

CLERGY

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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 10am to 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (closed Wednesdays). Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only. Thank You.



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2022

This Sunday we will have a retiring collection for The Archbishop's Appeal. The Archbishop's Appeal seeks to invest faith, hope, love, and charity into three key areas of mission and ministry in the Archdiocese of Southwark:

Youth and Evangelisation

To strengthen the formation of young people in the faith within our schools and parishes, enhance the faith life of parishioners, support the work of parish catechists, enhance the faith journeys of new Catholics; and for Southwark to become an evangelising and missionary Archdiocese.

Our Faith in Action

To show compassionate and active service in the world around us through love for all people: the protection of human dignity, respect for the inter-connectedness of our world and common home, hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth. Supporting social outreach projects in parishes and schools.

Clergy Care and Formation

To care for sick and retired priests in their old age and ill health. Supporting the ongoing formation of our priests and deacons. Providing on-going formation of clergy in active ministry. Supporting the work of the vocations team and formation of seminarians and deacons.

Pooled together, your support can have significant impact in our faith community. A portion of the monies raised will be granted to parishes and Catholic schools to support local projects.

Please support the Archbishop's Appeal today, every gift is welcome:

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal
- Or Scan QR Code on posters in church.
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes or the red bucket available in the church porch.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER 2022 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, C	
Saturday 12th	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial
9.30am	Barbara Cox RIP
6.30pm	Michael Finan RIP
Sunday 13th	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday
9am	Keith Fraser RIP
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Audrey Weir RIP
Monday 14th	
9.30am	Mary Egan RIP
Tuesday 15th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Elizabeth De Paula
12pm	Annual Requiem Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Deanery
Wednesday 16th	
9.30am	Patricia Corcoran RIP
Thursday 17th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Marie Hanrahan
Friday 18th	
9.30am	Cyril & Frances Jarvis RIP
Saturday 19th	
9.30am	James Corcoran RIP
6.30pm	Maria McCarthy 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





WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to Fr. Peter Akor, MSP, who joins us as our new Assistant Parish Priest. He will serve as the principal Chaplain to Kingston Hospital. We know that you will make him feel very welcome. Fr Eugene remains with us whilst the changes at the hospital are established.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL APPEAL

The retiring collection last weekend was for the Missionary Society of St Paul. A total of £391.92 was collected. A huge thank you to everyone for contributing. For further information about the Missionary Society of St Paul, please visit: <https://www.mspfathers.co.uk/>



ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF KINGSTON DEANERY

A Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of Kingston Deanery will be held here at St. Agatha's on Tuesday 15th November 2022, 12pm. Everyone is welcome. Mass will be followed by lite refreshments.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HAS RESTARTED!

Please join us at the 10.30am Mass on Sundays 20th November and 4th December 2022, when we will have a children's liturgy session. Children's Liturgy will be held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Family Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the where the Liturgy takes place. They return to join the full congregation at the offertory. Any work they have done is brought up during the offertory as their gift to God and the Community. Children's Liturgy is run by the parents/adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day. If you would like to join the team, please contact the parish office for further information.

'Peace cannot be limited to a mere absence of war, the result of an ever precarious balance of forces. No, peace is something that is built up day after day, in the pursuit of an order intended by God, which implies a more perfect form of justice among men.' ~ Pope Saint Paul VI
(Remembrance Sunday 2022)

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? or wanting to explore your Catholic faith further?

Our Evangelium course started on Thursday 10th November 2022. Sessions will be held in the Cloister. from 7pm - 8.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.



The programme consists of 12 sessions running until Easter 2023, plus further vital dates during Lent.

Evangelium is for adults who have not been Baptised and for Christians of other denominations who want to be Received into the Catholic Church.

Please email the Parish Office for more details, the schedule, and to register: kingston@rcaos.org.uk

It can also be a good experience for full members of the Catholic Church who may not have practised their faith for a number of years, or for those who wish to more fully understand and deepen their faith.

Everyone is welcome along!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

There will be a parent meeting on Thursday 17th November 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Inscrption Mass is on Sunday 20th November 2022 at the 10.30am Mass. All children MUST attend the Mass.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held on Sunday 22nd January 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 2022/23

Registration for our next Confirmation programme is now closed. An email update will be sent in a few weeks' time.



MARRIAGES IN 2023

2023 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.

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.



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, November 13, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19 Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

Gospel Reflection

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

Family Reflection

Children, while innocently naïve about most world events, are also profoundly sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5-19. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle, Melba De Silva 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.

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.

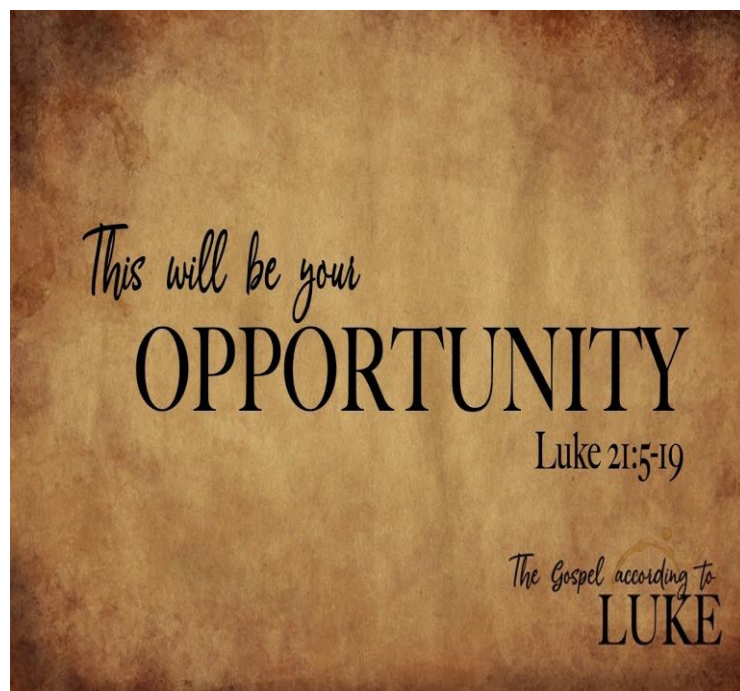
ANNIVERSARIES

Jane Gardner, Thomas Egan, Julia Larkins, William Henry Jones, Catherine Delaney, George Smith, Christina Dunne, Catherine White, Mary Gallagher, Mary Owen, Angelo Piccirillo, Ellen Sheehy, Joseph Thomas Dudley, Mary McGuinness, Catherine Buck, Aloysius Martin, Johanna Sheehan, Ann Marie Kirby, Suzanne Gilbert, William Curtin, Katherine Cutmore, Patricia Ruddy, William MacBride, Shirley Constable, Silvio Antonio De Bellis, Martha Bridget O'Kane, Dora Dombre, Denis Healy, Charles Little, Imelda Mary Filose, Paul Plantin, Felix Marks, Jean Nicoll, Madeline Plantin, Liam Mulvihill, Noel Heighton.
+++May They Rest In Peace +++

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation inside the envelope. Please hand it to Father or place it in the basket at the altar throughout the month of November.

+++Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. +++



WRAP UP LONDON: 7-27TH NOVEMBER 2022

Now 12 years old, Wrap Up London has become one of the largest winter volunteering events in the city and illustrates what can be achieved when people come together as a community to help those most in need. Coats donated to Wrap Up London are distributed via homeless shelters, refuge centres, organisations supplying the elderly, women's refuges, children's centres and other charities helping people in crisis.



Rotary Great Britain & Ireland Working with Hands On LONDON

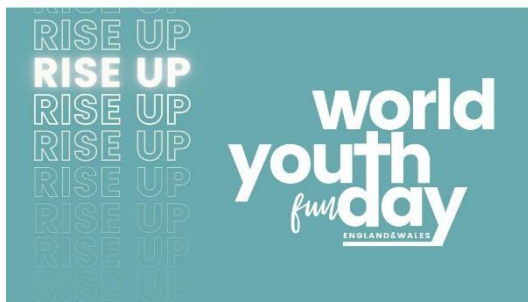
Are you able to donate any clean coats in good condition, for men, women children or babies?

**The nearest drop off points for your donations are:
Surbiton Fire Station, 31/33 Ewell Road, KT6 6AF.
Richmond Fire Station, 323 Lower Richmond Road,
TW9 4PN. Both locations are open 24/7.**

For more information on this and other volunteering opportunities visit:

www.wrapupuk.org.uk or email:

wulvolunteers@handsonlondon.org.uk



YOUTH SUNDAY - 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday) and moving forward asks the global Catholic community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King. It will be a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in church. Next Sunday we will have a retiring collection. More information to follow next week.

**"He is coming to judge the earth;
He will judge the world with righteousness
And the peoples with equity."**

Psalm 98:9

DONS Local Action Group

*Keeping our community fed,
connected & supported.*

OUR VISION: To build a resourceful community tackling the effects of poverty.

Dons Local Action Group (DLAG) 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.

Their aim is to help those in our local community to fight poverty and offer support. They provide food parcels, household goods, furniture and appliances. They also offer laptops through their 'Keep Kids Connected' initiative for children who do not have access to online learning. They are made up entirely of volunteers and provide over 2,500 weekly food parcels to those in need in the London boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton, Kingston and Richmond.

They operate by setting up daily stalls outside over 20 local supermarkets where they ask shoppers to donate certain items each day. These donations then go to sorting hubs where they are packaged into weekly food parcels for vulnerable and isolated people in the borough, as well as being taken to chefs who make meals for the homeless. They support other organisations (such as foodbanks and homeless charities) with bulk donations, and also provide laptops to local schools and children. So far, they have given out over 17,000 weekly food parcels and over 400 devices.

Families and people in need are often referred by charities, food banks, the police, refuges, GPs, schools and other local services. They collaborate with social services, GPs, housing associations, schools and many other local organisations so they can help individuals or families. They deliver food parcels or furniture directly to the doorstep. Laptops and tablets are given to schools who redistribute them to their pupils most in need.

For more information or to volunteer please visit:
<https://donslocalaction.org/>

We have joined up with DLAG and from this weekend we will have a collection point 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. These items will be collected on a monthly basis initially so 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. We will update the list of items needed on a regular basis. Thank you.