



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](mailto: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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**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
9.30am Wellbeing of Cath & Arthur Lawrence & Family  
6.30pm Jeremy Langstaff RIP

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** **Baptism of the Lord**  
9.00am Tina Piccirillo RIP  
10.30am Narrie Curtin RIP  
6.30pm People of the Parish

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
9.30am Rex Langstaff RIP

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
9.30am Thomas Joseph Galligan RIP

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
9.30am John Pereira RIP

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** **St Anthony, Abbot, Memorial**  
9.30am Frances Jarvis RIP

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
9.30am Josephine Harwood-Little RIP

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9.30am Wellbeing of Noel Roycroft  
6.30pm Wellbeing of Karen Donais  
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.  
*FROM Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH 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, Bill Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *Due to the new data protection rules we are unable to have names on the sick list unless we have written permission from the person to publicise their names. 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**

Frederick Fear, Bridget Cumiskey, Alfred Mulcahy, Joseph Rice, Eileen Wharton, George Winnen, Charles Woogar, Alexander Paterson, Balbina Saiz Agudin, Kathleen McEnery, Mary Blythe, Ellen Crowley, Bridget Dodd, Sandra Ruff, Agnes Mary Hill, Caroline Duckett, Thomas Begley, Joanna Herd, Eileen Sagar, Cyril Jarvis, Rosario Stroud, Amber Rose Kijowski, Arthur Squires, James Coughlan, George Alexander Bergin, Winifred Frain, Ethel Finn, Joseph Coll, Michael Hart, Henry Heaton-Harris, James Burt, Madeline Gurney, William Hill, Marcella Sweeney, Patrick McDonagh, Joseph Ruddy, Frederick Burch, Umberto Milocco, Basil Gurney, Colin Alexander, Bruce Hickman, Eileen Mary Radnor, Peter McChrystal, Susan Prince, Patrick Walsh, Therese Currie, Peter Kearns, May East, Martin McDonagh, Una Reed, Liam Mullane. +++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

**OFFERINGS**

First collection	Gift Aid	£509.72	Loose	£582.11
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£7.50	Loose	£63.25

**TOTAL £1162.58**

**Pax Christi**

Pax Christi International is a Catholic peace movement with 120-member organisations worldwide that promotes peace, respect of human rights, justice & reconciliation throughout the world.

Next **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January**, Peace Sunday, we will celebrate 'Good politics serves peace' ~ Pope Francis, World Peace Day message.

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
BAPTISED UNTO MISSION**

**A REFLECTION OF PSALM 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30.**

The full celebration of the Epiphany, or manifestation of the divinity of Christ, involves the visit of the Magi, the voice of the Father at Baptism in the Jordan and the first miracle of Jesus (next Sunday's Gospel).

The psalm chosen for today is a beautiful canticle of the revelation of God's power and grandeur in creation. One of Shakespeare's characters rhapsodised about tongues in stones, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything. To the observant soul everything is a sacred word from above.

The psalm pictures the palace of the Creator up above the rain clouds. The fluffy, white clouds that scud across the sky are the chariot of God. God walks on the wings of the wind, bearing his message afar. Fire, the gift from heaven, is his servant. All creatures of land and sea look to God for their food in due season.

The secret of creation is the breath of God. Genesis describes God saying things into life. When God sends forth his spirit or breath, things spring into life. Breath is life on loan from God. To die is to return his breath or spirit to God.

At the Baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended on him, marking the beginning of his public ministry. At his death on Calvary, his mission accomplished, his last breath is the return of life to the Father. Then on the first day of Easter the risen Lord breathed the Spirit on the disciples and inaugurated their mission. To be Baptised means sharing in that mission.

*You send forth your spirit, they are created.*

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

**'How to do Children's Liturgy' Mini Workshop'**

More helpers are needed to join the team of volunteers taking Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10.30am Sunday Masses. No experience is needed, only a willingness to assist the leader; we will be holding a mini 'How to do Children's Liturgy Workshop' this **Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**, at **9.55am for just 30 minutes**; if you feel you can or would like to help and would like to learn more, please sign up on the sheet in the church porch.

**Missionary Society of St Paul Celebration Day**

The Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria UK Region will be holding its annual MSP Day Celebration at St George's Cathedral on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**, beginning with Mass at **6.30pm** Prompt, followed by a reception in the Amigo Hall. Everyone is invited; if you wish to attend, please RSVP the Parish Secretary as soon as possible.

**Diocesan Directory**

**Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. They cost £3.00 each. Please place the money in the papers box in the porch.**

**Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links the soul with its Creator; it binds God with man and man with God. ~ St. Catherine of Sienna**

**HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!**

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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### REFLECTION – SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

Through the Baptism scene of Jesus, the Gospel passage tells us that Jesus is anointed and presented as the Son of God. Today we are reminded of our own Baptism, the beginning of our Christian life. As Jesus began his mission as God incarnate in the world with Baptism, we too began our Christian journey by water and the Spirit. Today, his mission is our mission. The same Spirit that was with him accompanies us as we try to live the Gospel. We have made a commitment to the Catholic faith; may this feast remind us of the promise we made to live that faith with fidelity, enthusiasm and joy.

### REFLECTION – THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

A good deed has to be spoken about; the Good News has to be proclaimed. The person cured of his leprosy did the right thing to disobey Jesus by telling everyone the good thing that happened in his life. If he was rejected and alienated by the society due to his sickness, let the same society know that he is now fit to be back there. He probably obeyed part of the demand by Jesus by showing himself to the priests; but more important was to spread the word about his cure by a person called Jesus. He thus becomes the messenger of the Good News.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

### Lifts to Mass

If you think you might occasionally be able to offer someone a lift to any of the Masses, that you normally attend, please could you kindly contact Karin in the Parish office to discuss further. Thank you!

### 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The international resources for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Indonesia. The 2019 theme, 'Justice and only justice you shall pursue' (Deut 16:18-20), calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. Drawing on the traditional values of Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity) and gotong royong (living in solidarity and by collaboration), Indonesian Christians invite you to be united witnesses, and agents of Christ's healing grace in a broken world, by making specific commitments to justice, equality, and unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from **the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.**

### Gifts in your Will

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet, contact Your Catholic Legacy – Tel: 020 7095 5370 or Visit:

[www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk](http://www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk)

### Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Liturgy Mini Workshop FHC Session 3
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Confirmation Session 1
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Applications Closing Date
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Baptism Preparation Class
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	MSP Celebration Day

### St Agatha's Feast Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

*Date for your Diary:* On this day we will have a special Mass at 7.30pm. More details to follow soon...

### St Agatha's Confirmation 2019

The first candidate session will be on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.15pm**. The Inscription Mass will be on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6.30pm**. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**.

### First Holy Communion

Classes will resume with session 3 on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at 4pm. The session 4 will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 4pm.

Group 1 Rehearsal for Reconciliation: Thurs 31st Jan at 4 – 5pm

Group 1 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 2nd Feb at 11am

Group 2 Rehearsal for Reconciliation: Thurs 7th Feb at 4 – 5pm

Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 9th Feb at 11am

### Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's 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.



### St Agatha's School

Admission to Reception Class September 2019. Children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 are eligible to start at St Agatha's Primary School in September 2019.

Please apply online at [www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk) and complete the supplementary forms to return to the school. The closing date for both parts of the application is **15th January 2019**. Should you have any further queries please contact Sharon Parsons on 020 8546 3879 or email [office@stagathas.school](mailto:office@stagathas.school)

### London SW Catholic Social Group

London SW Catholic Social Group is a social group for 'young' Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Andrew on 07787 231798. Our next social evening is on **Saturday 2nd February at 7.30pm at Ganley's Irish Bar, London Road, Morden, SM4 5HP.**

In prayer our hearts find the strength not to be cold  
and insensitive in the face of situations of injustice.

In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts  
to charity.

~ Pope Francis

**The clergy offer New Year's Greeting to all parishioners, and pray that God will bless all our efforts in 2019.  
And that in the Spirit of Christmas, one of peace and goodwill will remain in the hearts of all.**