

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 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 19TH MAY 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)**

Saturday 18th	
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Anne Homberger
Sunday 19th Pentecost Sunday	
9am	Philomena & John Kurian RIP
10.30am	Rev. Fr Gerry O'Brien RIP
6.30pm	Maria McCarthy RIP
Monday 20th Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial	
9.30am	Thanksgiving Intentions
Tuesday 21st	
9.30am	Thomas Kurian RIP
Wednesday 22nd	
9.30am	Birthday Intentions for Charlene Gray
Thursday 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, Feast	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Friday 24th	
9.30am	Wellbeing & recovery of Lambert Coco
Saturday 25th St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Memorial	
9.30am	Arthur Lawrence RIP

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Mass Times: Monday to Friday: 09:30
Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.
Baptisms: Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.
Marriages: Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule

**HOST OUR LADY OF LOURDES STATUE
IN YOUR HOME FOR MAY DEVOTIONS**

A few dates are still available in June and July!

Our Lady's Statue is currently visiting for May devotions and will continue throughout June and July.

If you would like to receive the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home during June or July, please fill out the form available in the church porch and return it to the Parish Office.

Please note, this is only a request which will be confirmed via a phone call to you. A date cannot be guaranteed and is subject to demand.



GIFTS IN YOUR WILL

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet in the church porch or contact Your Catholic Legacy. Tel: 020 7095 5370 or www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: 12/05/2024

1 st Gift Aid	£121.50	1 st Loose	£452.80	Total £661.55
2 nd Gift Aid	£7.00	2 nd Loose	£80.25	

Last Sunday there was a collection for World Communications Sunday.

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.



SAVE THE DATE!!
ST AGATHA'S INTERNATIONAL DAY
SATURDAY 6TH 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 6th July 2024, further details will follow soon.....

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the summer months, our next Baptism Preparation class will be held on 23rd June 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 September 2024.



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

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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.



LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul Hayward** who died on 12th May 2024; his Requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Friday 7th June 2024 at 12.30pm.

'Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.'

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

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, Rosina Jane Brown, James Cullen, Edward Mulcahy, Patrick Gallagher, Maire Dutrulle, 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, Hylda Watkins, Judith Robinson.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth

Psalm 103

PENTECOST SUNDAY, CYCLE B
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34

God's Spirit renews the earth.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Family Reflection

One of the greatest gifts that we are given in our family life is protection from harm. Families work together to keep one another safe from physical harm. Think of the effort a family makes to

childproof its home for infants and toddlers. Families also work together to protect each other from emotional harm. For example, we attend to the ways in which family members talk to one another so that we do not hurt one another's feelings by our words. Most importantly, families work together to protect each other from those things that might harm them spiritually. We shield our children from those things in our culture that might tempt them. When families work together to strengthen their sense of God and community, they build the spiritual strength to turn from those things that would lead them away from God and the Church. Jesus' prayer for his disciples can also be a prayer for family life.

Gather as a family and talk about the things that you want most for each other. Talk about the fact that as we work toward these things, we also work to protect one another from harmful things. What do you want to protect each other from? Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus shows these same two tendencies as he prays for something he wants for his disciples and prays for their protection as well. Read together today's Gospel, John 17:11b-19. Consider what Jesus wants for his disciples and what Jesus wants to protect his disciples from. We know that when Jesus prayed for his disciples, he was praying for us as well. We pray for these things as well, for example, when we pray the Lord's Prayer. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PENTECOST

SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

RESPONSE:

FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL

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.



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.

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, in the church porch or on the Parish website.

FIRST SATURDAY DIVINE MERCY RECOLLECTION DAY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome.

Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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

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KINGSTON ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS

Bob Meecham is taking part in the Kingston Artists Open Studios at 31 Waters Road, KT13LW next weekend 25th and 26th May, all are welcome to come along, there is no obligation to buy.

<https://www.facebook.com/bobmeecham.gallery/>

Also, a small exhibition at the Corner House Community Centre in Douglas Road KT6 7SB Surbiton on until 16th June

Please check on the website for opening times:

www.thecornerhouse.org

“there are no lasting changes without cultural changes... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes” ~ Pope Francis