

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 21ST MAY 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Saturday 20th

6.30pm Vincent Arendse RIP

Sunday 21st

**7th Sunday of Easter
World Communications Sunday**

9am Viola & Arthur O'Connor RIP
Christopher O'Connor RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Alicia Coll RIP

Monday 22nd

9.30am Pauline Welham RIP

Tuesday 23rd

9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday 24th

9.30am Wellbeing of Malcolm Pereira

Thursday 25th

**St Bede the Venerable, Priest,
Doctor of the Church, Memorial**

9.30am Birthday Thanksgiving

Friday 26th

St Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial

9.30am Rev Fr Peter Akor

Saturday 27th

**St Augustine of Canterbury,
Bishop, Feast**

9.30am Private Intentions

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

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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Sunday Collection 14/05/2023

Gift Aid £140.50 Loose £492.23

TOTAL £632.73

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish. This weekend's retiring collection will be for Communications Sunday.

57th World Day of Social Communication 2023



Theme: *Speak with the heart*
"The truth in Love" (Eph 4:15)

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY 2023

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated this Sunday, 21st May 2023.

The theme this year comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

If you would like to read the Pope's message about this day please go to:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/>

You will find information, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website:

www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day

Please use your gift aid envelopes or the red bucket in the church porch. Thank you.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES
SACRAMENTAL FOR YOUR DIARIES**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

The First Holy Communion Mass takes place this Sunday, 21st May 2023 at 12pm.

Please pray for the Children as they receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.



CONFIRMATION 2023

Remaining timetable for Confirmation 2023:

- Monday 22nd May 2023
Session 7 - 7.15-8.30pm
- Monday 5th June 2023
Session 8 - 7.15-8.30pm
- Friday 9th June 2023
- Final Preparation/Rehearsal for Candidates & Parents - 7.15-9pm
- Sunday 11th June 2023
Confirmation Mass at 12.30pm
- Monday 12th June 2023
Evaluation and Reflection at 7.15-8.30pm



Seventh Sunday of Easter, Cycle A
Sunday, May 21, 2023

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11a

Jesus prays for his disciples.

Gospel Reflection

Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.



Family Reflection

In today's Gospel we glimpse Jesus' prayer for his disciples. If we read further in John's Gospel, we find that Jesus prayed for his disciples' protection from the evil one. Jesus also prayed for all those who would have faith in him because of the disciples' teaching. That means that Jesus prayed for us as well, even before his death on the cross. Our faith tells us that Jesus continues to intercede for us at the Father's right hand.

Gather together as a family and think about the tradition of praying for other people. Who do you pray for? What do you ask for in your prayers? In today's Gospel we find an example of Jesus' prayer to the Father. Read together today's Gospel, John 17:1-11a. Think about Jesus' prayer for his disciples. We know that Jesus continues to intercede for us at the Father's right hand. What might Jesus' prayer be for you and your family? Conclude by praying together in thanks for the great love that Jesus shows you. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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 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.

**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 Christ but who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Priests.

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

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, Cpl. Thomas Farry, Edith Turnham, John Conway.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on **Wednesday 24th May 2023**, at the Wych Elm. Please come along and join them from 8pm. Everyone is welcome.



ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief



training session on Saturday 24th June 2023 at 5pm. The session will last approximately an hour. Parents are asked to please remain in the church during the training.

If you would like to join our brilliant team of Altar Servers at St Agatha's, please do come along and join them; we especially welcome those who are this year completing their First Holy Communion.

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.

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.

MARY'S MEALS

FOREIGN CURRENCY CAMPAIGN

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. Talk to friends and neighbours, maybe they have spare foreign coins/notes as well? We know that over the years foreign coins and notes end up in all sorts of odd places so please hunt high and low; remember we'll also gladly take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender anymore.



You will find envelopes at the back of church today, please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins and notes* into it. Then bring your envelope back into church next weekend. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support.

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ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23 September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson To book & for more details please email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk





*Keeping our community fed,
connected & supported.*

SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

For too many families, 'food deprivation' is a fact of life. An unacceptable fact of life in 2023! But wishing will not make it go away. It is here for the immediate future at least, so are we and so many like-minded folks.

Thanks to your generous support here at St Agatha's, parents have been able to feed their children. That is a simple fact not an exaggeration.

Please try to continue supporting this appeal on behalf of the Dons. And yes, they are actively supporting families in the KT2 Postcode area.

Our collection point remains 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. Please note that they accept non-food items such as toilet paper, washing up liquid, household cleaning products.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE 2023 - IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Join at St George's Cathedral, at a "hub" venue in the diocese or on Zoom to explore how to live more fully in the power of the Spirit.

The Archdiocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal team are again organising Life in the Spirit Seminars for the Archdiocese during Eastertide.

The Seminars will run on five Tuesday evenings (2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th May and 6th June) at St George's Cathedral and at local hubs* across the Archdiocese as well as on Zoom, with a Pentecost Saturday retreat day for all participants at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 27th May. Everyone would be most welcome. Inspiring talks and music, small group sharing and daily reflections (with food provided for those attending Tuesday evening sessions at the Cathedral).

*** Local Hub: NEW MALDEN St Joseph's Catholic Church, Montem Road, New Malden KT3 3QW.**

For further details, see the leaflets in the church porch or visit: www.bit.ly/SOUTHWARK2023 or email kristinabcooper@gmail.com.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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MARRIAGES IN 2023 and 2024

2023 or 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 preparation for our parishioners must take place here at St. Agatha's.

Please contact the Parish Office and we will happily guide you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, our next class is being held on Sunday 17th September 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

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 and for Christians of other denominations who want to be Received into the Catholic Church.

Please email the Parish Office for more details and to register for our next programme: kingston@rcaos.org.uk

'Christians do not diminish the seriousness of suffering, they raise their eyes to the Lord and under the blows of adversity, trust in him and pray for those who suffer. They keep their eyes on Heaven, but their hands are extended to earth, to serve their neighbour concretely.' ~ Pope Francis