

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 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.



STELLA MARIS

SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS
AROUND THE WORLD

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There are times when many of us feel overburdened in our daily life. There can be so many demands, so much to do. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. For seafarers, life at sea can be extremely challenging. They are often far from their families and loved ones for long periods of time, working long hours, and facing the threats of accidents, piracy, and harsh weather conditions. When they come into port in a foreign land, they know no one.

Amid these challenges, Stella Maris provides a beacon of hope and support to seafarers. Its chaplains and volunteers offer the hand of friendship and listen to the concerns of the seafarers they meet. They help seafarers to contact their families back home, take them to Mass, or arrange for a priest to come on board, provide transport to local shops, and help to resolve problems of missing pay or substandard conditions.

Just as Jesus offers rest to those who are burdened and weary, Stella Maris offers refuge and support to seafarers who are facing the challenges of life at sea. Its chaplains and volunteers are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world, bringing comfort to seafarers.

Today's retiring collection for Stella Maris, the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency, supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Stella Maris' ship visiting can only happen because of your support – your generosity helps its chaplains and volunteers to support over 137,000 seafarers in ports around the UK and to reach 70,000 ships around the world. Please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk for further details.

To donate, please:

- Text SEA to 70460 to donate £5
- Scan the QR code
- Use the Stella Maris envelopes if you are a taxpayer, to make your gift go 25% further.
- Use the red bucket available in the church porch.



Without your support and prayers, Stella Maris would not be able to do the work it does on behalf of the Church. Thank you for your support for this important, but often forgotten, ministry.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 8th

6.30pm Patricia & James Corcoran RIP

Sunday 9th

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sea Sunday**

9am Philomena, John & Thomas Kurian RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Anne Laing RIP

Monday 10th

9.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 11th St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe, Feast

9.30am Rev Fr Francis Olaseni

Wednesday 12th

9.30am Alfred Knight RIP

Thursday 13th

9.30am Jerry O'Brien RIP

Friday 14th

9.30am Intentions for Emma Corcoran

Saturday 15th St Bonaventure, Bishop, Memorial

9.30am Intentions for Nicole

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 02/07/2023

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| Collection | Gift Aid | £219.45 | Loose | £450.19 |
| Retiring | Gift Aid | £15.00 | Loose | £182.98 |

TOTAL £867.62

Last Sunday's collection was for Peter's Pence. This Sunday is Sea Sunday, we will have a retiring collection for Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea). Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

Deacon Bob's 90th Birthday: Bob writes: 'I am very grateful to the Parish and Parishioners for the Mass and the prayers and good wishes and generosity on my Birthday, and I am delighted that so many people were enjoying things. My family too are very grateful and join me in saying a big "Thank you". Every blessing, my continuing prayers and good wishes, Bob.'



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, July 9, 2023**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13-14

A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30 Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Gospel Reflection

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

Family Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson for families: from the youngest and simplest among us we can learn the most profound insights about God. Parents who are attentive to this reality can learn much from their children even as their children are learning from them. Families who create time and space for encounters with God will enrich the faith of all who share in family life.

Gather as a family and read together today's Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30. Allow time for each person to reflect on what Jesus reveals to us about God. Invite each person to show these things in a creative way, perhaps through a picture, poem, or some other means. Share these with one another. Conclude in prayer together, thanking Jesus for making God known to us. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm, Psalm 145.

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

Hannah Coughlan, Stephen Robin John, Bela Szollosi, Frederic Joseph Wilkie, Daniel O'Dwyer, Margaret Mary Lane, Margaret Hopwood, Mario Cattaneo, Julia Martin, Agnes O'Connor, Patrick MacNamara, Thomas Francis Pryce, Jane Agnes Dillon, Elisabeth Coveney, Rose Pereira, David Rattray, Rosanna Healy, Louisa Crosbie, Margarita Teresa Marie Siese, Sarah Birch, Kathleen Godfrey, George Staunton, James Reed, Ann Deuvall, Horace Cave, Sean & Joan O'Connor, Georgina Perez, Margaret Johnson, Eve Pearce, Anne Brown, Antonio Tomassi, Harriet Johnson.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023/24



Application forms will be available from next weekend. Children must be in Year Four or above in September 2023.

Application forms will need to be returned during a prearranged session in September. **Late applications will not be accepted; Reminders will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023/24

Application forms will be available from next weekend. Candidates must be in Year Nine or above in September 2023.

Application form will need to be returned by the end of September 2023. **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 17th 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

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.

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 to register your interest.

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.

The usual offering per Mass is a minimum of £10, this amount is pre-set by Southwark Diocese for all parishes within her jurisdiction, but you can give more. This 'stipend' goes to the priest offering the Mass, not the parish; stipends are given to priests as they do not receive a salary, and sometimes they are their only source of income.

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, in the church porch or on the Parish website.

THE PASSAGE'S SECRET GARDEN PARTY

Join The Passage at their [Secret Garden Party](#)! This flagship summer event is taking place on Thursday 20th July 2023, at 6pm, in the beautiful surroundings of the historic, College Garden, Westminster Abbey; College Gardens is one of London's best kept secrets, a 900-year-old garden, thought to be the oldest in England. You will enjoy views of Westminster Abbey and Victoria Tower, as part of the Palace of Westminster. Enjoy a delicious barbecue and buffet, unlimited drinks (beer, wine, Pimm's and soft drinks), entertainment, a raffle, silent auction, and lots more.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a wonderful summer evening with friends, family and/or colleagues whilst supporting the work of The Passage, helping towards their vision of a society where everyone has a place to call home.

Tickets are selling fast, so purchase yours soon to avoid disappointment!

To find out more and purchase tickets go to: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/secret-garden-party/> or call 02075921856.

All proceeds from this event will go directly to The Passage, helping to provide essential support for those who have experienced homelessness, and preventative action to support those at risk of becoming homeless.

LOVE HEALS – BODY MIND and SPIRIT MINISTRY

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY Welcomes you to come to a day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 29th July 2023, 11am–4:30pm, at Our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Nearest Tube Stations: Piccadilly Circus exit 2.



Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith
Lunch - Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available.
Further details:

Enquiries: Eileen and David Brum 020 8542 2476

email: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com

Website: www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com

'A prophet is a living sign who points God out to others, a reflection of Christ's light on the path of the brothers and sisters, someone who helps others read the present under the action of the Holy Spirit, to understand God's plans and correspond to them.' ~ Pope Francis

SOUTHWARK METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL AUDITORS

The tribunal are seeking Auditors who can help with interviews for witnesses. The position is an unpaid service; however, business mileage and other transport related costs are fully reimbursed.

You will need to be a retired or serving teacher, police officer, lawyer/solicitor, deacon or other professional. Training will take place on Friday 29th September 2023 in Streatham.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please speak with Fr Francis.

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald, commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

Built around the midday Holy Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Kevin with Fr Daniel Rooke, the day will also include opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. This time will include the Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Litany of Life and Benediction. Mid-afternoon will herald a change of location from the Shrine to the Priory in the village, walking the Pilgrim Way, to the original site of the Holy House of Nazareth. This is the now traditional silent walk, a prayerful walk with Jesus to Calvary. The Pilgrimage concludes in the Priory grounds with the final prayers. While the focus is prayer and reparation for sins against life, the pilgrimage is also a chance for those attending to spend time in the peace and quiet of England's Nazareth

For details see the leaflets in the church porch or the poster on the noticeboard. Further details are also available at: www.prolifepilgrimage.org. Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

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