

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 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 12 TH FEBRUARY 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Saturday 11th	
6.30pm	Intentions of St Josephs' Prayer Group
Sunday 12th	
9am	Kavya & Paul Rayer Wedding Anniversary
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Auntie Doreen RIP
Monday 13th	
9.30am	Barbara Prior RIP
Tuesday 14th Ss Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop, Feast	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Wednesday 15th	
9.30am	Jing Esteban Birthday Intentions
Thursday 16th	
9.30am	Mr Alain Makala RIP
Friday 17th	
9.30am	Rosemarie de la Silva RIP
Saturday 18th	
9.30am	Alfred & Edith Knight RIP
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 AM
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

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for this month is 'Parishes'. Click on this link for a short video and a message from the Pope himself:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5uRUQDiJ-g>

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

We will be joined by children from St Agatha's School for the 9.30am Mass.



**ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY
AND PARISH NOVENA**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, observed and contributed during our Parish Novena. The feedback so far has been tremendous and we are very pleased to confirm that it is our intention to hold the Novena again next year prior to our Feast Day, and hopefully for many years to come!

The talks given during the Novena will be posted on our Novena webpage at:

<https://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk/> for those that were unable to attend or if you should wish to revisit what was spoken about.

"She teaches by her example, to hasten to the true Good – God alone." ~ St Methodius of Sicily (c 788-c 847) from a homily on St Agatha.

LENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Next week copies of the Lent edition of 'My Day by Day', for adults and juniors, will be available at the back of the Church – they cost £1.00 each. Please put money in the box marked 'My Day by Day'. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

**CHRIST THE REDEEMER
CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST**

St Agatha's School are consulting stakeholders on their desire to join Christ the Redeemer Catholic Education Trust. To find out more and submit feedback go to www.ctrctet.org.uk by Friday 3rd Mar 2023.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, February 12, 2023

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:17-37 I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfil them.

Gospel Reflection

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three-part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead, it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Family Reflection

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: ***God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.*** Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Marie Chlebeckova.

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 Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret North, Elsie Brady, Harold Ladlier, Harold Mays, Bridget Woolgar, Florence Brockwell, Ellen McKay, Magdlen Saxby, Alice Burgess, Kevin Flynn, Ryan Wrathall, John Wall, Alfred Robert Frederick Brockwell, Michael Higgins, Patrick Howard, John Frank Sewter, Susanna McMahan, Kathleen Brocking, Victoria Tanousis, Ernest James Priest, Fanny Margaret Cork, Morwen Short, Margaret Radley, Georgina Helen Petit, Selene Robinson, Peter Mulvaney, Alicia Coll, Anthony Scott, Edward Cook, Agnes Hope, Alison Weyers, Mary Connell, Charles Hope, Ethel Pyke, Edward Mitchell, Vincenza Marchese, Sheila McCormick.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

MASS INTENTIONS

It is, again, a very busy time for Mass requests and Masses are being booked several weeks in advance. Therefore, 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.

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. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held on Sunday 19th February 2023. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm. Please complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

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

CONFIRMATION 2023

There will be an Introduction and Family Meeting for Candidates and their families on Monday 20th February 2023. Candidates to arrive for a 7.15pm start and parents to arrive at 8.30pm.



The first candidate session will be on Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.15pm.

The Confirmation Inscrption Mass will be on **Sunday 5th March at 6.30pm**: Candidates **MUST** arrive by 6pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23



The next session is being held on: Sunday 5th March 2023. 11.45am to 1pm (Session 5). Please note there will **NOT** be a Parents session held as previously scheduled.

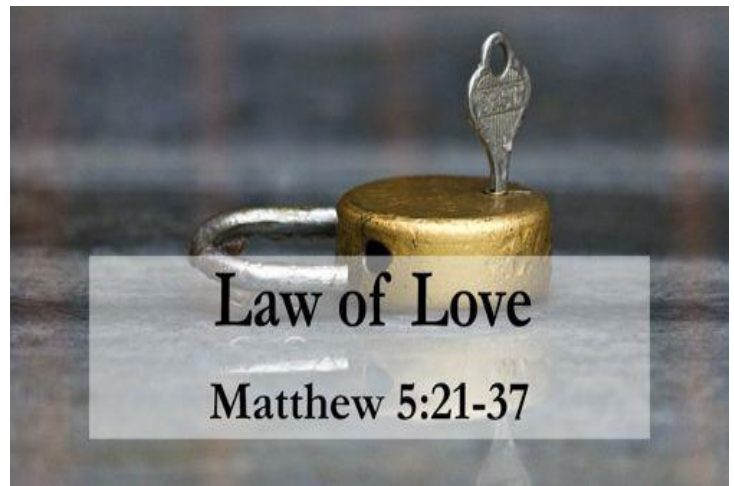
MARRIAGES IN 2023 and 2024

2023 or 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.

"we are all fragile and vulnerable. we all need that compassion which knows how to pause, come close, heal us, and raise us up" ~ Pope Francis



St Agatha's Canasta Card Club

The St Agatha's Canasta Card Club meets each Monday in the Church Cloister between 1pm to 4pm to play Canasta, have a coffee/tea and a chat. It is a lovely social time for parishioners to get together, meet new people and enjoy some fun time together and build community.

You don't have to sign up, you don't have to know how to play. Just come along and you will learn as you play.

Everyone is welcome, men, women, and young adults. Just come along and join as often or as little as you would like. We look forward to welcoming you.

Are you interested in playing chess or scrabble perhaps? These games are also available and you would be very welcome to come along and share the space, warmth and to also have a chat and a coffee.

THE ROSARY

We pray the Rosary in the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

We Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week at 10 am after Mass. Please stay after Mass for 10/15 mins to pray with fellow parishioners.



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE – DIOCEASN UPCOMING EVENTS

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

How to get the marriage you want out of the marriage you have. This Saturday morning online course on February 18 is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no personal sharing between couples. For details email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727.

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24-26; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

SycamOre is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on February 28. For more details or to register, visit the website: [Growing in Faith Together – Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://www.rcaos.org.uk/growing-in-faith-together)

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email: besouthofengland@gmail.com

RENEWED IN HOPE DIOCESAN ONLINE RETREAT

A retreat for Lent 2023, introduced by Archbishop John Wilson, led by members of the Spirituality Commission.

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience for individuals and parishes during Lent 2023. Drawing on the Mass readings for the Sundays of Lent, Renewed in Hope will help us find fresh ways of living and working in hope, in the company of Jesus. We live in a divided world, where many are struggling to survive. Through his life, death and resurrection, the suffering and risen Christ continues to make all things new.

The retreat is designed for individuals and is based on a weekly video accompanied by suggested exercises for prayer and reflection. These resources will be available in advance so that the videos can be viewed at any convenient time.

Individuals can join one of the online groups that will be offered on different days of the week and at different times of the day.

For more details and to register follow this link:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope>



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023

In response to the awful scenes in Turkey and Syria, relief agencies whether faith-based or otherwise, will be appealing for your support. The immediate and long-term needs of those impacted by the 'war' in the Ukraine have not gone away. Historical aid projects and perceived needs in Africa and Asia, must not be ignored because they cannot compete with the above for media attention. What a mess. Yet throughout we see the beauty of those willingly giving of their time and efforts, to alleviate the suffering of others. Whether it be by the removing of rubble, greeting refugees or setting up mother and baby clinics. CAFOD the official relief agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, under the umbrella of Caritas, are not physically able to do all of the above. But they, in our name, are at the shoulder side supporting and enabling those that are.

The retiring collection at all masses over Sunday 5th March 2023 will be for CAFOD - our relief agency.

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.



SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

Our collection point remains in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items, such as pasta, rice, cereals, tea and coffee UHT milk, tins of vegetable, fruit, soup and also pet food and toiletry items such as toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant. Please do not donate anything that is perishable such as fruit, vegetables, eggs or bread items. Please also check the date on all items to ensure they have a good storage life. The donations box will be left in the church porch and as donations accumulate, they will then be delivered. *Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*