

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 NOVEMBER 2023

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 18th	
6.30pm	William Beresford RIP
Sunday 19th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	John O'Connor RIP
10.30am	William Curtin RIP
6.30pm	Aimee Lydon RIP
Monday 20th	
9.30am	Cyril & Frances Jarvis RIP
Tuesday 21st	
9.30am	Mary Walsh RIP
Wednesday 22nd	
9.30am	Deidre College RIP
Thursday 23rd	
9.30am	Year 5 School Mass Mervyn Webster RIP
Friday 24th	
9.30am	Catherine & Thomas Naughton & Family RIP
Saturday 25th	
9.30am	Gerry Quigley 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

PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: 12/11/2023

Collection	Gift Aid	£123.00	Loose	£468.47
Retiring	Gift Aid	£21.76	Loose	£190.02

TOTAL £803.25

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish. Last Sunday we had a collection of the Archbishops Appeal, our parish raised a total of £211.78.

Next Sunday we will have a collection for the Catholic Youth Services, which supports youth work in our Diocese and beyond. Please use the red bucket that will be available in the church porch or your gift aid envelopes. Thank you.

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 will take you to our parish 'Give A Little' web donation page.



!!IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

This year we will have a dedicated day for decorating and preparing our church for Advent and our Christmas services on **Saturday 2nd December**. Our Christmas trees will need erecting and decorating, the church decorating, and our crib will be constructed at this time. The more helpers the quicker the process! Please contact or email the parish office if you are able to help for a couple of hours and we will confirm the times nearer to the day. Thank you.

PRE-CHRISTMAS 'SPRUCE UP'

This year our dedicated Pre-Christmas 'Spruce Up' morning will be on **Saturday 9th December**, after morning Mass. There are a variety of tasks that need to be taken care of and we hope that both male and female parishioners will be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help us. A sign-up sheet is available in the church porch for volunteers to sign up or please call or email the parish office. (Even if you can only spare an hour or two, Fathers would really appreciate!) Tea, coffee and soup and all the cleaning products will be provided.

MASS INTENTIONS

It is again a very busy time for Mass requests, so, if you have a particular date or time on which you want a Mass said during Advent or Christmas Time, it is very important that you let the parish office know as soon as possible.

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.



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, November 19, 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5

Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

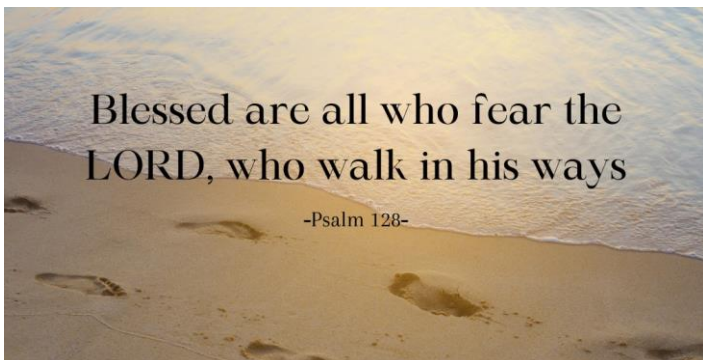
Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, November 12, 2023

RESPONSE: IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS



FAMILY REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

Say: In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

THE ROSARY

We pray the Rosary in the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.



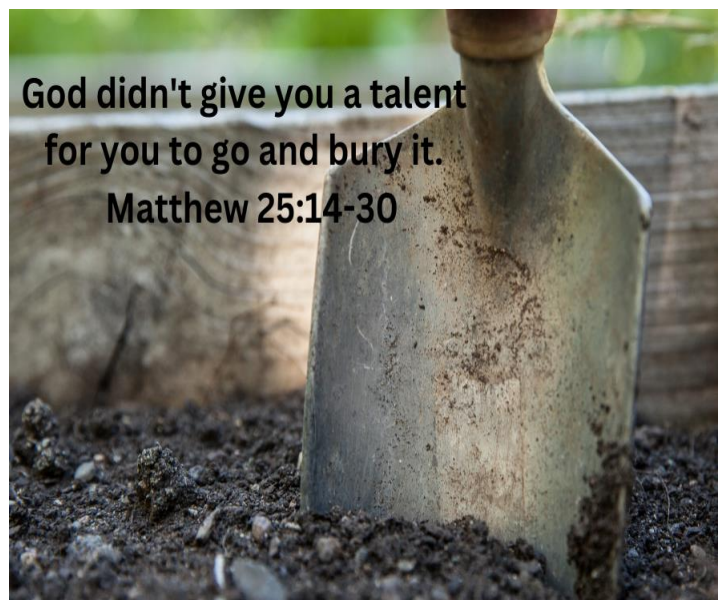
PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week at 10 am after Mass. Please stay after Mass for 10/15 mins to pray with fellow parishioners.



NOVEMBER - MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation inside the envelope. Please hand it to Father or place it in the basket at the altar throughout the month of November. +++Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. +++



+++ LATELY DEAD+++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridgett Philomena Kearns (Phyllis) who has died recently. Her funeral is to be held at St Thomas Aquinas, Ham. Further details to follow....
+++ 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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 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 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

Martha Bridget O'Kane, Dora Dombre, Denis Healy, Charles Little, Imelda Mary Filose, Paul Plantin, Felix Marks, Jean Nicoll, Madeline Plantin, Liam Mulvihill, Noel Heighton, Charles William Squires, Ronald Gordon Stone, James Heppel, Thomas McGarry, Rita Butler, Margaret Jennings, Charles Laing, Lucy Daubney, Michael Joseph Heelan, Kathleen Carter, Mary Thomas, William Yates, Beryl Hale, Margaret Donohoe, Alan Humberstone, Peter Harford, Kathleen Goddard, John Doyle, Joseph Marks, Charles Bergin, Lorna Mainwaring, Alice Wimbush, Monica Verhoven, Margaret Murphy, Beatrice Margaret Walter, Percy Lamb, Margaret Wiseman, Catherine Cullen, Edward Arendse, James Wiseman, Annie Varney, Frank Staffieri, Bernard Connellan, Lauren Eve O'Connor, Marie Avery.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

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 Secretary.



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/24

The next session is being held on: Sunday 14th January 2024. 11.45am-1pm (Session 2)



CONFIRMATION 2023/34

An email update and the schedule has been sent to candidates and parents – if you have not received this, please contact the Parish Office ASAP.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the coming months, please register for our next class on Sunday 26th November 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 encouraged that Godparents also attend.

Our subsequent class will be held in January 2024.

MARRIAGES IN 2024

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 preparations for our parishioners must Parish Office and we will happily guide you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

The RCIA course has begun, please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join the programme.



R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a set of rites, or ceremonies, designed to introduce and prepare non baptised adults into becoming full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation, namely, Baptism, (or Reception if already Baptised), Confirmation and Holy Eucharist (The Body and Blood of Christ). It is also for baptised Christians of other churches who take a similar, but unique path through the rites where they will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Baptised Adult Catholics seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, and possibly the Holy Eucharist if not already received, can also join this programme. 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 our neighbour, regardless of the colour of their skin, their social standing, where they come from. We are called to encounter every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning our indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being.' ~ Pope Francis

“MY PLACES”

AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS
BY BOB MEECHAM



“My Places” an exhibition of paintings by our very own resident artist Bob Meecham is to be held in the Church Cloister from 14th November – 4th December 2023.

The exhibition will be open Thursday – Saturday from 2 – 5pm. Other times available by appointment.

Please come along and visit. All are welcome!

A proportion of any sales of work will be donated to the church fund and to the RNLI

Any one available to help with stewarding at the exhibition please contact Bob or Maggie in person, or phone 07804498983 or email bbbm@blueyonder.co.uk

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

CAFOD - ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS

We have all been shocked and saddened by the images and stories in the media from Israel and Gaza and CAFOD ask us to join Pope Francis’ urgent call for peace and an end to the violence. CAFOD have set up an Israeli-Palestinian Crisis appeal so that they can provide urgent, practical help to the families who need it, as soon as it's safe to do so.

Further details about this and CAFOD efforts are available in the church porch or please visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help>

DONS Local Action Group

*Keeping our community fed,
connected & supported.*

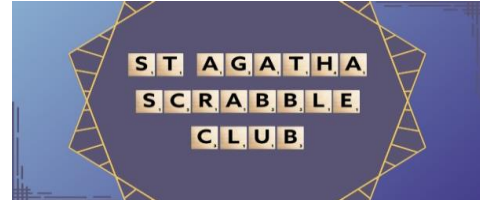
SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP THIS CHRISTMAS.

Thank you again for all your continued and generous support to DLAG. We are now looking ahead to Christmas and how we can support those in need during what can be a very difficult period for many, especially during these trying times. We are hopeful to have adequate items to be able to provide the Dons with another important delivery in plenty of time for Christmas! Thus, giving the Dons Team time to allocate the donated items to their intended recipients. So, please be as generous as you can these next couple of weeks. Thank you.



St Agatha's Canasta Club

The St Agatha's Canasta Card Club meets each Monday in the Church Cloister between 1pm to 4pm to play Canasta, have a coffee/tea and a chat.



NEW!! Scrabble Club

The Scrabble Club plan to meet on Thursdays at 2.30pm, anyone who is interested in playing scrabble, please come along. Everyone is welcome.

These are lovely opportunities for social time and for parishioners to get together, meet new people and enjoy some fun time together.

You don't have to sign up, you don't have to know how to play. Just come along and you will learn as you play.

Everyone is welcome, men, women, and young adults. Just come along and join as often or as little as you would like. We look forward to welcoming you.

Everyone is welcome to come along and share the space, warmth, and have a chat and a cuppa.



Give a coat, warm a heart

WRAP UP LONDON

7th -27th November 2023

Nearest coat drop off point:

Surbiton Fire Station – Open 24 hrs

(31/33 Ewell Rd, Surbiton. KT6 6AF)

Now in its 13th year, Wrap Up London will be collecting pre loved warm winter coats to be shared with frontline charities supporting people through the hardest of cold conditions this winter.

197,245 coats have been distributed since 2011 so please search in your cupboards and drawers, ask friends and donate to Wrap Up London.

Donating a coat also works as a gateway for an individual to gain access to other services and support given by the charity's partners. Coats are need for men, women, children and babies and they even accept dog coats!

More information can be found at:

www.handsonlondon.org.uk/wrap-uplondon