

**CLERGY**

Rev. Fr. Francis Olaseni, MSP – Parish Priest & Hospital Chaplain  
Rev. Fr. Peter Akor, MSP – Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain  
Rev. Robert Beresford — Deacon

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 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>**

6.30pm Louisa Giles RIP

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration of the Lord**

9am Millicent Mary Laing RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Patrick J Collins RIP

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Rose Hannon RIP

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> St Dominic, Priest, Memorial**

9.30am James Corcoran RIP

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr, Patron of Europe, Feast**

9.30am Catherine Naughton RIP

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr, Feast**

9.30am Wellbeing of Gillian Rattray

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> St Clare, Memorial**

9.30am Intentions of Simon Corcoran

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Stella Mak 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 30/07/2023**

Collection Gift Aid £112.30 Loose £387.58

**TOTAL £499.88**

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

**HOUSEKEEPER/CLEANER**

**ST AGATHA'S PARISH**

Applications are invited for the post of Housekeeper/Cleaner. After many years of wonderful service, our current housekeeper is leaving her role due to personal circumstance and we are therefore seeking a new Housekeeper/Cleaner. Would you like to join the parish team as our Housekeeper? If so, please apply! The post holder will be required to provide confidential and efficient housekeeping and cleaning duties to a high standard, to the Parish Priests, whilst ensuring a pleasant, safe, welcoming and clean Presbytery is provided to other presbytery workers and parish visitors. The position requires 8-10 hours each week – work pattern to be agreed with the successful applicant. Previous experience of housekeeping and cleaning are essential, references will be required.

Essential Skills Required: Knowledge of safe working practices; Confidentiality in all matters; Good organisational ability and attention to detail; Self-motivated; solution focussed and reliable; Courteous and polite manner; good communication skills and good time management, Flexible, adaptable and able to respond to changes in routine. If you would like to know more about this position, please contact Karin, the Parish Secretary, on 020 8546 4633 during parish office hours.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave on the dates below during the summer break, therefore the parish office will be closed. Fr Peter will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only. For non-urgent enquiries please email [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk). For any other matters please wait until the parish office re-opens. Many thanks for your co-operation.

*Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:*

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August*

*Monday 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September*

*The Parish Office will fully reopen on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**

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. 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.



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023/24

FHC application forms are now available from the church porch or the Parish Office.

Children must be in Year Four or above in September 2023.



Application forms must be completed and returned in person only at one of the following sessions:

- Friday 29th September 2023  
between 2pm and 5pm, at the Presbytery.
- Saturday 30th September 2023  
between 5.45pm and 6.15pm, in the Cloister.
- Sunday 1st October 2023  
after the 10.30am Mass, in the Cloister.

You must attach a PHOTOCOPY of your child's baptism certificate; we cannot accept any application forms without the certificate. If your child has not yet been baptised, please contact the Parish Office to discuss the procedure for enrolling on this programme.

**Late applications will not be accepted; Reminders will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.**

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023/24



Confirmation application forms are now available from the church porch or the Parish Office.

Candidates must be in Year Nine or above in September 2023.

Application forms must be returned to the parish office no later than Friday 29th September 2023, so that we can identify how many candidates will be enrolling.

**Late applications will not be accepted; Reminders will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.**

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, our next class is being held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm. 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.**

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or wanting to explore your Catholic faith further?



Our Evangelium course will start in October/November 2023. The programme will consist of weekly sessions running until Easter, including vital dates during Lent.

Evangelium is for adults who have not been Baptised and for Christians of other denominations who want to be Received into the Catholic Church.

Please email the Parish Office with your details and to register for this next programme:

[kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

It can also be a good experience for full members of the Catholic Church who may not have practised their faith for a number of years, or for those who wish to more fully understand and deepen their faith. Everyone is welcome along!

### MARRIAGES IN 2024



2024 may be the year that you plan to get married; many *Congratulations* if that is so. ***Please remember that there is a lot of preparation that needs to take place and you are required to inform the church at least six months before the intended date.***

If you plan to celebrate your wedding at another church all preparation for our parishioners must take place here at St. Agatha's. Please contact the Parish Office and we will happily guide 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.*

### 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

Sheila Eugenia Taylor, Christopher Byrne, Josephine McParlane, Ellen Wiseman, Margaret Broadbent, 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, Adam Stanislaw Kjowski, Jane Mary Lamb, Nora Teresa Noonan, Ellen Fear, Bill Drinkwater, Frances Eliza Alexander, Kacper Jaskiewicz, Beverly Jimenez Uy, Ellen Allen, Martha Ann Marsland, Teresa Mary Smith. **+++May They Rest In Peace+++**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord, Cycle A**  
**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9*

*A Song of Praise to God our King*

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 17:1-9*

*Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.*

**Gospel Reflection**

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. 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. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes 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 and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated 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 witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

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 has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see 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 the events develops and deepens 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 Peter, James, and John reflected on the event and told other believers about the Transfiguration, their own faith deepened. Because Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded the account of the Transfiguration in their writings, we too can deepen our faith in Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior.

Gather as a family and think about some special memories that your family recalls over and over again. Talk about why these moments are important to you. Remember that in the Bible we find many important stories about Jesus. They have been recorded so that we too can learn about him and his teachings, so that we too can come to know and love Jesus, God's beloved Son. Read today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Discuss as a family how Jesus fulfills the promises that God made to Israel and how God glorified Jesus after the Resurrection. Talk about your family and the promises you have made to one another. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer so that as a family you continue to grow in faithfulness to one another and to your heavenly Father.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**'This is my son'**

**'Listen to him'**

**'Do not be afraid'**

Matthew 17:9

**The Lord is King Most High Above All the Earth**

Psalm 97

## HOST THE OUR LADY OF LOURDES STATUE IN YOUR HOME DURING OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Our Lady's Statue has been in visitation since the start of May and will return to the church for the summer. Our Lady always draws us closer to her son, Jesus Christ. We invite you to spend a week with Our Lady by hosting the Lady of Lourdes statue in your home for a week during the autumn.

If you would like to receive the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home during September, October or November, 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.

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### PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2024

We are in the initial stages of exploring the possibility of a hosting a parish pilgrimage in 2024; A visit, not as tourists, but as people of Faith, an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Him and He with us. A Pilgrimage is a meaningful journey to a sacred place, it is also a beautiful experience with the chance to meet new people and see new places.

Destinations that are being considered are:

- Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- Lisieux, France
- San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

We would like to hear from you if you would be interested in joining us on a pilgrimage; this will help give us an approximate number of travellers and therefore help with our enquires when contacting tours companies for dates and prices.

Please email [kingstonevents@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingstonevents@rcaos.org.uk) to register your interest.

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### LIFTS TO MASS

If you could occasionally 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. We have a couple of parishioners who are unable to get to Mass due to mobility issues but live just a few roads away and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to come to Mass, even just occasionally. Thank you!

## SOUTHWARK JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION AUTUMN ASSEMBLY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Archdiocese of Southwark 2023 Autumn Assembly by the Justice and Peace Commission on Saturday 23rd September 2023 entitled The Right to Stay: Free to Choose in response to the message of the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, at St Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP. Parish Mass 10am. Registration 10.30am. Programme starts 11am. Finishes 4pm. Free Entrance. Donations suggested. Lunch provided. All welcome. Keynote speaker: Rt. Rev. Paul McAleenan, Bishop for Migration & Refugees and Member of the Department for International Affairs at the Bishops Conference for England and Wales on 'Love the Stranger', What really happened at Napier Barracks? To reserve a place please email:

[justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk)

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### ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Young overseas student seeking accommodation close to Kingston University. Just needs a quiet room, with shared facilities, preferably with a Christian family. She can only afford £500 monthly, with bills included. She needs to be closer to the university to use their library facilities. She needs to leave her current property on 21st August 2023. If you can help, please contact me, Helen Emmett, Our Lady Immaculate SVP Conference, on 07402327177. Thank you for your anticipated support with this request.

'God does not call those who feel  
capable, but those He calls,  
He makes capable.' ~ Pope Francis