



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 10TH NOVEMBER 2019 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 9th	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast
9.30am	For the Young Adults of the Parish who have turned or are turning 18
6.30pm	Marco Vincenzo & Gino Straccialano RIP
Sunday 10th	Thirty-Second Sunday
9.00am	Joseph Walsh RIP
10.30am	Joseph Benedict Nowicki RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 11th	St Martin of Tours, Bishop, Memorial
9.30am	Margaret Quigley & Family RIP
Tuesday 12th	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial
9.30am	Thomas Joseph Gallian RIP
Wednesday 13th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday 14th	
9.30am	Jeannie Irwin
Friday 15th	
9.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving
Saturday 16th	
9.30am	Mary & Bill Kerrigan RIP
6.30pm	Ollie Murphy

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am, 6-6.15pm & at call.
Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12.30pm.
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (7th December) 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

Ernest Joseph Mead, Frank Sewell-Knight, Nora Duffield, Hilda Duckett, John Smith, Vivien Braby, John Boyden, Arthur McLeod, James Wilson, Arthur O'Connor, Elisabeth Hall, Natalie Marie Williams, Margaret Dignum, Norah Owens, Hannah Walsh, Katherine Trigg, Teresa Short, Bernadette Morrissey, Elisabeth Mahoney, Mary Anne Clarke, Edith Kate Letchworth, Dominic Fuouco, John Henry Isaac, Adelaide Clement, Julia Walsh, Elizabeth Milnes, Elizabeth Trelfer, Bishop Brown, George William Smith, Thomas Easter, Charles Arday, James Flynn.

++ 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.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C Sunday 10th November 2019 Gospel Reading

Luke 20:27-38 Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead. (short form Luke 20:27, 34-38)

Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, ". . . for to him all are alive."

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

First Holy Communion 2020

The first parents' meeting with the Catechists is on this **Thursday, 14th November, at 7.30pm** and the Mass of Inscription is on **Sunday 17th November 2019, 10.30am.**

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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Gospel Reading

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Family Reflection

Children in our culture often know very little about death, dying, and eternal life. Take this opportunity to talk with your children about their thoughts, beliefs, maybe even their fears, about death and dying.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us that after we die, we will not need the same things we did when we were alive, but we will continue to have a relationship with God. You could use the example of a tree to help your children understand what Jesus tells us. When a tree is alive it needs water, soil, and sunlight. When the tree is used to make a table, a toy, or something else it has a new purpose. The tree no longer needs water, soil, or sunlight. Read together the short form of the Gospel, Luke 20:27, 34-38. Tell your children about your hope and faith in the resurrection of the body and eternal life with God. Pray together for those in your family who have died and conclude by praying today's Psalm.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16(17):1,5-6,8,15

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

November – Month of All Souls

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation for the Masses inside the envelope. Please hand it to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Pius, or leave it in the basket in front of the Altar.

Altar Servers Training

All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief training session on **Sunday 24th November at 11.30am**. The session will last approximately an hour and parents of under 18s are asked to please remain in the church during the training. If you would like to join our brilliant team of Altar Servers at St Agatha's, please do come along and join them

Advent Study and Reflection Group

During Advent we shall study and reflect upon the four beautiful passages from the Prophet Isaiah that form the first reading at our Advent Sunday masses. The passages are:

Isaiah 11: 1-10 – Peace and Repentance;

Isaiah 40: 1-11 – Good News

Isaiah 35: 1-10 – Joyful Hope

Isaiah 9: 2-7 – Saviour

The group will meet at the church on **Thursday evenings at 8pm on 28th November and 5th, 12th and 19th December**. There is no need to book places but it would help identify the most suitable venue if those intending to come could notify Fr Anthony, the Parish Office or John de Quidt in advance. Reading the passages before the meetings would also be a good idea.

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.



Baptism

Congratulations to Aoife, who was Baptised here at St. Agatha's in October. May God continue the good work he has started.

They will hammer their swords into sickles, reshape their spears into pruning hooks.
One nation will not attack another. They will not practice war anymore.

~ Isaiah 2:4

**CHAPTER ONE
MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD**

II. Ways of Coming to Know God

Created in God's image and called to know and love him, the person who seeks God discovers certain ways of coming to know him. These are also called proofs for the existence of God, not in the sense of proofs in the natural sciences, but rather in the sense of "converging and convincing arguments", which allow us to attain certainty about the truth. These "ways" of approaching God from creation have a twofold point of departure: the physical world, and the human person.

The world: starting from movement, becoming, contingency, and the world's order and beauty, one can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and the end of the universe.

As St. Paul says of the Gentiles: For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.

And St. Augustine issues this challenge: Question the beauty of the earth, question the beauty of the sea, question the beauty of the air distending and diffusing itself, question the beauty of the sky. . . question all these realities. All respond: "See, we are beautiful." Their beauty is a profession [confessio]. These beauties are subject to change. Who made them if not the Beautiful One [Pulcher] who is not subject to change?

The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. the soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material",⁹ can have its origin only in God.

The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".

Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man, and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith.(so) the proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Thurs 14 th Nov	FHC Parents Meeting
Friday 15 th Nov	St Agatha's School Open Morning
Friday 15 th Nov	St Agatha's Church Youth Group
Sunday 17 th Nov	FHC Inscription Mass
Thurs 21 st Nov	Year 5 School Mass
Friday 22 nd Nov	St Agatha's Church Youth Group
Sunday 24 th Nov	Altar Servers Training
Wed 27 th Nov	Parish Men's Group
Thurs 28 th Nov	Primary School Application Signing
Thurs 28 th Nov	Advent Study and Reflection Group

Offerings

First collection	Gift Aid	£497.30	Loose	£499.89
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£5.00	Loose	£80.56
TOTAL		£1082.75		

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

The retiring collection this weekend is for the Archbishop's Administration Fund: this helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the Diocese.

Change to Mass Schedule

Please note that on Wednesday 20th November the daily Mass will be at 10am; accordingly, exposition will be at 9am and morning prayer at 9.30am. On this day we will welcome many members of the Missionary of St Paul (MSP) to St Agatha for their annual meeting. We hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish meet together once a month at the Wych Elm. The group will meet on **Wednesday 27th November** for the final time in 2019. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Tea and Coffee

Tea, coffee and cakes 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.

Even today we raise our hand against our brother... We have perfected our weapons, our conscience has fallen asleep, and we have sharpened our ideas to justify ourselves as if it were normal, we continue to sow destruction, pain, death. Violence and war lead only to death. ~ Pope Francis

St Agatha's Church Youth Club

The brand-new St Agatha's Church Youth Club is going well, with over 30 children now steadily attending!

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, via our website or ask one of the youth volunteers.**

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. Thank you to those who have already given, please do keep the donations coming! A basket is available in the church porch for your donations, alternatively please contact the Parish Office to discuss further.



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 15th November 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

Primary School 2020 Application Forms

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic Primary 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 Primary school application forms from **4-6pm on Thursday 28th November 2019**. 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**. The closing date for the application is 15th January 2020.

Parish Website

We invite you to take a moment to peruse our new improved website, the design now makes it easier to navigate and is very user-friendly. 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.

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

- **Healing Mass at St Joseph's**
- **The Mustard Seed** (Please note a change of Date in Nov)
- **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**