



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

CLERGY

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SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2019 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

Saturday 18th
9.30am Liam Calapini and Family
6.30pm James Harrup RIP
Sunday 19th
5th Sunday of Easter
9.00am People of the Parish
10.30am Michael Mennis
6.30pm Willie Finn RIP
Monday 20th
9.30am Mary Frances MacDonald RIP
Tuesday 21st
9.30am Thomas Joseph Byrne RIP
Wednesday 22nd
9.30am Holy Souls
Thursday 23rd
9.30am Dorothy Hall RIP
Friday 24th
9.30am Clara Parker RIP
Saturday 25th
St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Memorial
9.30am Father Albert Jenner RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish
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.
ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (1st June) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.

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, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. 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

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, Kathleen Mary Little, Rosina Jane Brown, James Cullen, Edward Mulcahy, Patrick Gallagher, Maire Dutralle, Delia Marsella, Mary Smith, John Danzey, John Carrig, Michael Peluso, Mathew Hickey, Anthony Friend, Edna Ward, Bridget Dunne, Dr. Cecil De Lisle Shortt, Nancy Coates, Antonetta Raymond, Maisie Lee, Hylde Watkins, Judith Robinson. +++ May they rest in Peace +++

OFFERINGS

Table with 4 columns: Offering Type, Amount, and Total. Rows include First collection, Retiring Collection, and a TOTAL of £1259.03.

The collection last weekend was for Ecclesiastical Education.

Let us ask the Lord for the grace that a new wave of love for our neighbour may sweep over this poor world. ~ Venerable Pope John Paul I

A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 144:8-13.

The three readings in today's liturgy have one theme in common: suffering is temporal and the glory is eternal. Paul and Barnabas put new heart into the disciples with the message that we have to experience many hardships before we enter the Kingdom of God. Then the writer of the Apocalypse, after all the persecutions and tribulations of earlier chapters, describes his vision of the new Jerusalem, where God lives among people. In the extract from John's gospel, immediately after Judas had gone out, as the passion was about to commence, Jesus spoke of his glorification. He speaks of going away but he leaves a new commandment: 'Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.' In John's theology, the new life of heaven begins in a community of love on earth. As Cardinal Newman put it: 'Grace in this life is glory in exile and glory is grace at home.'

'Love... as I have loved you.' In the responsorial psalm we can find some of the qualities of Christian love.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion. The grace of the Lord's presence in the apostolic community was manifest in their pooling of resources and care for the poor.

Slow to anger and abounding in love. Christian love, after the manner of Christ, does not return evil for evil, but remains a positive river of energy that cleanses all pollutants. Christian love will outlast any persecution and outlive all suffering.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

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

May Devotions

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. During May it has long been the tradition of the Catholic Church to highlight our devotion to Mary and seek her intercession in our lives. Each Sunday in May, from 5.30pm, we will have Rosary followed by Adoration and when possible, Benediction. Prayer life is essential in these changing times.

Gift Aid scheme

As the 2018/19 tax year has now ended, please let us know if, in the last year, you have changed your address or if you no longer pay tax so that we may update your details. The new gift aid envelopes are available from Saturday, 19th May. If you are part of the scheme, please do ensure you come and collect your envelopes from the old sacristy after any mass or call or pop in to the parish office during office hours. Gift Aid is an important source of income for the Parish and we can claim a considerable sum from the government on all donations by UK taxpayers. If you would like to join the scheme, please speak with our Parish Secretary on 020 8546 4633. A big thank you to all involved as the tax we can reclaim is a great help to the parish.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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4th Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading *John 13:31-33a,34-35*

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

Reflection

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

Family Reflection

Is love the first word your family members use to describe their interactions? Love is difficult. Jesus' sacrifice for us is an example of this. Yet because of love, the glory of God is fully revealed in Jesus. God's glory is revealed in us when we act as the Body of Christ, as individuals and as a community. In the love we have for one another—difficult, challenging, sacrificial love—we find Jesus.

Choose one or two occasions when your family was together during the week. Describe the family's interactions from an outsider's perspective. When is it less difficult to show love to family members? When is it more difficult? When love is difficult, what do we do?

Jesus didn't just tell us to love one another. He showed us how to love one another. In what ways did Jesus show us how to love? (in his acts of healing and forgiving; at the Last Supper as he washed his disciples' feet; in the gift of the Eucharist; through his death on the Cross)

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Flower Arranging Workshop

Are you interested in learning how to arrange flowers or wish to develop your skills further? You could be a complete beginner or already experienced. We will be holding 4 flower arranging classes in June on Mondays (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th) at 7pm for one hour. These will be free of charge. If you are interested please contact the parish secretary at kingston@rcaos.org.uk or sign up in the church porch.

Music at Masses

As we now have hymns at all Masses, we are making an appeal for more musicians to lead the music. If you can play piano or organ and would like to take a turn at playing at one of the Masses, please contact one of the priests. Thank you!

Parish Website

Work is currently being undertaken to establish a new parish website. Please bear with us as this is a work in progress. All the events of the parish and any news will be included on this site and, hopefully, will be accessible in due course. If you are unable to find what you are looking for please contact the Parish Secretary.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." ~

Maya Angelou

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 19 th May	FHC Session 9 & Celebration
Sunday 19 th May	Sunday Devotion
Wednesday 22 nd May	Parish Men's Group
Sunday 26 th May	Sunday Devotion

First Holy Communion 2019
Children's Session 9 & Celebration – To Love and to Serve & Celebration Sunday 19th May 2019 11.30am – 1pm

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish usually meet together on the third Wednesday of each month but due to a clash with another event at the Wych Elm this has now been set for the fourth Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the group will meet on the following dates in 2019: **22nd May**, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

London SW Catholic Social Group

London SW Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults (18 and over) who meet for regular social and networking events in a friendly and relaxed setting with the aim of making new friends, enjoying new experiences or just to socialise. They host a monthly social at a pub or restaurant in South West London as well as other events either in SW or Central London. They can be found on Facebook – 'London SW Catholic Social Group' or email - londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com Upcoming events include Mass, Pub Lunch and Walk on 26th May and a trip to the Epsom Derby on 1st June. Please contact them for further details.

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 23rd June 2019**, at 2pm, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. *Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism.* Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

If so, you are invited to St George's Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 13th July for a special Mass celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony, with refreshments afterwards. Places are limited so make sure of your personal invitation from Archbishop Peter Smith by contacting your parish priest or parish office and giving them your full names, address, phone number and the special anniversary you are celebrating this year: anyone celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ qualifies. Close family are welcome to come with you.

Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:

- Request for Student Exchange placements
- 'The Gift' at St Joseph's Parish, New Malden.
- Archdiocese of Southwark 2019 Spring Assembly
- A Day with Mary
- Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019
- Job vacancies at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
- FREE Flower Arranging Workshop

THEOLOGY TAP

MONTHLY TALKS AT ST. RAPHAEL'S ON TOPICS RELATED TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton holds a monthly event: "Theology on Tap". Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall (Alexander House) over a glass of wine or other refreshment.

On 26th May, we look forward to welcoming Fr Julian Shurgold back to Theology on Tap! This time, he will speak about the Crusades and the Inquisition: were they all bad?

All are welcome to attend and enjoy a glass of wine with nibbles from 6pm to 8pm. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs.