

The parish office should be your first port of call for all 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 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 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	
6.30pm	Jane Beresford RIP
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
9am	People of the Parish
10.30am	The McCarthy Family
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Desmond & Daniel O'Keeffe
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Margaret Brennan RIP
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Anne Carberry RIP
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Ellen Metcalf RIP
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Margaret Kathleen Jennings RIP
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Exposition:</b>	Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday to Saturday 9am.
<b>Mass Times:</b>	Monday to Friday: 09:30 Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
<b>Confessions:</b>	Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.
<b>Baptisms:</b>	Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.
<b>Marriages:</b>	Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule

**THANK YOU!!**

A Huge Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes, Easter cards, messages and gifts. You have all been so very kind!

Thank you to everyone who have given so generously of their time and skill and helped to organise, prepare or present and made the Holy Week services and Easter Triduum such a success.

A BIG thanks to everyone for the tremendous response to the Easter Spring cleaning day. The church looked magnificent.

To all the church cleaners, flower arrangers, to our musicians, singers, readers, sacristans, eucharistic ministers and altar servers for their contributions during Holy Week and Easter, and to everyone who took part in the ceremonies, we thank you.

Lastly, we are so proud of our young parishioners who presented the "Living Stations of the Cross" as part of the Good Friday Service; they did an absolutely amazing job, well done!

There are dozens and dozens of people involved in ensuring everything run smoothly at St. Agatha's during these celebratory periods; we thank you one and all.

~ Fr. Francis & Fr. Peter

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use the weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes has now arrived! They started on the 7th April. Please collect them from the church porch. If you are not part of the Parish Gift Aid scheme and would like to join, please contact the Parish Office.

*Thank you to everyone for your continued support*

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**ST AGATHA'S INTERNATIONAL DAY – SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024  
MANY NATIONS, ONE FAMILY**

Everyone is invited to join us for our new **International Day** with lunch from many nations! The day will provide you with the fun and flavours of over a dozen countries without needing to step outside KT2. Kingston might just be a small suburb of Greater London, but we have at least 20 different countries represented in our congregation each week! Save the date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024, further details will follow soon.....



**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: 07/04/2024**

Gift Aid £86.50 Loose £410.98 **TOTAL £497.48**

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

**ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO DONATE TO YOUR PARISH**

**MAKE A DONATION ONLINE:**

Donate to St Agatha's Church online via Bank Transfer using the following details:

**Account Name: RCAS Kingston**

**Account number: 10317821 Sort code: 60-60-02**

*(NB. The details may come up as RCAOS or Southwark – these are also correct)*



**VIA OUR QR CODE:**

The QR code above will take you to our parish's 'Give A Little' web donation page.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED ADULT CATHOLICS!

We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Confirmed, and Professed Adult Catholics who came into the Church during our Easter Vigil celebration; Kofi and Ben received all three of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

We commend these faithful candidates for steadfastly participating in the eight-month RCIA process of coming into the Church and receiving these Sacraments of Initiation. Our prayers are with both of you as you begin the adventure of living the challenging life of a faithful Catholic. As a parish, we welcome you to the Holy Catholic Church and we will continue to pray for you as you move forward with us and the whole Universal Church in our journey with Christ! We also want to acknowledge the faithful Sponsors of these men who journeyed with their Candidate for the duration of the RCIA process: thank you to you all for your support, encouragement and reassurance during this period of the candidate's lives.

*Please continue to keep our new Catholics in your prayers for their continued growth and perseverance in the Faith.*

## SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2024 - IN PERSON AND ONLINE

**Join at St George's Cathedral, at a "hub" venue in the Diocese or on Zoom to explore how to live more fully in the power of the Spirit.**

The Archdiocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal team are again organising Life in the Spirit Seminars for the Archdiocese during Eastertide. The Seminars will run on five Tuesday evenings at St George's Cathedral and at local hubs across the Archdiocese as well as on Zoom, with a Pentecost Saturday retreat day for all participants at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone would be most welcome. Inspiring talks and music, small group sharing and daily reflections

*Local Hub: NEW MALDEN St Joseph's Catholic Church, Montem Road, New Malden KT3 3QW.*

*For further details, see the leaflets in the church porch or visit: [www.bit.ly/LISS2024](http://www.bit.ly/LISS2024) or email [newmaldenple@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:newmaldenple@rcaos.org.uk).*

**Or simply come along to the first seminar on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 7.30pm at St Joseph's Parish centre, New Malden, KT3 3QW.**

## DAY OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

A Day Of Prayer And Renewal for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers for South West Area will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at St Catherine of Siena Church Chessington. Holy Mass at 10.30 – Ends at 3pm. Lunch provided. Please see the flyer with the day's programme in the church porch. Those who attended the Tooting gathering are welcome to join again.

**PLEASE NOTIFY NUMBERS** – A sandwich lunch and refreshments will be provided. But we need to know likely numbers. Family members and friends are welcome too, but please notify St Catherine's in advance of likely numbers for catering arrangements by e-mailing Fr Peter Sebastian: [petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk)

## PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

**21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024 ~ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Christ until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers.

- Donate Online:  
[www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Scan QR Code
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church or the red bucket



**Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.  
Thank you!**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

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

*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 us 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 or the Parish Secretary.

## 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 Christ grant eternal rest to all who have died.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Catherine West, Sister Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Inge Quarta, Clara Hawkins, May Lott, Caroline Milburn, Arthur Burgess, Jane Beresford, Charles Harold Jarvis, Joyce McDonagh, Peter Horsfield, Caroline Louisa Currie, Catherine Barkell, Harold Ward, Michael Mullen, George Steele, Monique Ricquer, Mary Doyle, Eleanor Dean, Arthur Helliwell, Cormac Scott Byrne, Alice McMahan, James Mullens, John Browne, Una Matthews, Denise Hawkes, Tess Hegarty, Ken Sykes, Emanuele Giammacco, David Jones, Ellen Moore, Carmello Giamocco, Catherine Cusiack, Mary Squires. ++**May They Rest In Peace** ++

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, CYCLE B**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 4:2,4,7-8,9*

*A prayer seeking God's favour*

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 24:35-48 Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

**FAMILY REFLECTION**

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favourite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together *Tantum Ergo* or today's psalm, Psalm 4.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

**RESPONSE: ANSWER ME, O GOD**



**"Life can be filled with contradictions, frustrated desires, broken dreams, and lost friendships. Yet, the Resurrection of Jesus allows us to believe that all will be redeemed." ~ Pope Francis**

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we hope that you are settling down in your new home and will soon feel part of our community. If you are new to the parish, please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy, and please complete a family registration form which can be found in the church porch and is also on the parish website. If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.



## PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Please note that they will be meeting at The Albert on Kingston Hill, instead of the usual location, The Wych Elm. Please come along and join them from 8pm. Everyone is welcome.



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### CONFIRMATION 2024

Please note the following remaining and important dates for the Confirmation Programme.

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Session 6
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024: Session 7
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024: Final Preparation/Rehearsal for Candidates & Parents
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 12.30pm: Mass of Confirmation
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Evaluation, Reflection & Celebration



### MARRIAGES IN 2024/25

2024 or 2025 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 preparations for our parishioners must Parish Office and we will happily guide you.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Please note the following remaining and important dates for the FHC Programme. Please remember that there are two groups this year completing their FHC, so please make sure you take note of the relevant dates for your child's group.

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Session 6 – Rescheduled Session (11.45-1pm)
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Reconciliation for Children & Parents 11am
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Session 7 (11.45-1pm)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Final Preparation & Rehearsal 4pm – Group 1
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: FHC Parents Church Decorating 10.30am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Final Preparation & Rehearsal 4pm – Group 2
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May: FHC Mass 12pm – Group 1
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: FHC Mass 12pm – Group 2



### CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

A selection of Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards are available to purchase in the Cloister after all Masses. Cards are just £1 each! Please leave money in box available. Thank you.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. 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. Our subsequent class will be held in June 2024.

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



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or wanting to explore your Catholic faith further? Our Evangelium course starts in October. The programme consists of weekly sessions running until Easter, including vital dates during Lent.

Evangelium is for adults who have not been Baptised (or have not received Confirmation or Holy Communion) and for Christians of other denominations who want to be Received into the Catholic Church.

Please email the Parish Office for more details and to register for our next programme:

[kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

