

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 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 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 7TH MAY 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 6th

6.30pm Teresa & Luigi Pozella RIP

Sunday 7th 5th Sunday of Easter

9am Viola & Arthur O'Connor RIP
Christopher O'Connor RIP

10.30am Wellbeing of Alex Fraser

6.30pm Rose Pereira RIP

Monday 8th

9.30am Joop Schoenmaker

Tuesday 9th

9.30am Thanksgiving for 10 years of
Marriage

Wednesday 10th

9.30am Keith Fraser RIP

Thursday 11th

9.30am Shirvah Jayasuriya RIP

Friday 12th

9.30am Wellbeing of Noel & Ann Regan

Saturday 13th

9.30am Thanksgiving to Mother Mary

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 AM

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

KING CHARLES III CORONATION

King Charles III's coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey in London. During the ceremony, the King will be crowned alongside Camilla, the Queen Consort.

Prayer Cards for the Coronation of King Charles III are available in the church porch.



**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES
SACRAMENTAL FOR YOUR DIARIES**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Remaining timetable for FHC 2023

- 14/05/2023 (Sunday)
Session 8 11.45am-1pm
(Plus, a Parents Session in Cloister)
- 19/05/2023 (Friday)
FHC Parents Church Decorating 10.30am-
- 19/05/2023 (Friday)
Preparation for Reconciliation & FHC Mass 4pm
- 20/05/2023 (Saturday)
Reconciliation at 11am
- 21/05/2023 (Sunday)
FHC Mass at 12pm



CONFIRMATION 2023

Remaining timetable for Confirmation 2023:

- Saturday 13th May 2023
Retreat & Reconciliation 10am – 4pm
Holy Cross Chapel, New Malden
- Monday 15th May 2023, 7.15-8.30pm
Session 6 (Replacement session due to additional bank holiday)
- Monday 22nd May 2023
Session 7 - 7.15-8.30pm
- Monday 5th June 2023
Session 8 - 7.15-8.30pm
- Friday 9th June 2023
- Final Preparation/Rehearsal for Candidates & Parents - 7.15-9pm
- Sunday 11th June 2023
Confirmation Mass at 12.30pm
- Monday 12th June 2023
Evaluation and Reflection at 7.15-8.30pm



MARY'S MEALS

FOREIGN CURRENCY CAMPAIGN

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa.

Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child.

Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

*They will also take UK coins/notes that are no longer legal tender.



Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A
Sunday, May 7, 2023

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples,

"I am the way and the truth and the life".

Gospel Reflection

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

Family Reflection

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioural characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might

associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Marie Chlebeckova.

Please let the Parish Office know, in writing, if either you or your relatives would like to be mentioned on our sick list.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR
SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

If you are sick and/or housebound, our Priests would be happy to visit you, to pray with you, and to bring you Holy Communion in your home, please do let the Parish Office know; home visits are by request. If you know of someone who is unable to attend Christ but who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Priests.

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

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, Kathleen Wiseman, Francis Bruce, Mary Murphy, Patrick Dunne, John McMahan, John Paterson, Mabel Heck. +++May They Rest In Peace+++



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

MARRIAGES IN 2023 and 2024

2023 or 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, our next class is being held in September 2023. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm.

Please complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

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 starts in October. The programme consists 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 for more details and to register for our next programme: kingston@rcaos.org.uk



CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

A small selection of Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards are available to purchase in the Cloister after all Masses or alternatively contact the parish office during opening hours. Cards are just £1 each! Please leave money in box available. Thank you.

IN GOD WE
TRUST

Psalm 33

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass offered at St Agatha for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered at the altar, or you would like a Mass said for yourself. Mass intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention.

If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details.

If you have a particular date or time on which you want a Mass said, ***it is very important that you let the parish office know ahead of time and as soon as possible.*** You are very welcome to book your Mass intentions in advance. We are sorry but we cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting late Mass Intentions; if no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open Mass. Many people would like for their intention on a Sunday. We will try our very best to facilitate this, but these are the most sought-after slots.

Please note that the Mass diary is pre-arranged for the week ahead and the intentions can be viewed on the front of the Parish Newsletter.



SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

For too many families, 'food deprivation' is a fact of life. An unacceptable fact of life in 2023! But wishing will not make it go away. It is here for the immediate future at least, so are we and so many like-minded folks.

Thanks to your generous support here at St Agatha's, parents have been able to feed their children. That is a simple fact not an exaggeration.

Please try to continue supporting this appeal on behalf of the Dons. And yes, they are actively supporting families in the KT2 Postcode area.

Our collection point remains in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items, such as pasta, rice, cereals, tea and coffee UHT milk, tins of vegetable, fruit, soup and also pet food and toiletry items such as toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant. Please note that they accept non-food items such as toilet paper, washing up liquid, household cleaning products.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which started on Easter Sunday, 9th April, are ready for collection from the church porch.

If you are not part of the Parish Gift Aid scheme and would like to join, please contact the Parish Office for further information. *Thank you to everyone for your continued support.*

**SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
COURSE 2023 - IN PERSON AND ONLINE**

Join at St George's Cathedral, at a "hub" venue in the diocese or on Zoom to explore how to live more fully in the power of the Spirit.

The Archdiocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal team are again organising Life in the Spirit Seminars for the Archdiocese during Eastertide.

The Seminars will run on five Tuesday evenings (2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th May and 6th June) at St George's Cathedral and at local hubs* across the Archdiocese as well as on Zoom, with a Pentecost Saturday retreat day for all participants at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 27th May. Everyone would be most welcome. Inspiring talks and music, small group sharing and daily reflections (with food provided for those attending Tuesday evening sessions at the Cathedral).

* **Local Hub: NEW MALDEN St Joseph's Catholic Church, Montem Road, New Malden KT3 3QW.**

For further details, see the leaflets in the church porch or visit: www.bit.ly/SOUTHWARK2023 or email kristinabcooper@gmail.com.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI EXHIBITION



Wednesday 17th May 2023

The Westminster cathedral interfaith group are visiting the Francis of Assisi exhibition at the National Gallery at 11.30am on Wednesday 17th May 2023.

Come face-to-face with one of history's most inspirational and revered figures in the first major UK art exhibition to explore Saint Francis of Assisi's life and legacy.

Please book in advance on the website <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi> It is free!

Please let John Woodhouse know if you would like to come along on 07908888586 by text or email: woodhousesopten@btinternet.com.

They will meet in room 1 at 11.30am. At 1pm lunch in the downstairs Cathedral cafe and meet at 2pm in the Hinsley room to discuss Fratelli tutti "A better way of politics" with Sheikh Ramzy from Oxford.

**SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
18TH-25TH AUGUST 2023**

Message from Bishop Paul: 'After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us.' For details, please see:

<https://www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/>



**KINGSTON ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS (|KAOS)
SATURDAY 13 AND SUNDAY 14TH**

Our very own resident artist Bob Meecham will be opening his personal studio, in association with the Kingston Artists Open Studios event, on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2023. Everyone is invited to visit local artists working studios to view their work and possibly to buy art work at bargain prices.

The Spring Art Fair at the Landmark Arts Centre is full of colour, style, and contemporary art. Browse and buy directly from over 60 artists. Discover paintings, photography, sculpture, prints and more – there is something for everyone.

Bob is also taking part in the Landmark Art Centre, Teddington Spring art fair on 19th, 20th and 21st May (www.landmarkartcentre.org).

'All work will be for sale and all are welcome to come along. I do have some two for one entry forms if anyone would like some please let me know email bbbm@blueyonder.co.uk'

<https://www.facebook.com/bobmeecham.gallery/>

'If you don't have much time to pray, there is a wise spiritual practice that can help you. Often throughout the day, you can repeat very short prayers, so-called aspirations, to remain "in harmony" with the Lord.' ~ Pope Francis