

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 18TH JUNE 2023
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 17th	
6.30pm	Aleluea D'Souza
Sunday 18th 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Rev Fr Gerry O'Brien RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing of Joan & Alex Fraser
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Luz
Monday 19th St John Rigby, Martyr, Memorial, Diocesan Calendar	
9.30am	Gerry Quigley RIP
Tuesday 20th St Alban, Martyr, Protomartyr of Britain, Memorial	
9.30am	Vespa Scott-Nicholls (Birthday)
Wednesday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, Memorial	
9.30am	Brendon Fitzmaurice
Thursday 22nd Ss John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs, Feast	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 23rd	
9.30am	Desmond & kitty Shier RIP
Saturday 24th The Nativity of John the Baptist, Solemnity	
9.30am	John Devaiah 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
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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Sunday Collection 11/06/2023

Collection Gift Aid £130.00 Loose £678.00

TOTAL £828.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

**MARY'S MEALS
FOREIGN CURRENCY CAMPAIGN**

If you have not yet returned your envelope for this campaign, there is still time! All donations received will be collected on Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 11am. Please drop any last-minute donations to the Parish Office. Thank you.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2023 CONFIRMATION CONFIRMANDS!**

We offer our congratulations to our 22 young adults who were confirmed here at St Agatha's on Sunday 11th June 2023 by Fr Francis.

Our parish is very proud of all our young adults. It was an honour to celebrate this important sacrament together. We look forward to continuing the journey with these young people as they grow in their faith and their relationship with God! We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire them as they make their way through life as active members of the Church.

We would like to thank their parents, sponsors and especially our Confirmation Catechists for all their support and guidance to help prepare the candidates for this special occasion.



DAY FOR LIFE 2023: LISTEN TO HER

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 18th June. For the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day. The theme this year is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. Each year a message is released, usually by the Church's Lead Bishop for Life Issues, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

The full message may be found at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life>

The retiring collection this Sunday will support projects across the whole spectrum of life and will provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life related activities supported by the Church. You can also use your gift aid envelopes or the red bucket in the church porch. Thank you.



Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, June 18, 2023

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100:1-3,5

We are the people of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:36-10:8 Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word apostle when referring to the Twelve. The word apostle means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

Family Reflection

Every person in the Church is sent by Christ to do the work that he did. This task can seem daunting. Yet when we have learned to work together with others to achieve a common goal, we have learned something of what it means to do the work of Christ. The family is one such place in which we work with others, sharing a common task and a common goal.

As family members gather, invite each person to reflect upon their contributions to family life. Invite each one to share one or two things that they do to help keep your family life flowing smoothly. Take time to thank one another for the contributions each person makes to your family life.

Invite a family member to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 9:36-10:8. In this Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Point out that the disciples are called to work together just as family members must work together. Pray together that your family will always work together as a family to help one another. Pray that your family can be a model for other families. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

**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**

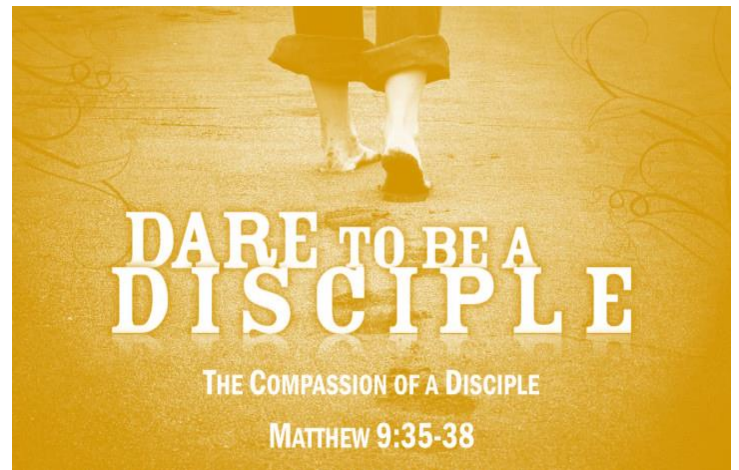
If you are sick and/or housebound, our Priests would be happy to visit you, to pray with you, and to bring you Holy Communion in your home, please do let the Parish Office know; home visits are by request. If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass but who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Priests.

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

Rowland Stimson, Mary Ellen Lewis, Marisa Davies, Mother Brigid Taylor, John Trelfer, Denis Carpey, James Lamb, Anne Pettifer, Beatrice Heaton-Harris, Norah Chilton, Stella Patterson, John Hall, Patrick Hogan, Louise Wild-Smith, James Fitzgerald, Bridget Massie, Eileen O'Connor, Robert Stimson, Sylvia Lewis, Ernest Hopkins, Mary O'Flynn, Mary Keefe, Alexander Cameron, Kevin Heighton, Lilly Brain, Anne Cullen, Ethel Mary Duckett, Norah Wiseman, Vincent Rogan, William 'Billy' Kilkenny, Gregory Serna, Rose Patricia Smith, Larry Drinkwater, Bridget (Bridie) Flynn, Keith Finn, Anthony Borg, Kathleen Peacock, Laurence Mussi, Bernard O'Neill, Nora Smyth. +++May They Rest In Peace +++



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Due to demand, we have added an additional Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday 2nd July 2023.

We also have several dates still available in August and September for Baptisms; if you would like to take advantage of one of these dates, please join us for this class. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm. Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 17th September 2023.

Please ensure you complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office before you attend a class.

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 will start in October/November 2023. The programme will consist 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 with your details and to register for this next programme: 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 PROGRAMME 2023/24

Application forms will be available in July.



Children must be in Year Four or above in September 2023.

Application forms will need to be returned during a prearranged session in September. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Further details will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023/24

Application forms will be available in July following consultation with our Bishop and Confirmation Catechists.

Candidates must be in Year Nine or above in September 2023.

Application form will need to be returned by the end of September 2023. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Further details will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.



ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief training session on **Saturday 24th June 2023** at 5pm. The session will last approximately an hour. Parents are asked to please remain in the church during the training.



If you would like to join our brilliant team of Altar Servers at St Agatha's, please do come along and join them; we especially welcome those who have just completed their First Holy Communion.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

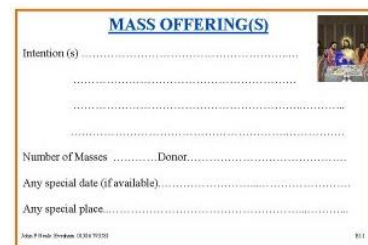
The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on **Thursday 29th June 2023**, at the Wych Elm. A garden table has been booked! Please come along and join them from 8pm. Everyone is welcome.



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



MASS OFFERING(S)

Intention (s)

Number of Masses Donor

Any special date (if available)

Any special place

Site: Parish Offices, 0184 91550 811

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.

The usual offering per Mass is a minimum of £10, this amount is pre-set by Southwark Diocese for all parishes within her jurisdiction, but you can give more. This 'stipend' goes to the priest offering the Mass, not the parish; stipends are given to priests as they do not receive a salary, and sometimes they are their only source of income.

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 or the Parish website.

'Jesus is the hand of the Father who never abandons us, the strong and faithful hand of the Father who always and only wants our good.' ~ Pope Francis

**ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AT
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23rd September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson. To book & for more details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk The deadline is July 31st 2023.

SAVE THE DATE:

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

4th July 2023, 6:00 PM, St George's Cathedral, London SE1

At the beginning of July, we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the solemn opening of St George's Cathedral in Southwark.

A schedule of events will be provided shortly, but the principal celebration of the week will be Solemn Mass at 6 pm on Tuesday 4 July, at which Archbishop John Wilson will preside. The Apostolic Nuncio will impart the Apostolic Blessing at the conclusion of the celebration. All are welcome to attend.

CAFOD: UPDATE ON THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>



Thank you for your continued support to CAFOD

JOB VACANCIES

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

Executive Assistant (21 hours pw) whose role is to work with the Executive Director.

SPUC is looking to fill the role of Executive Assistant (Internal  Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Operations). The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world. The successful candidate will work with the Executive Director (Internal Operations) to ensure the smooth and successful operation of SPUC's governance, administration and finance departments.

Duties include: Taking minutes and maintaining accurate files, Drafting correspondence, Maintaining the diary of the Executive Director and coordinating meetings, General administrative support.

Salary details are available on request. For a full job description and application form, please email us jobs@spuc.org.uk or call 020 7091.7091. The closing date for applications for 15th July 2023. Applications may close early if a suitable candidate is found.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT DRIVER

MARYMOUNT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Marymount International School London is an independent day and boarding school for girls, with Catholic ethos. We are seeking a School Transport driver for our new 9-seater vehicle to take over an existing route in the Kew/Richmond area on a term-time only basis starting in September 2023.



For more details, please see:

<https://www.marymountlondon.com/employment-opportunities/>

DONS Local

Action Group

*Keeping our community fed,
connected & supported.*

SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

Our collection point remains in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items. Some much needed items are stock items such as: salt, pepper, herbs, stock cubes, jam, sugar and cooking oil.

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

'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!'

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**SATURDAY
24TH JUNE
2 - 5PM**

**ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PSA
SUMMER FAIR**

INFLATABLE SLIDE | VEHICLE CAROUSEL
PONY CYCLES | TEA CUP RIDE
ICE CREAMS | BAR | BBQ FOOD
RAFFLE | TEDDY TOMBOLA
COCONUT SHY | FACEPAINTING
BOTTLE TOMBOLA | SPIN THE WHEEL
HOOK A DUCK | PENALTY SHOOT OUT
LUSH BATH BOMB MAKING!

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!

ENTRY ON THE GATE:
£2 ADULTS, £1 CHILDREN (AGE 4+)
£5 FOR 2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN

Buy unlimited ride wristbands at
www.jumblebee.co.uk/summerfair2023wristbands