

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 4TH JUNE 2023

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF THE LORD (A)

Saturday 10th

6.30pm Marie-Anne Xiberras

Sunday 11th The Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi)

9am Helen Hogh Birthday Intentions

10.30am Marie Chlebeckova RIP

6.30pm Rev Fr John Perrotta RIP

Monday 12th

9.30am Fr John Perrotta RIP

Tuesday 13th St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

9.30am Annabel Cronin Birthday

Wednesday 14th

9.30am Mary Colledge RIP

Thursday 15th

9.30am Wellbeing of Sister Francesca Kearns

Friday 16th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity

9.30am Thanksgiving Intentions

Saturday 17th The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial

9.30am Rev Fr Peter Akor Ordination Anniversary

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 04/06/2023

1st Collection Gift Aid £189.30 Loose £431.47

TOTAL £620.77

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish. Next Sunday there will be a collection for 'Day for Life'. Please use your gift aid envelopes or the red bucket. This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

CONFIRMATION 2023

Remaining timetable for Confirmation 2023:

- Sunday 11th June 2023

Confirmation Mass at 12.30pm

- Monday 12th June 2023

Evaluation and Reflection at 7.15pm



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Due to demand, we have added an additional Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday 2nd July 2023. We also have several dates still available in August and September for Baptisms; if you would like to take advantage of one of these dates, please join us for this class. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm. Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 17th September 2023.

Please ensure you complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office before you attend a class.

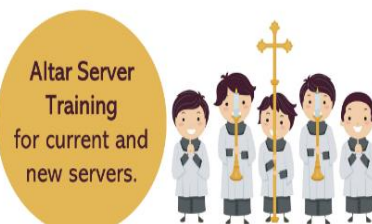
Parents must attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism, and it is recommended that Godparents also attend.



ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief training session on Saturday 24th June 2023 at 5pm. The session will last approximately an hour. Parents 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; we especially welcome those who have just completed their First Holy Communion.



PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on **Thursday 29th June 2023**, at the Wych Elm. A garden table has been booked! Please come along and join them from 8pm. Everyone is welcome.



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle A
Sunday, June 11, 2023

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

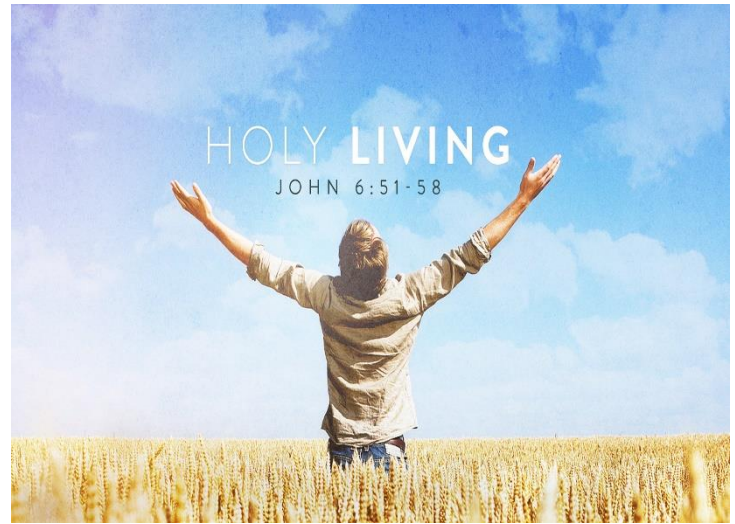
Family Reflection

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special

day. If there are family photos taken on this occasion, bring them out and share them together. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos that they have of their First Communion. Then read together today's Gospel, John 6:51-58. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he calls himself the "living bread." Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today's Gospel—those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain forever connected to him. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



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 or the Parish website

**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. Talk to friends and neighbours, maybe they have spare foreign coins/notes as well? We know that over the years foreign coins and notes end up in all sorts of odd places so please hunt high and low; remember we'll also gladly take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender anymore.

You will find envelopes at the back of church, please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins and notes* into it.

You have until Sunday 11th June to return your envelopes with all your foreign coins/notes* in it. Mary's Meals currently feeds over 2.4 million children one good meal every school day and we want to reach many more. Please bring in your envelopes and you'll be helping Mary's Meals reach the next hungry child. Thank you.

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**ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PSA
SUMMER FAIR**

**SATURDAY
24TH JUNE
2 - 5PM**

INFLATABLE SLIDE | VEHICLE CAROUSEL
PONY CYCLES | TEA CUP RIDE
ICE CREAMS | BAR | BBQ FOOD
RAFFLE | TEDDY TOMBOLA
COCONUT SHY | FACEPAINTING
BOTTLE TOMBOLA | SPIN THE WHEEL
HOOK A DUCK | PENALTY SHOOT OUT
LUSH BATH BOMB MAKING!

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!

ENTRY ON THE GATE:
£2 ADULTS, £1 CHILDREN (AGE 4+)
£5 FOR 2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN

Buy unlimited ride wristbands at
www.jumblebee.co.uk/summerfair2023wristbands

+++ LATELY DEAD+++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Chlebeckova who died recently.

+++ 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.' +++

**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.

**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 Mass 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

Rowland Stimson, Mary Ellen Lewis, Marisa Davies, Mother Brigid Taylor, John Trelfer, Denis Carpey, James Lamb, Anne Pettifer, Beatrice Heaton-Harris, Norah Chilton, Stella Patterson, John Hall, Patrick Hogan, Louise Wild-Smith, James Fitzgerald, Bridget Massie, Eileen O'Connor, Robert Stimson, Sylvia Lewis, Ernest Hopkins, Mary O'Flynn, Mary Keefe, Alexander Cameron, Kevin Heighton, Lilly Brain, Anne Cullen, Ethel Mary Duckett, Norah Wiseman, Vincent Rogan, William 'Billy' Kilkenny, Gregory Serna, Rose Patricia Smith, Larry Drinkwater, Bridget (Bridie) Flynn, Keith Finn, Anthony Borg, Kathleen Peacock, Laurence Mussi, Bernard O'Neill, Nora Smyth,

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

Praise God
Psalm 147

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WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS



On Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 6.30pm Westminster Cathedral Friends host a quiz with Fish and Chip supper. Enjoy a good night out whilst supporting Westminster Cathedral. Advanced booking by 10am on Wednesday 14th June for catering to be finalised. On Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 7.15pm Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme Coronation Reflections. Full details of events and online booking on our webpage <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends>. Contact friends@rcdow.org.uk.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23rd September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson. To book & for more details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

THE CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN



The Catholic Union was founded in 1870. It is a membership organisation dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life, and the promotion of the common good.

The Catholic Union is a lay organisation; however, it works with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland (CBCS). It is a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

Membership of the Catholic Union is open to practising members of the Catholic laity in Great Britain and includes people from all parts of the country and all walks of life. It includes doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, and civil servants – we represent a wealth of lay Catholic experience and expertise.

The Catholic Union have several upcoming and interesting events. For further details please visit: <https://catholicunion.org.uk/eventsalendar/>



*Keeping our community fed,
connected & supported.*

SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

Dons Local Action launched in March 2020 and is now a registered charity fighting the effects of poverty in South-west London. They are a local network of volunteers originally formed by fans of AFC Wimbledon during the Covid-19 pandemic, and are now permanent across Merton, Wandsworth and Kingston. They currently provide support to 133 households within these boroughs and they are actively supporting families within the KT2 area. In the last three years the group has collected and distributed food for more than five million meals, as well as 3,000 laptops for those in digital poverty and hundreds of items of furniture for households in need. With UK food poverty soaring from 12 per cent in January 2022 to 22 per cent in January this year, demand for support from Dons Local Action is rising and funds are urgently needed to maintain and increase support levels.

Our collection point remains in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items. Some much needed items are stock items such as: salt, pepper, herbs, stock cubes, jam, sugar and cooking oil.

Please note that they accept non-food items such as toilet paper, washing up liquid, household cleaning products and toiletries.

'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!'

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

'Our God is communion of love: this is how Jesus revealed him to us. And do you know how we can remember this? with the simplest gesture, which we learnt as children: the sign of the cross.' ~ Pope Francis