

CLERGY

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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 20TH NOVEMBER 2022
 CHRIST THE KING, C**

Saturday 19th	
9.30am	James Corcoran RIP
6.30pm	Maria McCarthy RIP
Sunday 20th	
Christ The King Youth Sunday	
9am	Vincent Arendse RIP
10.30am	FHC Inscription Mass William Curtin RIP
6.30pm	Deirdre Colledge RIP
Monday 21st	
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial	
9.30am	Michael Joseph Heelan RIP
Tuesday 22nd	
St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial	
9.30am	Mary Hawkins RIP
Wednesday 23rd	
9.30am	Cyril & Frances Jarvis RIP
Thursday 24th	
Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial	
9.30am	Carmelina Silveira, Jose Silveira, Magan Mecwan
Friday 25th	
9.30am	Gerry Quigley RIP
Saturday 26th	
9.30am	Sarah Cronin RIP
6.30pm	Teresa & Luigi & Pasquale Pozella 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 AM
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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HAS RESTARTED!

Please join us at the 10.30am Mass this Sunday 20th November and Sunday 4th December 2022, when we will have a children's liturgy session.



Children's Liturgy is held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Family Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the where the Liturgy takes place. They return to join the full congregation at the offertory. Any work they have done is brought up during the offertory as their gift to God and the Community.

Children's Liturgy is run by the parents/adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day. If you would like to join the team, please contact the parish office for further information.



YOUTH SUNDAY – 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday) and moving forward asks the global Catholic community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King. It will be a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in church.

Today we also celebrate NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY – very appropriate in our parish today as our young people complete their FHC Inscription Mass.

We pray for all our young people in our parish and everywhere, so that they continue to be guided along the right path and be ambassadors for the Church and all that is right and just.

We will have a retiring collection for the Southwark Catholic Youth Services, which supports youth work in our Diocese and beyond.

Please use the red bucket that is available in the church porch. Thank you.



FAREWELL & THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Fr. Eugene Lugh, MSP, will be leaving us within the next couple of weeks and we thank him immensely for his ministry during his time here at St. Agatha's. We are having a Thanksgiving collection for Fr. Eugene to thank him personally and some envelopes are available at the back of the church to make your gift; please hand in your envelopes by Monday 28th November 2022.

We will be having a Farewell Celebration on Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 7pm in the Cloister, please join us for drinks and nibbles, so that we may take the opportunity to say thank you and wish him well. Everyone is welcome.

May the Lord reward him and bless his future ministry.



SCHOOL STREETS SCHEMES IN KINGSTON

We have been notified of a proposal to expand the current School Street scheme at St Agatha's Primary School which would affect our church and a proposal to expand the permit parking area to the north of Latchmere and St Agatha's Primary School. Both proposals require engagement with local residents and businesses and would only go forward if the schemes are supported.

School Street expansion

The existing School Street scheme which covers sections of Latchmere Road and Dinton Road were initially installed as a trial scheme. They became permanent highway changes in October following a Neighbourhood Committee meeting in September. Ward Councillors also requested that the Council engage with local residents of Bockhampton Road, Wyndham Road and Dinton Road to see whether they would like the scheme to expand to those roads too.

The school street scheme operates during 08.15 - 09.30 and 14.30-16.00 Monday to Friday, only those with permits are permitted to access these roads during these times.

Two options are being considered for expanding the School Street on Dinton Road. Option 1 would permit access to our car park and Wyndham Road during these times. Option 2 would NOT permit access during these times. Maps of these options are available on our website:

<https://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk/>

Have your say and find out more details at:

<https://kingstonletstalk.co.uk/school-street-ss1>

PPA expansion

The PPA expansion may not affect us at the church but may affect some of you, our parishioners. A letter and plan are being sent out to residents and businesses within the affected areas this week. They would like as much feedback as possible on the proposals via the Kingston Lets Talk pages.

Have your say and find out more details at:

<https://kingstonletstalk.co.uk/ppa-northkingston>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

The Inscription Mass is on Sunday 20th November 2022 at the 10.30am Mass. All children MUST attend the Mass.

This is followed by session 1 for Children AND Parents at 11.45am.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held on Sunday 22nd January 2023. 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.

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



!!IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Pre-Christmas 'Spruce Up' SAVE THE DATE!

This year our dedicated Pre-Christmas 'Spruce Up' morning will be on Saturday 3rd 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 will soon be 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.

CHURCH DECORATING

This year we will have a dedicated day for decorating and preparing our church for our Christmas services on Saturday 10th December 2022. 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 between 2pm and 6pm and we will confirm the times nearer to the day. Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE 2022!!

We are very pleased to announce that this year we will be returning to our full advent and Christmas schedule, including our amazing Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.

Dates and times for your diary:

- Christingle sign up available from Sunday 27th November – Sunday 11th December 2022.
- Sunday 18th December – Christingle Dress and Lines Allocation, after 10.30am Mass.
- Friday 23rd December 2022 – Dress Rehearsal in the church, 10am – 1pm.
- Friday 23rd December 2022 – Christingle Making, 10am in the church hall.
- Saturday 24th December 2022 – Christingle Service at 4pm.

ADVENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent and copies of the Advent edition of 'My Day by Day' are available at the back of the Church, they cost £1 each (Please put money in the box marked Newspapers or the small donations box available.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during advent and is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas. A junior version is also available.

The church would betray its own love for God and its fidelity to the gospel if it stopped being . . . a defender of the rights of the poor . . . a humanizer of every legitimate struggle to achieve a more just society . . . that prepares the way for the true reign of God in history. ~
Saint Óscar Romero

Christ THE KING
Sunday, November 20, 2022

Gospel Reading
Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

Gospel Reflection

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.

Family Reflection

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honour. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honour Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honour Christ as King.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle, Melba De Silva and Marie Chlebeckova.

Please let the Parish Office know, in writing, if either you or your relatives would like to be mentioned on our sick list.

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 Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Madeleine Plantin, Margaret Kelly, Sarah Cronin. **+++May They Rest In Peace+++**

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.

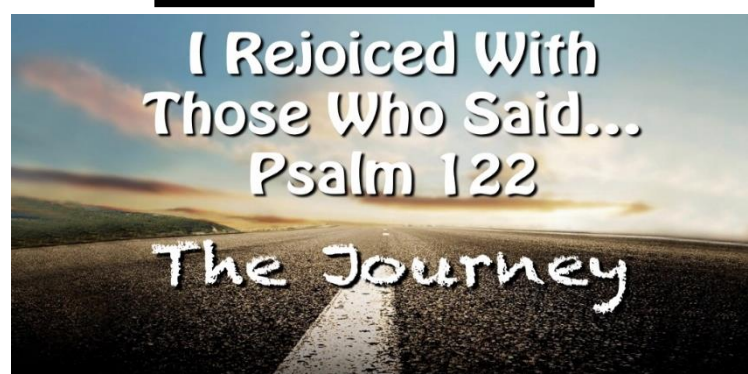
+++Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.+++

MASS INTENTIONS

It is again becoming a very busy time for Mass requests and sometimes Masses can be booked weeks in advance, so, 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.

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. Thank you.



WRAP UP LONDON: 7-27TH NOVEMBER 2022

Now 12 years old, Wrap Up London has become one of the largest winter volunteering events in the city and illustrates what can be achieved when people come together as a community to help those most in need. Coats donated to Wrap Up London are distributed via homeless shelters, refuge centres, organisations supplying the elderly, women's refuges, children's centres and other charities helping people in crisis.

Are you able to donate any clean coats in good condition, for men, women children or babies?

The nearest drop off points for your donations are:

Surbiton Fire Station, 31/33 Ewell Road, KT6 6AF.

Richmond Fire Station, 323 Lower Richmond Road, TW9 4PN.

Both locations are open 24/7.

For more information on this and other volunteering opportunities visit:

www.wrapupuk.org.uk or email:

wulvolunteers@handsonlondon.org.uk



DONS Local Action Group

Keeping our community fed, connected & supported.

OUR VISION: *To build a resourceful community tackling the effects of poverty.*

Dons Local Action Group (DLAG) are a local network of volunteers Originally formed by fans of AFC Wimbledon during the Covid-19 pandemic, and are now permanent across Merton, Wandsworth and Kingston.

Their aim is to help those in our local community to fight poverty and offer support. They provide food parcels, household goods, furniture and appliances. They also offer laptops through their 'Keep Kids Connected' initiative for children who do not have access to online learning. They are made up entirely of volunteers and provide over 2,500 weekly food parcels to those in need in the London boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton, Kingston and Richmond.

They operate by setting up daily stalls outside over 20 local supermarkets where they ask shoppers to donate certain items each day. These donations then go to sorting hubs where they are packaged into weekly food parcels for vulnerable and isolated people in the borough, as well as being taken to chefs who make meals for the homeless. They support other organisations (such as foodbanks and homeless charities) with bulk donations, and also provide laptops to local schools and children. So far, they have given out over 17,000 weekly food parcels and over 400 devices.

Families and people in need are often referred by charities, food banks, the police, refuges, GPs, schools and other local services. They collaborate with social services, GPs, housing associations, schools and many other local organisations so they can help individuals or families. They deliver food parcels or furniture directly to the doorstep. Laptops and tablets are given to schools who redistribute them to their pupils most in need.

For more information or to volunteer please visit: <https://donslocalaction.org/>



Friday 25th November 6.30pm-9pm

The Holy Cross School, Sandal Rd, New Malden, KT3 5AR

- Stalls – jewellery, toiletries, cakes, henna tattoos, stocking fillers, games & many more!
- Exciting raffle & tombolas – raffle draw at 8.30pm
- Korean hot food stall: freshly cooked – please pay cash
- Food, snacks, bar & refreshments
- Football screening room with bar - World Cup: England vs USA

Entrance £3*, under 18's free

**includes mulled wine/soft drink & a mince pie*

****LIMITED CARD READERS, CASH PREFERRED****

Please park with consideration for our neighbours

We have joined up with DLAG and we have a collection point in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items, such as pasta, rice, cereals, tea and coffee UHT milk, tins of vegetable, fruit, soup and also pet food and toiletry items such as toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant. These items will be collected on a monthly basis initially, the 1st collection is planned for Friday 25th November 2022, so please do not donate anything that is perishable such as fruit, vegetables, eggs or bread items. Please also check the date on all items to ensure they have a good storage life. We will update the list of items needed on a regular basis. Thank you.

A DAY WITH MARY

There will be 'A Day With Mary' at the Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon, SW19, next Saturday, 26th November. The day will begin at 10.45 and conclude at 5.45pm.

A Day with Mary is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic Church or shrine. It emphasizes Worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady.

For more details see the posters on the church notice board or visit: <https://www adaywithmary.org>