



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](mailto: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

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**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES  
SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019  
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (C)**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Wellbeing of Gavin Mullen  
6.30pm People of the Parish

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
World Mission Sunday**

9.00am Tina Piccirillo RIP  
10.30am Archbishop Micahel Bowen RIP  
6.30pm Tom Brennickmeyer

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

9.30am In Thanksgiving

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9.30am Robin O'Connor RIP

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Holy Souls

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Bill Kerrigan RIP

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Ted McMahan RIP  
6.30pm John Davis 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 & 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> November) 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, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *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**

*Charles McDonald, Alfred Watson, Luigi Vago, Ada Mary, Constance Brassington, Mary Coulter, Donald Holton, Donald McDonald, Francis Bernard Page, Christina Norris, Patrick McDonagh, Horace Jelf, Beatrice Hughes, Bridget Pilgrim, Patric Treacy, Robert Flynn, Ian Wilson, John Walsh, Belinda McDonagh, Ted McMahan, Antonio Marshall, Agnes Rose Young, Mabel Gibbs, Sylvia Morling, Mary Cecilia Pope, James Carmody, Gerald Gaskin, Margaret Moore, Marion Josephine Laidler, Ethel Masters, Castilla Heaton Harris, Alexander Duncan, Helen Parker, Patrick Cremin(Jr), Hilda Lynch, Florence Healey, Harriet Taylor, John Williams, Michael Conway, Giacanta Berre, Joseph Reilly. +++ May they rest in Peace +++*

**LET US REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY**

Let us remember those who have died and their families with love and affection during this time of grief.

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 18:1-8*

*Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.*

**Reflection**

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

**Family Reflection**

Children nag because it works. Parents, like the judge in the parable, often get worn down by the persistence of their children asking for things large and small. Nagging is not a positive trait, to be sure. The confidence and the persistence behind this behaviour, however, confidence in the goodness of the giver and the tenacity to stay in the relationship, are traits worth emulating in our relationship with God.

Read together Luke 18:1-8. Talk about appropriate ways to make needs and desires known to one another and to God in prayer. Recall that God wants to answer our prayers. As a family, offer your needs as prayers of petition to God.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**Offerings**

<b>First collection</b>	Gift Aid	£463.00	Loose	£552.51
<b>Retiring Collection</b>	Gift Aid	£7.00	Loose	£377.45

**TOTAL £1399.96**

Thank you for your generosity to your parish

The retiring collection last weekend was for CAFOD.

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

The retiring collection this weekend is for Missio.

**HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!**

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Archbishop Michael Bowen**

+++ May he rest in peace +++

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Archbishop Michael Bowen died on Thursday 17th October, at St Peter's Home, Vauxhall, aged 89. He was a faithful servant of the Church and especially of the two dioceses of which he was the chief shepherd. Please do pray for him and his family. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen. Funeral details to follow...

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**Sunday 20 October 2018**  
**World Mission Sunday**

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Clara share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can. If you are a taxpayer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes. For more information, visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) Thank you.

**First Holy Communion 2020**



The First Holy Communion program and application form are now available from the back of the church, please complete and return it to the Parish Office **no later than FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019.**

The first parents' meeting is on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm and the Mass of Inscription is on Sunday 17th November 2019, 10.30am.

**Parish Men's Group**

The men of the parish meet together once a month at the Wych Elm. The group will meet on the following dates in 2019, please note changes to some previously announced dates: **23<sup>rd</sup> October** and 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God. ~ Pope Francis

**Parish Office**

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, therefore the parish office will be closed.** Fr Anthony and Fr Pius will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only. For non-urgent enquiries please email [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

**British Summer Time Ends—Clocks Go Back**

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour in the early hours of **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**; Masses on that Sunday will therefore be one hour later than they would otherwise have been.

**All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation**

**Friday 1st November** is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two masses at **9.30am** and **7.30pm**. Saturday 2nd November is the All Souls day.

**Annual Blessing of Graves**

The annual blessing of graves will take place on **Sunday 3rd November**. There will be a short service in the chapel at Surbiton cemetery at 2.00pm, followed by blessing of graves. Also, a short service in the chapel at Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm followed by blessing of graves.

**Primary School 2020 Application Forms**

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

A priest will be available to sign Primary school application forms from **2-4pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.** No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please ensure that you complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please also bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, **especially Baptism Certificates.** The closing date for the application is 15th January 2020.

**Baptism Preparation Class**



Our next Baptism preparation class is on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019.** Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism in the next few months, please complete an application form and join us for this class. *Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a 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.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**SECTION ONE**

*"I BELIEVE" - "WE BELIEVE"*

We begin our profession of faith by saying: "I believe" or "We believe". Before expounding the Church's faith, as confessed in the Creed, celebrated in the liturgy and lived in observance of God's commandments and in prayer, we must first ask what "to believe" means. Faith is man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man, at the same time bringing man a superabundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life. THUS, we shall consider first that search (Chapter One), then the divine Revelation by which God comes to meet man (Chapter Two), and finally the response of faith (Chapter Three).

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**Christmas Raffle & Seniors Christmas Lunch**

Each year, a small but dedicated team of volunteers run the senior's lunch, and a raffle which plays a big part in helping raise funds. This year we would like to expand the raffle and therefore any donations, big or small, would be very much appreciated and will help make a big difference to the funds raised. If you have something you would like to donate, we would love to hear from you. A basket is available in the church porch for your donations, alternatively please contact the Parish Office to discuss further.

**Do we hear Wedding Bells?**

2020 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 so you are required to inform the church at least six months before the actual wedding date. Even if you plan to celebrate your wedding at another church all preparation for our parishioners must take place here at St. Agatha's. Please contact the Parish Office and we will happily guide you.



**Fr Gerry O'Brien Book of Condolence**

The book of condolence for the late Fr. Gerry O'Brien is still available to sign in the old sacristy. Please come and share your memories. We will be sending the book on to his family at the end of the month.

**APF Red Boxes**

It is time for the autumn count of the APF red boxes. If you have a red box, please would you bring it in to the church, we must receive it back before **31<sup>st</sup> October**, so that we can submit our final totals for the year. Returning boxes should be left on the table in the old sacristy please. When it has been counted, it will be placed on the same table ready for collection. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE LABEL AT THE BASE OF THE BOX.** Please contact Francesca Gilbert directly on 07813 777408 with any queries.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	October Devotion
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Parish Men's Group
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Agatha's School Inset Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Agatha's Church Youth Club
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Annual day of Recollection
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	British Summer Time Ends
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	October Devotion
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half-Term Week
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	All Saints: Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 9.30am & 7.30pm.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Annual Blessing of Graves

**St Agatha's Church Youth Club**

*The brand-new St Agatha's Church Youth Club is going well, with over 30 children now steadily attending!*

The Youth Club runs every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and is open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! Once established the young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to being able to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.



We would also like to thank the parishioners who have already come forward to help, however, **we still need more volunteers**, of all ages, to help behind the scenes with the various tasks involved with running the club, such as setting up and clearing away equipment, to ensure the club can continue. No experience of youth work is necessary. Could you spare just a few hours a month? Please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius, or contact the parish office for further details. **Youth Club registration forms are available at the back of the church, via our website or ask one of the volunteers.**

**Next week, 25<sup>th</sup> October, the children will be taking part in a boat trip.**

**Tea and Coffee**

Tea and coffee will be served in the Cloister after the Sunday 9am Mass on the **last Sunday of each month**: do come and join us to meet and greet others, and our clergy, especially if you are new to the parish. If you attend this Mass and would like to help once a month, please email the parish office.

The dignity of the human person and the common good rank higher than the comfort of those who refuse to renounce their privileges. When these values are threatened, a prophetic voice must be raised. ~ Pope Francis

### October Devotion: The Holy Rosary

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of the Rosary, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession, the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings. During October, we invite everyone to pray your rosary. We especially encourage families to pray the rosary together. As a parish we shall dedicate Sunday Evenings to Pray the Rosary together and finish with Benediction. Never mind if you're a bit rusty, or if it's been a while since you last prayed your rosary. It's never too late to begin again; come let us experience the power of the rosary. **We will start at 5.30pm every Sunday: 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>.** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

### 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 for the Masses inside the envelope. Please hand it to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Pius, or leave it in the basket in the Parish Office.



## ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2020



Children born between 01 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2020

**Our open morning for prospective reception class parents is on**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**(9.30am in the School Hall)**

**Closing date for all applications is**  
**15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Find further information, visit our website: [www.stagathas.school](http://www.stagathas.school)

- telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons]
- e-mail: [office@stagathas.school](mailto:office@stagathas.school)

### Parish Website

We invite you to take a moment to peruse our new improved website, the design now makes it easier to navigate and is very user-friendly. Please feel free to send back any questions, comments or suggestions you may have for us. We hope you'll find it both useful and informative. The address has not changed: [stagathaschurch.org.uk](http://stagathaschurch.org.uk).

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

- **The Mustard Seed** (Please note a change of Date in Nov)
- **Conquest Art Group at St Pius**
- **London SW Catholic Social Group**
- **Parishioner/Teacher seeking Accommodation**
- **Parishioner/Student Seeking Accommodation**
- **A Day with Mary**
- **School Open Day/Evening events**
- **Job Vacancy at Holy Cross Prep School**

### THEOLOGY & TAP

QUENCH YOUR SPIRITUAL THIRST

#### 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 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald will give a talk as part of the monthly series - 'Theology on Tap' in Alexander House - The Parish Hall at St. Raphael's Church in Surbiton. The evening begins with wine and nibbles at 6.00pm with the talk starting at 6.30pm. The evening should conclude by 8.00pm