



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.

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**SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019 – EASTER SUNDAY (C)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES**

Saturday 20th **Holy Saturday**
NO MORNING MASS
Lent and Holy Week Programme
Easter Vigil
Vincent Straccialano

7.30pm
Sunday 21st **Easter Sunday**
9.00am Agnes Murphy RIP
10.30am Margaret O'Connor RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 22nd **Easter Monday**
9.30am Thomas Mason & Walter Longford RIP

Tuesday 23rd **(St George, Solemnity transferred to Tuesday 30th)**
9.30am Desmond Pearl RIP

Wednesday 24th
9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

Thursday 25th
9.30am Jean Finlay

Friday 26th
9.30am Ottorino Tiberini

Saturday 27th
9.30am Eugene Moriarty RIP
6.30pm Bridie, Dennis & John Crehan & Crehan Family 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 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 (4th May) 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

Catherine Cusiack, Mary Squires, Bridget Kieley, Michael Cooke, Linda Hull, Tom Kelleher, Ellen Smith, Hannah McCarthy, Caroline Sidaway, Stella Collins, Kenneth Rose, Daniel Paterson, Edward Arthur Kavanagh, Julia Whelan, Ethel Herbert, Anne Overy, George Sargent, Gretta Conway, Charles Edwards, Annie Laing, Percy Wright, Deidre Broadhurst, Michael Geary, Juan Ortiz, Patrick Rice, Walter Rolls Pearce, Bernard Brennan, Patrick Walsh, Guiglielmo Dnorato. **+++ May they rest in Peace +++**

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£458.00	Loose	£638.09
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£6.00	Loose	£55.76

TOTAL £1157.85

The CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal raised £124.36. CAFOD thank you for all your support.

Next weekend's retiring collection will be for the maintenance of St. Georges Cathedral, Southwark; this collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

The great gift of eater is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake. ~ George Basil Cardinal Hume

RAISED UP

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This was the last of the *Hallel* psalms which Jesus would have sung with the disciples at the end of the Passover meal. In the light of the resurrection it acquires a wonderful fulfilment. *His right hand has raised me up.* The resurrection completes the passing of Jesus from this world to the Father.

This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

At the great Vigil we celebrated that 'night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth'. Ten times the voice of the Cantor proclaimed the significance of that night when darkness was conquered. Day dawns and the women go to the tomb. Lo, the stone is rolled back and the tomb is empty! It is the dawn of a new day... a day which reaches into eternity.

With the psalmist we rejoice and give thanks for his goodness which has overcome sin, and for his love which has no end. *I shall live and recount his deeds.* We are called to be witnesses to the resurrection, rising above darkness and sin. The most authentic witness is the testimony of charity in thought, attitude and action. God's love comes to perfection only when we love one another. That is how his love has no end.

May the stones of hard hearts be rolled away by the angels of God's grace. May our lives show to the world that he is risen. May the church in its holiness be *a marvel in our eyes.*

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

Happy Easter to you all from all of us here at St. Agatha's Parish! We pray for you and hope you and your families and loved ones have a joyful Easter Season. Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil, and eternity and glory with God in Heaven. We pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones. Peace, love and joy, Fathers Anthony & Pius.

Easter Offerings

Easter offering envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to use them for an Easter Offering for our Clergy. If you normally Gift Aid your weekly offerings would you please print your name/number clearly on the Easter Offering Envelope.



Tea, Coffee and Hot Cross Buns

will be served this Sunday after the 9am Mass, in the Cloister. A warm welcome awaits you and it is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners. Please do come and join us.

Flower Arrangers!

Thank you everyone who showed an interest in becoming part of a team of flower arrangers; we will be holding an initial meeting on **Saturday 11th May 2019 at 10am.** We are currently looking for individuals who would like to volunteer to help prepare the flower arrangements for the church. No experience necessary – we are looking for anyone with an interest in flower arranging to get involved – from complete beginner to seasoned professional! Many hands make light work. We will have a flower budget from church funds so individual flower arrangers will not be required to take on any financial outlay. If you are interested, please speak with the Parish Secretary for more details.

Make a little bouquet of the suffering of Jesus and carry them in the bosom of the soul. ~ St Paul of the Cross

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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REFLECTION – SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019

Two facts stand out which provide a sound basis for an act of faith on the story of the Resurrection: firstly, the sudden and profound transformation of the of the apostles from a bunch of cowards, huddles together in the Upper Room in deadly fear of authorities. They are flabbergasted, and their lives shattered. After the Resurrection they boldly challenge and defy the whole Sanhedrin in a religious debate, at the risk of losing their lives. And indeed, later on many of them lost their lives – becoming martyrs for the Risen Lord. Secondly, the constancy of the apostles' testimony through thick and thin, their radical transformation and the constancy of their testimony impelled them to declare again and again, "Jesus has risen from the dead." We are also called to be witnesses – through words and deeds – to people who do not know Christ.

REFLECTION – THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2019

The resurrection was not simply an event that took place beyond history but happened in space and time, was real, and witnessed by the disciples who saw the risen Lord. The hands and feet that Jesus showed his disciples are visible today in each of us who claim to be his disciples. These are to be shown to the world as "proof" not only of the fact that Jesus is alive, but that in his name forgiveness is even now being preached. It is significant that the content of the preaching, even after the resurrection of Jesus, is to be forgiveness, because that is why Jesus came into the world, to save people from their sins. This forgiveness can be preached and made real only if we bear witness to it through our lives.

REFLECTION – FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2019

Sometimes, it is the words of a stranger that result in the transformation of a situation. To hear these words, it is important to be as open and receptive as the disciples were though they did not know who that stranger was. If the disciples, instead of listening to what the stranger was saying, had acted arrogantly and with pride, they would never have made the miraculous catch and may never have encountered Jesus.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

Confirmation



We offer our congratulations to our 32 young people who were confirmed by Bishop Paul Hendricks on Sunday 31st March 2019, here at St Agatha's. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire them as they make their way through life as active members of the Church and help them in discerning their charism and how to put them to use in building up the society.

The Apostleship of the Sea

We are seeking a parish representative for this worthy Catholic charity. The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. AoS port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare services and advice, practical help, care and friendship. The Apostleship of the Sea in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as Stella Maris, working in more than 250 ports around the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship. However, the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. So, The Apostleship of the Sea provides important support to these seafarers, and relies wholly on voluntary contributions. If you have an association with the world of seafarers or the navy, this may particularly appeal to you. It will not be a very time-consuming role. If interested, please contact Karin in the parish office.

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

- Job Vacancy at Holy Cross Preparatory School
- Divine Mercy Sunday Service at St Raphael
- Divine Mercy Sunday Service at St Joseph
- 'The Gift' at St Joseph's Parish, New Malden
- Archdiocese of Southwark 2019 Spring Assembly
- St George's Cathedral Chorister Recruitment Day
- A Day with Mary
- Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 21 st Apr	Easter Sunday
Wednesday 24 th Apr	Parish Men's Group
Sunday 28 th April	Baptism Preparation Class
Sunday 28 th April	FHC Session 8

First Holy Communion 2019

Please note the following dates for upcoming sessions:

Children's Session 8	Sunday 28 th April	4 – 5pm
Group 1 Rehearsal	Friday 3 rd May	4 – 5pm
Group 1 Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 5 th May	12 noon
Group 2 Rehearsal	Friday 10 th May	4 – 5pm
Group 2 Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 12 th May	12noon

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: **24th April**, 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be on Sunday 28th April 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.

Altar Servers' Rally 2019

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on Monday 6th May at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Bishop Paul Mason is the principal celebrant. The annual rally gives servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. If you have not attended before please take the time to 'come and see'. All servers and their families and friends are welcome. A poster with more details is on the church noticeboard. Altar Servers perform a very important role in liturgical services. After approx. 2 years regular serving, servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and receive the Guild bronze medal. If you or your children are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Frs. Anthony or Pius. Further details are available on the Parish Noticeboard. Please let us know if you are intending to attend.



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.

Sunday 28th April 2019

Joanna Bogle, Catholic historian and writer
Visiting Research Fellow, St Mary's University

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.

Christ gave His life to redeem the world. The life of Christ was a life of sacrifice. The life of a Christian must be a life of sacrifice. We cannot imitate the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary by trying to get all we can. We can only imitate the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary by trying to give all we can. ~ Peter Maurin