

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 14TH MAY 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 13th

6.30pm Gerry Mitchell RIP

Sunday 14th 6th Sunday of Easter

9am Private Intentions

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Erwin Gorczyriska RIP

Monday 15th St John Stone, Priest, Martyr, Memorial

9.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 16th St Simon Stock, Priest, Memorial

9.30am Rev Fr Gerry O'Brien RIP

Wednesday 17th

9.30am Thanksgiving for 10 years of Marriage

Thursday 18th Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity

9.30am *Whole School Mass*

Rev Fr Francis Olaseni

7.30pm Maurice Sutherland Jones RIP

Friday 19th

9.30am Maria McCarthy RIP

Saturday 20th

9.30am Private Intentions

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

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 18th May 2023

There will be two Masses on Thursday:
9.30am and 7.30pm.

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

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES
SACRAMENTAL FOR YOUR DIARIES**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Remaining timetable for FHC 2023

- 14/05/2023 (Sunday)
Session 8 11.45am-1pm
(Plus, a Parents Session in Cloister)
- 19/05/2023 (Friday)
FHC Parents Church Decorating 10.30am-
- 19/05/2023 (Friday)
Preparation for Reconciliation & FHC Mass 4pm
- 20/05/2023 (Saturday)
Reconciliation at 11am
- 21/05/2023 (Sunday)
FHC Mass at 12pm



CONFIRMATION 2023

Remaining timetable for Confirmation 2023:

- **Saturday 13th May 2023**
Retreat & Reconciliation 10am – 4pm
Holy Cross Chapel, New Malden
- **Monday 15th May 2023, 7.15-8.30pm**
Session 6 (Replacement session due to additional bank holiday)
- **Monday 22nd May 2023**
Session 7 - 7.15-8.30pm
- **Monday 5th June 2023**
Session 8 - 7.15-8.30pm
- **Friday 9th June 2023**
- **Final Preparation/Rehearsal for Candidates & Parents - 7.15-9pm**
- **Sunday 11th June 2023**
Confirmation Mass at 12.30pm
- **Monday 12th June 2023**
Evaluation and Reflection at 7.15-8.30pm



MARY'S MEALS

FOREIGN CURRENCY CAMPAIGN

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. Next weekend there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa.

Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child.

Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

*They will also take UK coins/notes that are no longer legal tender.



Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A
Sunday, May 14, 2023

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead, he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.



Family Reflection

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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 Christ 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 Christ grant eternal rest to all who have died.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mabel Heck, Joyce Huntingford, Nora Conlon, David Walsh, Mary Oldknow, Rita Allen, Florence Busby, Maria Persechino, Salvatore Menale, Thomas Sheehy, James McCabe, Patricia Mulley, Flora Smith, Kenneth Albert Peacock, Michael Humphries, Eileen Renner, John Chandler, Elisabeth Lamb, Leslie Wiseman, Amelia Neve, Ann Sewell-Knight, John Kissane, Eleanor Condron, Elizabeth Brannelly, Eleanor McLeod, Maria McCarthy, Kathleen Mary Little.

+++May They Rest In Peace+++

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, our next class is being held in September 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.



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 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



57th World Day of Social Communication 2023



Theme: *Speak with the heart*
"The truth in Love" (Eph 4:15)

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY 2023

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21st May 2023. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

If you would like to read the Pope's message about this day please go to:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/>
Please use your gift aid envelopes or the red bucket in the church porch. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass offered at St Agatha for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered at the altar, or you would like a Mass said for yourself. 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.

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. Many people would like for their intention on a Sunday. We will try our very best to facilitate this, but these are the most sought-after slots.

Please note that the Mass diary is pre-arranged for the week ahead and the intentions can be viewed on the front of the Parish Newsletter.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, are ready for collection from the church porch.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.



*Keeping our community fed,
connected & supported.*

SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

For too many families, 'food deprivation' is a fact of life. An unacceptable fact of life in 2023! But wishing will not make it go away. It is here for the immediate future at least, so are we and so many like-minded folks.

Thanks to your generous support here at St Agatha's, parents have been able to feed their children. That is a simple fact not an exaggeration.

Please try to continue supporting this appeal on behalf of the Dons. And yes, they are actively supporting families in the KT2 Postcode area.

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 note that they accept non-food items such as toilet paper, washing up liquid, household cleaning products.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE 2023 - 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 (2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th May and 6th June) 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 27th May. Everyone would be most welcome. Inspiring talks and music, small group sharing and daily reflections (with food provided for those attending Tuesday evening sessions at the Cathedral).

*** 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/SOUTHWARK2023 or email kristinabcooper@gmail.com.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 18TH – 25TH AUGUST 2023

Message from Bishop Paul: 'After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us.' For details, please see:

<https://www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/>



KINGSTON ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS (KAOS) SATURDAY 13 AND SUNDAY 14TH

Our very own resident artist Bob Meecham will be opening his personal studio, in association with the Kingston Artists Open Studios event, on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 2023. Everyone is invited to visit local artists working studios to view their work and possibly to buy art work at bargain prices. The Spring Art Fair at the Landmark Arts Centre is full of colour, style, and contemporary art. Browse and buy directly from over 60 artists. Discover paintings, photography, sculpture, prints and more – there is something for everyone.

Bob is also taking part in the Landmark Art Centre, Teddington Spring art fair on 19th, 20th and 21st May (www.landmarkartcentre.org).

'All work will be for sale and all are welcome to come along. I do have some two for one entry forms if anyone would like some please let me know email bbbm@blueyonder.co.uk' <https://www.facebook.com/bobmeecham.gallery/>

'Life is not about showing off our abilities, but a journey towards the One who loves us: by keeping our gaze fixed on the Lord, we will find the strength needed to persevere with renewed joy.' ~ Pope Francis