



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

CLERGY

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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2019
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 12th

9.30am
6.30pm Geoffrey Gilbert RIP

Sunday 13th

9.00am Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
10.30am People of the Parish
6.30pm Joseph & Irene Coll RIP

Monday 14th

9.30am Ramon Antonio Correa RIP

Tuesday 15th

9.30am **St Teresa of Jesus, Memorial**
Holy Souls

Wednesday 16th

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

Thursday 17th

9.30am **St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Memorial**
Gerald Moriarty RIP

Friday 18th

9.30am **St Luke, Evangelist, Feast**
Wellbeing of the Lawrence Family

Saturday 19th

9.30am Wellbeing of Gavin Mullen
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 & at call.
Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.
ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (5th October) 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

Timothy O'Brien, Clement Flynn, Umilta Ahwai, Kathleen McNulty, Leo Barrett, Mary Kennedy, Sybil Edna Isaac, Marguerite Mary Lucas, Elizabeth Mawer, Michael Jones, Kathleen Power, Rose Fry, Ethel Scully, Mary Darnell, Nestor Garcia, Marion Mitchell, Leslie Abernethy, Joan Groser, Anne Flagg, Agnes Mary A'Hern, Irene Hanysek, Mary Alice Charlesworth, Emily Jones, Marie Maxwell-Arnot, Mary Moore, Elizabeth (Betty) Pryce, Bridget Culbert, Henry Joseph Winn, Joseph Kennedy, Keith Doolan, Christine Lepech-Bayram, Wilfrid Henry, Peter Hayward.

+++ 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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday 13th October 2019

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Reflection

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Family Reflection

Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Offerings

First collection	Gift Aid	£536.50	Loose	£510.93
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£15.00	Loose	£57.18

TOTAL £1119.61

Thank you for your generosity to your parish
The retiring collection this weekend is for CAFOD.

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.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please try and support CAFOD's work with those less fortunate than us. The retiring collection this Sunday will be for CAFOD. As a UK taxpayer, we can maximise our offerings by use of the Gift Aid Scheme. This will see CAFOD claiming an additional 25% on all donations that we make. The Gift Aid declaration is easily completed and can be found attached to the donation envelopes. These envelopes will be distributed across all church benches should you decide to use one, further they contain a brief introduction to CAFOD's work. More detailed information can be obtained from www.cafod.org.uk/harvest or from the display in the entrance lobby.

Just what could this extra 25% deliver; fewer miles walked to collect safe water thus freeing up the children to attend school, more evacuation sites to protect against the aftereffects of volcanic disruption or indeed more toilets from Sister Bernadette in Sierra Leone – what a relief. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

Prisoners' Sunday

Each year there is a national Prisons Week, encouraging people to pray for all those affected by prisons. This year's Prisons Week runs from Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th of October. Prisoners' Sunday is a National Day of Prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants marked by the Catholic Church. It launches the week long ecumenical campaign of prayer for all those affected by imprisonment, a time to reflect on how we — as individuals, as a Church and as an ecumenical community — can serve those whose lives are entwined with the Criminal Justice System.

First Holy Communion 2020



The First Holy Communion program and application form are now available from the back of the church, please complete and return it to the Parish Office **no later than FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER 2019.**

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

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. If you have something you would like to donate, we would love to hear from you. A basket is available in the church porch for your donations, alternatively please contact the Parish Office to discuss further.

Fr Gerry O'Brien Book of Condolence

The book of condolence for the late Fr. Gerry O'Brien is still available to sign in the old sacristy. Please come and share your memories. We will be sending the book on to his family at the end of the month.

October Devotion: The Holy Rosary

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of the Rosary, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession, the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings. During October, we invite everyone to pray your rosary. We especially encourage families to pray the rosary together. As a parish we shall dedicate Sunday Evenings to Pray the Rosary together and finish with Benediction. Never mind if you're a bit rusty, or if it's been a while since you last prayed your rosary. It's never too late to begin again; come let us experience the power of the rosary. **We will start at 5.30pm every Sunday: 13th, 20th, 27th.** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

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: **23rd October** and **27th November**. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Do we hear Wedding Bells?

2020 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 so you are required to inform the church at least six months before the actual wedding date. Even 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.



APF Red Boxes

It is time for the autumn count of the APF red boxes. If you have a red box, please would you bring it in to the church, we must receive it back before **31st October**, so that we can submit our final totals for the year. Returning boxes should be left on the table in the old sacristy please. When it has been counted, it will be placed on the same table ready for collection. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE LABEL AT THE BASE OF THE BOX.** Please contact Francesca Gilbert directly on 07813 777408 with any queries.

It is true that going out on to the street implies the risk of accidents happening, as they would to any ordinary man or woman. But if the church stays wrapped up in itself, it will age. And if I had to choose between a wounded church that goes out on to the streets and a sick, withdrawn church, I would definitely choose the first one. ~ Pope Francis

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 13 th Oct	October Devotion
Friday 17 th Oct	St Agatha's Church Youth Club
Sunday 20 th Oct	October Devotion
Wed 23 rd Oct	Parish Men's Group
Friday 25 th Oct	St Agatha's Church Youth Club
Saturday 26 th Oct	Annual day of Recollection
Sunday 27 th Oct	October Devotion

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

STRUCTURE OF THIS CATECHISM

The plan of this catechism is inspired by the great tradition of catechisms which build catechesis on four pillars: the baptismal profession of faith (the Creed), the sacraments of faith, the life of faith (the Commandments), and the prayer of the believer (the Lord's Prayer).

Part One: The Profession of Faith

Those who belong to Christ through faith and Baptism must confess their baptismal faith before men.¹⁶ First therefore the Catechism expounds revelation, by which God addresses and gives himself to man, and the faith by which man responds to God (Section One). The profession of faith summarizes the gifts that God gives man: as the Author of all that is good; as Redeemer; and as Sanctifier. It develops these in the three chapters on our baptismal faith in the one God: the almighty Father, the Creator; his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour; and the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, in the Holy Church (Section Two).

Part Two: The Sacraments of Faith

The second part of the Catechism explains how God's salvation, accomplished once for all through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit, is made present in the sacred actions of the Church's liturgy (Section One), especially in the seven sacraments (Section Two).

Part Three: The Life of Faith

The third part of the Catechism deals with the final end of man created in the image of God: beatitude, and the ways of reaching it - through right conduct freely chosen, with the help of God's law and grace (Section One), and through conduct that fulfils the twofold commandment of charity, specified in God's Ten Commandments (Section Two).

Part Four: Prayer in the Life of Faith

The last part of the Catechism deals with the meaning and importance of prayer in the life of believers (Section One). It concludes with a brief commentary on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer (Section Two), for indeed we find in these the sum of all the good things which we must hope for, and which our heavenly Father wants to grant us.

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Friday 25th October to Monday 4th November, therefore the parish office will be closed.** Fr Anthony and Fr Pius will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk

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 volunteers.**

Next week, 18th October, the children will be making pizzas! We would like to request a donation of £1 per child towards ingredients please.

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.

Tea and Coffee

Tea and coffee 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.

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 **2-4pm on Friday 8th 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.

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

- **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**



MONTHLY TALKS AT ST. RAPHAEL'S ON TOPICS RELATED TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton holds a monthly event: "Theology on Tap". Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall (Alexander House) over a glass of wine or other refreshment.

On Sunday 27th October, Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald will give a talk as part of the monthly series - 'Theology on Tap' in Alexander House -The Parish Hall at St. Raphael's Church in Surbiton. The evening begins with wine and nibbles at 6.00pm with the talk starting at 6.30pm. The evening should conclude by 8.00pm

When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed. ~ Saint Teresa of Kolkata

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

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