

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including 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.

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2018 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (B)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 6th

9.30am Maria De Sousa Pereira RIP
6.30pm Marie Anne Xiberras RIP

Sunday 7th

9.00am People of the Parish
10.30am Catherine Lopez-Joseph RIP
6.30pm Anna & Joseph Chamnanthan RIP

Monday 8th

9.30am Intention of Colette Patten

Tuesday 9th

9.30am God's Intervention for the scandals in the Catholic Church

Wednesday 10th

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

Thursday 11th

9.30am Pauline Welham RIP

Friday 12th

9.30am Therese Hoey RIP

Saturday 13th

9.30am David Prebble RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

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.

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 Morison. *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

Frank Keefe, Sister Mary Francis Pentony, Samuel Medhurst, Walter Thomas Gifford, Elizabeth Noble, Ann Holmes, John Healey, Margaret Dalton, William Duckett, Santana Peluso, Teresa McKeown, Evely 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, Leo Barrett, Mary Kennedy, Sybil Edna Isaac, Marguerite Mary Lucas, Elizabeth Mawer, Michael Jones, Kathleen Power. **+++ May they rest in Peace +++**

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£621.50	Loose	£484.52
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£13.00	Loose	£72.96

TOTAL £1191.98

This week's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

OF MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN
A REFLECTION OF PSALM 127

It is significant that the teaching of the Lord on the inviolability of the sacred bond of marriage is followed immediately by the story of welcoming the children with warmth and blessing. The people who suffer most in the break-up of a marriage are the children. Parents owe their children fidelity and stability as the foundation of psychological maturity. Are we going to see the day when offspring will sue their parents for dereliction of responsibility? The responsorial psalm pictures the ideal family of that day: God-fearing, labouring, happy, prospering and spreading out from the central table. These were different times when life expectancy was much shorter, less attention was paid to interpersonal relationships and the workplace was closely related to the home. Yet values reflected in the psalm remain valid, especially the value that is inherent in the last line: On Israel, peace! The peace and stability of a nation is dependent on the quality of family life. It comes as no surprise that studies show that children who suffered from broken relationships were more prone to anxiety, depression, crime, drug and alcohol abuse, inability to trust or stay in a job etc.... The list of harmful results is endless. Winston Churchill's famous saying about democracy is applicable to marriage. It is the worst system that we have, apart from the alternatives. To work at marriage involves investment of time, generosity, trust, fidelity, sacrifice, caring and compassion. With the psalmist we pray: *May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.*

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

Induction of Fr Anthony Oleh, MSP

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved or came along to Fr. Antony's Induction evening. It was a great night and we were delighted so many people made the effort to come and help us celebrate. Special thanks to Bishop Paul Hendricks for leading in worship and prayer, Peppe's Italian Restaurant for the outstanding food and our enormous thanks and appreciation to St. Agatha's School for their support and assistance in allowing us the use of their school and so enabling us to celebrate.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion program and application forms are now available at the back of the church; all applications must be returned to the Parish Office by **Wednesday 31st October**.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

'Providing Water for Life' is this year's campaign, it recognises the simple truth that we all need a reliable source of safe water to survive. Once again, we are invited by CAFOD to 'eat simply' and give the money we save to help those less fortunate. Please try to support CAFOD's Fast Day this year, thank you. Donation envelopes are available at the back of church, and these will be collected at all Masses over this weekend.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Important Upcoming Dates

Sun 7 th Oct	October Devotion
Wed 10 th Oct	Parish Ladies Group
Fri 12 th Oct	St Agatha's School Open Morning
Sun 14 th Oct	October Devotion
Wed 17 th Oct	Parish Men's Group
Sun 21 st Oct	Baptism Preparation Class

Reflection – Tuesday 9th October 2018

Jesus emphasizes the most important aspect of Christian discipleship through the episode of Martha and Mary: to be at the feet of the Master to listen to him with rapt attention. Through this episode Jesus also points out practical ways to strengthen ones relationship with the Master. 1 Set right your priority and focus on that priority rather than being distracted with many preoccupations. 2 Do not be jealous about the accomplishments of others, as jealousy would take away the merit of what we do and would lead to waste of our precious time. 3 Do not pay excessive attention to the works of the Lord forgetting the Lord of works. Today the Lord asks us: what is the 'one thing necessary' that we need to inculcate in our life and what is the 'one thing necessary' that we need to uproot from our lives so that we can be his true disciples?

Reflection – Wednesday 10th October 2018

The prayer of Jesus, the prayer that John the Baptist taught his disciples, the request of the disciple of Jesus to teach them to pry and the prayer taught by Jesus express that our need for prayer. Jesus revealed himself to be a man of intense prayer as he often retired to a lonely place to be united with his Father and to be strenghtend by this intimate union. In the prayer taught by Jesus, he places certain conditions : the first condition is to address and approach God as a loving and caring Father. Secondly, for Jesus, prayer is a responsibility and a promise: in praying, the disciples take up the responsibility of living the promise to become partners in realising God's plan on earth and to forgive those that are indebted to them.. the final part of the prayer invites the disciples to request the Father for material and spritual nourishment which He alone is able to provide.

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

Please Help, Church Cleaners Needed!

How does the church stay looking clean and tidy? There are a number of teams, on a rota, who keep the church looking good. Cleaning takes place every two weeks and only requires a commitment of four times a year. More volunteers are needed for this necessary work to keep our church sanctuary looking clean and welcoming. If you would like to become a "heavenly duster" or an "altar angel" please contact Cristina Britz at cristina@strelitzianetwork.com.

Organists or Pianists Needed!

We need more musicians if there is to be an accompaniment at our usual Masses. If you can play the organ or the piano and would like to take a turn at the Weekend Masses, and at special services, please contact Fr. Anthony, or the Parish Secretary, thank you.

Flower Arrangers Needed!

We need your help! 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.

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 family. As a parish we shall dedicate Sunday Evenings to Pray the Rosary together and finish with Benediction. **We will start at 5pm every Sunday: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

St Agatha's Ladies Group

All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend our first meeting on **Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 7pm** in the Presbytery. Join us for a glass of wine, or a cup of tea, for conversation, fun and laughter. This group will be for all the ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest.

Parish Men's Group

Men of the parish are invited to meet together on **Wednesday 17th October at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm** for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come along and join us.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 21st October 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.



Admission to Reception September 2019

Children born between 01 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2019. Their open morning for prospective reception class parents is on Friday 12th October 2018 (9.30am in the School Hall). The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2019. You can find more information about the school on their web site at www.stagathas.school, telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons] or e-mail: office@stagathas.school

Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ ~ St. Jerome.