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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.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST – NINETEENTH SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 10th	St Lawrence, Deacon, Feast
9.30am	Wellbeing of Fr. Gerry O'Brien
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th	Nineteenth Sunday
9.00am	Elfriede Bachmann RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing of Fr. Gerry O'Brien
6.30pm	Emily McMinimam RIP
Monday 12th	
9.30am	The Chantry of St Mary Magdalene
Tuesday 13th	
9.30am	No Intentions
Wednesday 14th	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Memorial
9.30am	Wellbeing of Peter Connor
Thursday 15th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
7.30am	No Intentions
9.30am	Holy Souls
7.30pm	No Intentions
Friday 16th	
9.30am	Mabel Patrick RIP
Saturday 17th	
9.30am	No Intentions
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.
<i>ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (7th September) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.</i>	

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 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

Jane Mary Lamb, Nora Teresa Noonan, Ellen Fear, Bill Drinkwater, Frances Eliza Alexander, Kacper Jaskiewicz, Ellen Allen, Martha Ann Marsland, Teresa Mary Smith, Vincent Fucco, Josephine Teresa Ferritto, Francis Duckett, Bernard O' Neill, Marmaduke Valentine Smith, Annie Grealish, Bernard Joseph Bull, Cyril Francis Harriott, Mary Agnes Matkin, Bridget Crosby, Harry Walter, Sidney Selleck, Christina & Joshua Gordon, Dorothy Mercer, Alfred Godfrey, Mary Lewendon, William Walsh, Bridie Mapstone, Roger Edward Cubitt, David Brayshaw. ++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£437.30	Loose	£355.63
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£17.00	Loose	£46.97
TOTAL		£856.90		

Missionary Society of St Paul, MSP, Appeal

This weekend we welcome Fr. Franklin Achionye, MSP, who will be doing a Mission appeal for the MSP at all Masses. Your prayers, material and financial support are most needed for: • the training of 120 MSP seminarians studying to become priests, • to help sustain some challenging missions like Malawi, Chad, South Sudan and agriculture and water projects. MSP priests serve in more than 20 countries; Fr. Anthony and Fr. Pius are among the MSPs currently serving in the UK. The Missionaries of St Paul are committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and the wonderful works of the Father in the Holy Spirit, but they cannot do this alone, they need your help....

Nineteenth Sunday (C)
Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-48

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Reflection

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

Family Reflection

Years ago, most families had only one or two clocks in their home. Today, we have clocks everywhere—on our walls, on our microwave ovens, on our DVD players, on our cell phones, and so on. As a family, go through the house and count how many clocks (time-telling devices) your family has. Talk about important events for which family members need to be on time. Recall experiences of being late for something, either as individuals or as a family. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be aware and alert, otherwise, we will miss something.

Read aloud Luke 12:32-48. Talk about the parable that Jesus told and discuss how the master will feel if he arrives to find his servant doing his job. Discuss what our job is as disciples of Jesus. Explain that, just as we need to be aware of the time so that we don't miss anything important, we also need to be alert and focused on our jobs, our responsibilities as followers of Jesus. Encourage each family member to place a sacred symbol near the clock that they use most in the house and to use the symbol and the clock as a reminder that it is always "time" for us to be acting like disciples of Christ.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 15th August 2019

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56 – Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

Reflection

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

Family Reflection

In today's Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary recognize the work that God is doing through them. With eyes of faith they see the power and salvation of God breaking through into their lives and into the world.

Gather as a family and talk about what you know about Mary and her being a model of faith. Recall that we are celebrating a holy day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we remember that God took Mary to heaven, body and soul. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:39-56. In this reading we hear Mary's song of praise to God, the Magnificat. Invite each person in the family to write or draw one or more ways in which they see God working in your family life and in our world today. Use these prayers of thanksgiving to create your family's song of praise to God. Conclude by praying together this song of praise

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a Solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be 3 Masses here in the parish at 7.30am, 9.30am and 7.30pm.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: For all those on holiday over the coming weeks we hope that you have a refreshing and relaxing time, for those travelling, we pray that you will have a safe journey. For those visiting families, may it be moments to cherish and for those going on pilgrimage over the summer period, please keep the parish in your prayers. May God be with you all over this period. Pray for God's protection and safety for all families wherever they may be. God Bless you all.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 7.30pm.
Wednesday 28th August Parish Men's Group

St Agatha's Church Youth Club

We would also like to thank the parishioners who have already come forward to help, however, **we urgently 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.



Music at Masses

During the summer holidays traditionally, our musicians take a well-earned break for the month of August. This means that our songs during Mass may not be accompanied by musical instruments. However, if you would like to play any musical instrument at any Mass during this summertime, please let the priests know. We are still in need of more musicians to join when the musicians resume in September! A big thankyou to our musicians for all that they do for the parish!

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Thursday 15th to Tuesday 27th August. Fr. Anthony will still be available in case of emergency or a pressing enquiry.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish meet together once a month at the Wych Elm The group will meet on the following dates in 2019, please note changes to some previously announced dates: **28th August**, 11th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Michael Monk RIP

It is with great sadness that we let you know that Michael Monk died peacefully last Saturday, 20th July. Michael was the son of former St Agatha's headteacher Mr Paddy Monk, from 1990 until 2013 and who is known to so many of the St Agatha's Church and school family.

All are warmly invited to a Mass for the Monk Family's intentions on Saturday 14th September at 11am. This will be followed by light refreshments in the cloisters and church grounds. This Mass replaces the "Team Monk" tea party which was to be held in the grounds of the school on the same day and Mr Monk is planning to join us. For further information please contact Josie Bate directly: goldenjosie@googlemail.com

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be held on **Sunday 22nd September 2019**. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form, available from the back of the church and return to the Parish Office and register for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

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

- The Mustard Seed
- St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal
- Conquest Art Group at St Pius
- London SW Catholic Social Group

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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