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The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including 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.

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (B)

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial
<u>9.30am</u>	Nora Hedger Birthday Thanksgiving
<u>6.30pm</u>	People of the Parish
Sunday 16th	
9.00am	Special Intention for Doris, Eileen and Family
10.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
6.30pm	Robert Racine RIP
Monday 17th	
9.30am	God's Intervention for the scandals in the Catholic Church
Tuesday 18th	
9.30am	Cristina Corcoran RIP
Wednesday 19th	
9.30am	Fr. Allan Collins RIP
Thursday 20th	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, Paul Chõng Hasang, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial.
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 21st	St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast.
9.30am	Therese Hoey RIP
Saturday 22nd	
9.30am	Mary Kerrigan RIP
6.30pm	William Harrup RIP
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.

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 and Keith Fraser. *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

Ellie Mary Cahill, Michael Henry, Marie Dolan, Thomas Murray, Carlo Fiorellino, Kate Glasbey, Percival Rowland McCormack, Francis Steward, Norma Verhoven, Arnold Brenninkmeyer, William Brady, Daniel Cullinane, Eric Wilson, Eric Ross, Peter Jones, Stella Teresa Solly, Alice Goodchild, Michael Harrison, Mary Josephine Thomas, John Elliot, Julia Forde, Reginald Jackson, Kathleen O'Connell, Cathleen Seymour, Colman Tierney, Nora Gugen, Seamus Dooley, Caroline Battye, Kathleen Isabel Shanahan, Mollie Laing, Gertrude Fielder, George Pollard, Christopher Doyle, Isabella Lowe, Anthony O'Connell, Frances Mary Oborn, Winifred Arendse, Harry Lee, Margaret Cedro, Sharmain Tavares, Joseph Bream,.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£583.40	Loose	£400.12
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£99.02	Loose	£53.40

TOTAL £1135.94

The retiring collection for last weekend was for the Catholic Education Service.

A FOLLOWER OF MINE

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 114:1-6, 8-9

Jesus asked the question of his disciples *'Who do you say that I am?'* Let us suppose that they in turn asked Jesus *'Well, what have you to say for yourself. Who do you say that you are?'* Might he not have answered like this *'I am come to deliver you beyond the limitations of suffering, even of death itself. I am to do this by taking on all that evil can throw at me. But by going into death I will open up the way to resurrected life.'* The culminating event of salvation history occurred in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Saint Paul more than anybody else explained the symbolism of the water of baptism as our entry into the pattern of dying and rising with Christ. Everything we suffer or struggle with is sharing in the cross of Christ and every experience of grace is sharing in the resurrection. The triumph of Jesus Christ was a fulfilment of the extraordinary hope expressed in the Servant Songs of Deutero-Isaiah, one of which provides today's first reading. The accompanying psalm is a prayer of thanksgiving to God for safe deliverance from *the snares of deaths...the anguish of the tomb...sorrow and distress*. Renewed in strength, the psalmist rejoices with that appreciation of life which belongs to those who have been close to death. *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living*. It is a privilege of the baptised to walk each day in the footsteps of Christ's death and resurrection.

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

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Thanksgiving Collection for Fr. Julius Otoaye, MSP, and Fr. Vitalis Kondo, MSP, to thank them for their ministry at St. Agatha. A total of £1034 was raised.

New Parish Email

The parish has been provided with a new email account as part of the Diocese's initiative to comply with GDPR to minimise the risk of data leakage and offer a more secure means of communicating with other diocesan users. Please note the new parish email address: kingston@rcaos.org.uk which should be used for all future communications.

St Agatha's Ladies Group

Thank you to the ladies who came to our initial meeting and shared your thoughts. Next week we will confirm a date for a get together in October. This group will be for all the ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion program and application forms and will be announced soon.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Reflection – Sunday 16th September 2018

We are living in a culture in which suffering is seen as negative and thus something to be avoided at all costs. Of course, God does not delight in human suffering. Yet, we must always keep in mind that suffering is part of the human condition, the call of the readings today is not a call to run away from suffering or regard it in any way as punishment from God but to face up to it squarely in the manner in which Jesus did. While we continue to believe that Jesus can work miracles even today, we must balance this undertaking with the realisation that the cross is part of Jesus' life. The challenge is to make God's will for us, our own.

Reflection – Friday 23rd September 2018

The first reading today spells out how the attitude of a righteous person, like Jesus, is not at all easy to accept. There are two responses to such a person; the first is to ignore him and all that he stands for, the second is to test him with opposition, insult and torture, in the hope that he will give up his position of righteousness and buckle under the pressure. The disciples in the today's gospel pretend not to understand what Jesus preaches. They prefer to walk the easy road, trod by most others, the road of power, prestige and honour. The adversaries of Jesus however, choose the second response. They will do away with Jesus. His presence, and all he stands for, is a threat to them. It is against everything that they want to be. Greatness in the kingdom overturns the usual perceptions we have of greatness and honour. It is almost normal to consider the first as first and last as last. The challenge is to learn to think as God thinks which runs counter to well-established behaviour patterns.

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing



Baptism

Congratulations to Joshua and Luca who were Baptised here at St. Agatha's last Sunday. May God continue the good work he has started.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 05 October 2018.

Providing Water for Life is the tag line for this year's campaign, it recognises the simple truth that we all need a reliable source of safe water to survive. At Harvest time we celebrate and share the abundance that God has given us but not all of God's Children are so lucky. This year CAFOD focus on the need for a reliable supply of clean safe water. It is no coincidence that these campaigns frequently cite the benefits of a guaranteed supply of potable water. In previous Family Fast Campaigns, CAFOD have identified the dire cost of an unreliable supply of safe water: Lengora, lives in a remote village in Uganda, that has benefited from a CAFOD sponsored project that now receives a reliable supply of clean, safe water, but this came too late for the newly born child that Lengora lost – one of the 10 villagers that died from the effects of drinking unsafe river water. More than 2 billion of our brothers and sisters do not have access to safe and readily available water at home, a figure in excess of 300, 000 children under 5 die due to diarrhoea each year, on average, a child dies every 21 seconds from a water related disease. Once again, we are invited by CAFOD to "eat simply" and give the money we save to help those less fortunate. Please try to support CAFOD's Fast Day this year, thank you.

Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith?

If so, this 18-month course, recommended by Archbishop Peter and run by the School of the Annunciation may be for you. Diocesan Catechetical Certificate (DCC), Foundations of the Faith for the New Evangelisation. A formation programme rooted in prayer for all those desiring to know the Catholic faith better and be better equipped to tell others about Christ Our Lord. For further info please see:

www.schooloftheannunciation.com or www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

Important Upcoming Dates

Tues 18 th September	Secondary School Application Signing
Wed 19 th September	Parish Men's Group
Sat 22 nd September	'Caring, Sharing, Helping Others' Concert
Fri 28 th September	Secondary School Application Signing
Fri 5 th October	Fr. Anthony Oleh, MSP, Induction Ceremony
Wed 10 th October	Parish Ladies Group

Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic 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.

Fr. Anthony / Fr. Pius will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Tuesday 18th September 2018 between 10.30am and 12.30pm** and on **Friday 28th September between 2pm and 4pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish are invited to meet together on **Wednesday 19th September** at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two

The Apostleship of the Sea

The Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of their patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Smith on **Friday 21st September at 12.30pm** in St George's Cathedral. This will be followed by a reception. All are invited. Please RSVP to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Scams and how to Avoid Them

A talk by Sergeant Len Jackson at All Saints Church, Kingston, on **Thursday 20th September at 1-2pm**. You're more likely to lose money through your computer than be robbed in the street. Sgt Jackson explains how to spot the signs. For further information www.allsaintskingston.co.uk/events/list or contact Leslie Packer at lgpacker123@gmail.com or 020 8549 1960

Mustard Seed

The next evening of renewal with an opportunity to grow in faith in the power of the Holy Spirit will be on **Saturday 22nd September 2018** at St Margaret's RC Church, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL, at 7.45 pm for 8.00pm until 10.00pm. The evening will include praise, reflection, and teaching plus individual prayer ministry for those wishing for it. The church is just by St Margaret's railway station (with direct trains from Kingston). All are welcome.

An Introduction to Liturgy

The Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF) will host their annual introductory course to Liturgy and Worship which is held each autumn over two Saturdays at CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS. **Saturdays 13th October and 3rd November 2018**, 10.30am-4pm. £25 per person. If you want to find out more or wish to register for the course please contact crcs@ccftootingbec.org.uk or call 020 8672 7684.

Retreat/Workshop for those suffering from the pain of loss

A time for mourning.... Anger, resentment, depression... Those are some of the feelings often experienced in grief. When will they end? How to cope? Such questions are common among those who have been bereaved. **On October 12-14th** there will be a retreat/workshop. It takes place at Aylesford Priory and is residential. For more details telephone Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670880 or email earpartridge@gmail.com.