



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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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2019 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 5th

9.30am Raymond & Patricia RIP
6.30pm Wellbeing of Gavin Mullen

Sunday 6th

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

9.00am Yousif Polus RIP
10.30am Rev Fr. Gerry O'Brien
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial

9.30am

Tuesday 8th

9.30am

Wednesday 9th

9.30am Wellbeing of the Murphy Family

Thursday 10th

9.30am Pauline Welham RIP

Friday 11th

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 12th

9.30am
6.30pm Geoffrey Gilbert 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 & 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 (5th October) 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, 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

Luise Segat, Michael Murphy, Harry Williams, Frank Keefe, Sister Mary Francis Pentony, Samuel Medhurst, Walter Thomas Gifford, Elizabeth Noble, Ann Holmes, John Healey, Margaret Dalton, William Duckett, Santina Peluso, Teresa McKeown, Evelyn Drake, Patsy Byrne, Mary Eliza Gosford, Peter Quinn, Nancy Davis, Thomas Joseph Crowley, Ann Higginson, Jack Chilton, Bertha Argent, Daniel McDonnell, Sister Monica Meaney, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Annabelle Montague-Smith, James Coughlan, Mary McGilvray, Robert John Wiseman, Mary Elliott, George Henry Summersby, Andrew Leo Cremin, Pauline Welham, Timothy O'Brien, Clement Flynn, Umilta Ahwai, Kathleen McNulty.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

LET US REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Let us remember those who have died and their families with love and affection during this time of grief.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C Sunday 6th October 2019

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10 Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

Reflection

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

Family Reflection

There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up to the confidence and trust that our children place in us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with just a little faith. In family life we also learn about obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks that family members do for one another and for the household are simply the manifestations of our responsibilities to one another.

Take a turn with each member of the family and identify some of the little things that each family member does that make a big difference in your family life.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each person is called upon by God to believe that God can work miracles in our lives, that God can use us to make a difference in our world.

Together as a family, pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Generosity. Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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First Holy Communion 2020



The First Holy Communion program and application form are now available from the back of the church, please complete and return it to the Parish Office **no later than FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER 2019**. The first parents' meeting is on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm and the Mass of Inscription is on Sunday 17th November 2019 10.30am.

October Devotion: The Holy Rosary

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of the Rosary, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession, the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings. During October, we invite everyone to pray your rosary. We especially encourage families to pray the rosary together. As a parish we shall dedicate Sunday Evenings to Pray the Rosary together and finish with Benediction. Never mind if you're a bit rusty, or if it's been a while since you last prayed your rosary. It's never too late to begin again; come let us experience the power of the rosary. **We will start at 5.30pm every Sunday: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

Marriage



Our congratulations and best wishes to Sally and Paul who were married here on Thursday 3rd October 2019. And Madeleine and Kevin who were married here on Saturday 5th October 2019.

May the Lord bless them as they begin their married lives together.

Christmas Raffle & Seniors Christmas Lunch

Each year, a small but dedicated team of volunteers run the senior's lunch and a raffle; which plays a big part in helping raise funds. This year we would like to expand the raffle and therefore any donations, big or small, would be very much appreciated and will help make a big difference to the funds raised. If you have something you would like to donate, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office to donate or discuss further.

Baptism Preparation Class



Our next Baptism preparation class is on **Sunday 1st December 2019**. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism in the next few months, please complete an application form and join us for this class. *Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULT (RCIA)

Are you an adult wishing to become a Catholic but have not been baptized, then this programme is for you.... Are you a baptised adult of another Christian denomination wishing to become a Catholic, this programme is also for you.... Are you a Baptised Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, this programme is for you as well.... The programme is a preparation through prayer, study, discussion, and fellowship for the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is scheduled to begin on **Thursday 10th October at 8.00pm**. Please speak with Fr Anthony or contact the parish office for more details.

Parish Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new and improved website! We invite you to take a moment to peruse the new site, please feel free to send back any questions, comments or suggestions you may have for us. We hope you'll find it both useful and informative. The address has not changed: stagathaschurch.org.uk.

APF Red Boxes

It is time for the autumn count of the APF red boxes. If you have a red box, please would you bring it in to the church, we must receive it back before **31st October**, so that we can submit our final totals for the year. Returning boxes should be left on the table in the old sacristy please. When it has been counted, it will be placed on the same table ready for collection. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE LABEL AT THE BASE OF THE BOX.** Please contact Francesca Gilbert directly on 07813 777408 with any queries

Tea and Coffee

Tea and coffee will be served in the Cloister after the Sunday 9am Mass on the **last Sunday of each month**: do come and join us to meet and greet others, and our clergy, especially if you are new to the parish. If you attend this Mass and would like to help **once** a month, please email the parish office.

Believers themselves must constantly feel challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions. They need to be encouraged to be ever open to God's grace and to draw constantly from their deepest convictions about love, justice and peace. ~ Pope Francis,

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HANDING ON THE FAITH: CATECHESIS

Quite early on, the name catechesis was given to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ.

"Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life."

While not being formally identified with them, catechesis is built on a certain number of elements of the Church's pastoral mission which have a catechetical aspect, that prepare for catechesis, or spring from it. They are: the initial proclamation of the Gospel or missionary preaching to arouse faith; examination of the reasons for belief; experience of Christian living; celebration of the sacraments; integration into the ecclesial community; and apostolic and missionary witness.

"Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life. Not only her geographical extension and numerical increase, but even more her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis."

Periods of renewal in the Church are also intense moments of catechesis. In the great era of the Fathers of the Church, saintly bishops devoted an important part of their ministry to catechesis. St. Cyril of Jerusalem and St. John Chrysostom, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, and many other Fathers wrote catechetical works that remain models for us.

"The ministry of catechesis draws ever fresh energy from the councils. the Council of Trent is a noteworthy example of this. It gave catechesis priority in its constitutions and decrees. It lies at the origin of the Roman Catechism, which is also known by the name of that council and which is a work of the first rank as a summary of Christian teaching. The Council of Trent initiated a remarkable organization of the Church's catechesis. Thanks to the work of holy bishops and theologians such as St. Peter Canisius, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Turibius of Mongrovejo or St. Robert Bellarmine, it occasioned the publication of numerous catechisms.

It is therefore no surprise that catechesis in the Church has again attracted attention in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, which Pope Paul VI considered the great catechism of modern times. the General Catechetical Directory (1971) the sessions of the Synod of Bishops devoted to evangelization (1974) and catechesis (1977), the apostolic exhortations *Evangelii nuntiandi* (1975) and *Catechesi tradendae* (1979), attest to this. the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985 asked "that a catechism or compendium of all Catholic doctrine regarding both faith and morals be composed" The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, made the Synod's wish his own, acknowledging that "this desire wholly corresponds to a real need of the universal Church and of the particular Churches." He set in motion everything needed to carry out the Synod Fathers' wish.

Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary

Ministers of Holy Communion

The next Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be in at the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George on **Saturday 12th October 2019 at 10am concluding with Mass at 2.30pm. Please contact the parish office for further details.**

Annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

The annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers for South West Area will take place at St. Boniface, Tooting SW17 9PG, on **Saturday 26th October 2019**. As we are preparing to keep "Year of the Word" from 1st December, the reflections of the day will be based on the Gospel of Matthew and the day itself will be given by Fr. Adrian Graffy.



Please collect an invitation and programme form from the back of the church; please return the reply slip to the parish office by 30th September 2019. All the ministers of word and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are requested to attend the day. Thank you.

An Introduction to Liturgy

The Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF) will host their annual introductory course to Liturgy and Worship which is held each autumn over two Saturdays at CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS. **Saturdays 9th November and 23rd November 2019**, 10.30am – 4pm. £25 per person. If you want to find out more or wish to register for the course please contact ccrs@ccftootingbec.org.uk or call 020 8672 7684

St Agatha's Church Youth Club

The Youth Club runs every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and is open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! Once established the young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to being able to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.



We would also like to thank the parishioners who have already come forward to help, however, **we still 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. **Youth Club registration forms are available at the back of the church or via our website.**



Lately Dead

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Benson, who died on Sunday 22nd September. Funeral details will follow...

'Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

Secondary 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.

A priest will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Wednesday 9th October 2019 between 4pm and 6pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please ensure that you complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please also bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 6 th Oct	October Devotion
Wed 9 th Oct	Secondary School Application Signing
Friday 11 th Oct	St Agatha's School Open Morning
Friday 11 th Oct	St Agatha's Church Youth Club
Sunday 13 th Oct	October Devotion

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: **23rd October** and **27th November**. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

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

- The Mustard Seed (Please note a change of Date)
- St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal
- Conquest Art Group at St Pius
- London SW Catholic Social Group
- Parishioner/Teacher seeking Accommodation
- Parishioner/Student Seeking Accommodation
- A Day with Mary
- School Open Day/Evening events
- Job Vacancy at Holy Cross Prep School

"The Rosary is a contemplative prayer, and it has great intercessory power: whoever recites it, is united to Mary in meditating the mysteries of Christ, and is led to invoke the proper graces to these mysteries in the multiple situations of life and history." ~ Pope John Paul II



ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2020



Children born between 01 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2020

Our open morning for prospective reception class parents is on

Friday 11th October 2019

(9.30am in the School Hall)

Closing date for all applications is

15th January 2020

Find further information, visit our website: www.stagathas.school

- telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons]
- e-mail: office@stagathas.school