



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.

CLERGY

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SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2019 – EPIPHANY (C) FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 5th	
9.30am	Barbara Mack – Birthday
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
6.30pm	Elizabeth Galligan – Birthday
Monday 7th	
9.30am	Requiem Mass Frances Jarvis RIP
Tuesday 8th	
9.30am	Alfred Knight RIP
Wednesday 9th	
9.30am	Rosa Vitolo RIP
Thursday 10th	
9.30am	Fiona McArdles RIP
Friday 11th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Gwen Boswell
Saturday 12th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Cath & Arthur Lawrence & Family
6.30pm	Jeremy Langstaff 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.

FROM **Saturday 2nd February 2019** ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH 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

Dorothy Eley, Vincent Raymond, Olive Bryden, Tony Green, Mary Josephine Edwards, Sarah Kelly, Helena Collins, Michael Frain, Ellen Merritt, Patrick Connolly, John Crehan, Michael Jordan, Teresa Buller, Clara Cunningham, Joan Culme, Daniel Quaid, Maurice Woolger, Azzopardi Twins, Joseph Kiernan, Mary Johnston, Sr. Lucy Proctor, William Finn, Nicholas Power, Constance Neve, Joan Marie Jackson, Mary Ann Jelley, Walter Padberg, Jerzy Henryk Kopicki, Douglas Carter, Teresa Scott, Annie Burton, Mary Dobson, Frederick Fear, Bridget Cumiskey, Alfred Mulcahy, Joseph Rice, Eileen Wharton.
+++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

Diocesan Directory

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. They cost £3.00 each. Please place the money in the papers box in the porch.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Next Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the end of Christmastide, after which the crib will be dismantled. Our crib appeal which this year is going to help support The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) at the request of the Archbishop.

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. ~ St Anthony of Padua

THANK YOU!!

Firstly, a Huge Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes and the lovely Christmas cards, messages and gifts. You have all been so very kind, which help make for a very happy time in the Presbytery.
Also, a very special thank you to the teams of volunteers who worked so hard to ensure our church was so beautifully decorated, (as it always is), to Celebrate the Birth of Christ and to EVERYONE that helped make all our Christmas celebrations so very special, including the Seniors Lunch helpers and the school choir, Christingle service committee and especially the children, and to the Men of the Parish who set up the Crib and Christmas trees!
~ Fr's Anthony & Pius.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY LORD OF ALL NATIONS

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Epiphany means the revelation of Jesus to the world. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. The responsorial psalm is a prayer used at the coronation of a new king; that he might bring true justice to the people, especially the poor and the needy who are helpless.

*In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.*

The psalmist predicts that foreign kings would come to pay respect to this good king. The great river is the Euphrates on the eastern border while Tarshish and the sea coasts are to the west. Sheba and Seba represent the south. Mention of Sheba calls to mind the Queen who travelled with gifts of gold and incense in recognition of the wisdom of King Solomon. Although, it is not written in the Bible, there was a tradition that her journey was guided by a star. Matthews gospel takes this story as a template for the journey of the wise men from the east who were led by a star to bear gifts of gold, incense and myrrh, in tribute to the new-born king. The Magi represent the coming of the nations to fall prostrate before Jesus. The child of Mary belongs to the whole world.

*Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
All nations shall serve him.*

Where is the star to lead people to Christ today? It must be in the living example of those who bear the name of Christian.

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

'How to do Children's Liturgy' Mini Workshop'

More helpers are needed to join the team of volunteers taking Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10.30am Sunday Masses. No experience is needed, only a willingness to assist the leader; we will be holding a mini 'How to do Children's Liturgy Workshop' on **Sunday 13th January 2019** at 9.55am for just 30 minutes, if you feel you can or would like to help and would like to learn more, please email an rsvp to kingston@rcaos.org.uk or sign up on the sheet in the church porch.

St Agatha's Confirmation 2019

There will be an enrolment meeting for Candidates and their families on **Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.15pm**. The first candidate session will be on **Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.15pm**. The Inscription Mass will be on **Sunday 20th January 2019 at 6.30pm**. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 31st March 2019**.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Christmas Hamper

Congratulations to Natasha and her family who won the contents of this Christmas' hamper.

Lifts to Mass

If you think you might occasionally be able to offer someone a lift to any of the Masses, that you normally attend, please could you kindly contact Karin in the Parish office to discuss further. Thank you!

2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week

of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The international resources for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Indonesia. The 2019 theme, 'Justice and only justice you shall pursue' (Deut 16:18-20), calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. Drawing on the traditional values of Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity) and gotong royong (living in solidarity and by collaboration), Indonesian Christians invite you to be united witnesses, and agents of Christ's healing grace in a broken world, by making specific commitments to justice, equality, and unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from **the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.**

Pax Christi

Pax Christi International is a Catholic peace movement with 120-member organisations worldwide that promotes peace, respect of human rights, justice & reconciliation throughout the world. Grounded in the belief that peace is possible and that vicious cycles of violence and injustice can be broken, Pax Christi International addresses the root causes & destructive consequences of violent conflict and war.

On **Sunday 20th January**, Peace Sunday, we will celebrate 'Good politics serves peace' ~ Pope Francis, World Peace Day message

Gifts in your Will

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet, contact Your Catholic Legacy – Tel: 020 7095 5370 or Visit:

www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

Human history, our history, the history of every one of us is never 'finished', it never runs out of possibilities. Rather, it is always opening to the new – to what, until now, we'd never even had in mind. To what seemed impossible. ~ Pope Francis

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday 7 th Jan	Confirmation Family Meeting
Friday 11 th Jan	School Application Signing
Sunday 13 th Jan	Liturgy Mini Workshop
	FHC Session 3
Monday 14 th Jan	Confirmation Session 1
Sunday 20 th Jan	Baptism Preparation Class

Primary School 2019 Application Forms

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic School. Regular mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign. Fr. Anthony / Fr. Pius will be available to sign primary school application forms on **Friday 11th January 2019 between 2pm and 4pm.** No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please bring these along with you. Please also bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptismal Certificates.

First Holy Communion

Classes will resume with session 3 on **Sunday 13th January 2019** at 4pm.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 20th January 2018, 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.



St Agatha's School

Admission to Reception Class September 2019. Children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 are eligible to start at St Agatha's Primary School in September 2019. Please apply online at www.kingston.gov.uk and complete the supplementary forms to return to the school.

The closing date for both parts of the application is **15th January 2019.**

Should you have any further queries please contact Sharon Parsons on 020 8546 3879 or email office@stagathas.school

Mass for the Beatification of Ven. Agnelo

All Parishioners especially those with any Goan connections welcome to a special Mass @ 2.00pm on Sunday 20th January 2019 at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Ln, London SW20 9DB, to pray for the beatification of Ven. Agnelo followed by refreshments in the hall. Do invite friends and come along with a plate of food/drink for general sharing. Contact 020 8543 7721 or 020 8540 1249 for further details

Lantern Theatre Company

"The Hiding Place" play is based on an inspiring true story of a Christian family who fought to save Jewish victims and also to commemorate the Holocaust. St Marks, Wimbledon on Saturday 26th January at 7.30pm. tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine. Please call the box office on 0203 761 7070 or visit <https://www.lanternarts.org/>.

The clergy offer New Year's Greeting to all parishioners, and pray that God will bless all our efforts in 2019. And that in the Spirit of Christmas, one of peace and goodwill will remain in the hearts of all.