:

Group 1 Rehearsal	Friday 3 rd May	4pm
Group 1 Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 5 th May	12noon
Group 2 Rehearsal	Friday 10 th May	4pm
Group 2 Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 12 th May	12noon

Flower Arrangers!

Thank you everyone who showed an interest in becoming part of a team of flower arrangers; we will be holding an initial meeting on **Saturday 11th May 2019 at 10am**. We are currently looking for individuals who would like to volunteer to help prepare the flower arrangements for the church. No experience necessary – we are looking for anyone with an interest in flower arranging to get involved – from complete beginner to seasoned professional! Many hands make light work. We will have a flower budget from church funds so individual flower arrangers will not be required to take on any financial outlay. If you are interested, please speak with the Parish Secretary for more details.

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: **22nd May**, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 23rd June 2019**, at 2pm, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. *Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism.* Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Special Visit to the Cardinal Hume Centre Wednesday 15th May 2019

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the death of Cardinal Basil Hume who was deeply affected by the plight of the poor, particularly the homeless. This led him to open the Cardinal Hume centre, Westminster, for young people at risk and others in need. Our friends from St Thomas Aquinas Church in Ham are organising a visit and very much welcome members of our parish to join them. The visit will include a tour of the centre with frontline staff explaining the work of their specialist service teams aimed at turning lives around (1,200 last year). A simple lunch will be provided. Please contact Brendon Gately for further details, or if you would like to book a place, on 020 8546 8083.

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

- Request for Student Exchange placements
- 'The Gift' at St Joseph's Parish, New Malden.
- Archdiocese of Southwark 2019 Spring Assembly
- St George's Cathedral Chorister Recruitment Day
- A Day with Mary
- Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019

Sometime in your life, hope that you might see one starved man, the look on his face when the bread finally arrives. Hope that you might have baked it or bought or even kneaded it yourself. For that look on his face, for your meeting his eyes across a piece of bread, you might be willing to lose a lot, or suffer a lot, or die a little, even. ~ Fr. Daniel Berrigan S.J.