

CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Francis Olaseni, MSP – Parish Priest & Hospital Chaplain
 Rev. Fr. Peter Akor, MSP – Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain
 Rev. Robert Beresford – Deacon

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 22ND JANUARY 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 21st	St Agnes, Martyr, Memorial
6.30pm	Naime Hernandez & Her Parents Mercedes & Abacu RIP
Sunday 22nd	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Hilda & Kenneth Williams
10.30am	Keith & Allen Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Neddy O'Connell RIP
Monday 23rd	
9.30am	Nancy Petitjean RIP
Tuesday 24th	St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial
9.30am	Wellbeing of Abbe Francois Dupraz and Anderson Cpeyton
Wednesday 25th	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast
9.30am	Gerry Quigley RIP
Thursday 26th	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Memorial
9.30am	John Beresford RIP
Friday 27th	
9.30am	Desmond Pearl RIP
Saturday 28th	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church, Memorial
9.30am	Matthew Crocker 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

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL CELEBRATION DAY
 Friday 27th January 2023**

St Paul's Day Celebration: The Missionaries of St Paul (MSP) invite all parishioners to the Annual St Paul's Day on Friday 27th January 2023 at St George's Cathedral SE1 7HY. Mass begins at 6:30pm, followed by reception in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.



**ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
 Tuesday 7th February 2023**

We would like to invite everyone along to celebrate with us our Feast Day for a special Thanksgiving Mass at 7pm. Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the Cloister. Please do come along and join us.



**ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY & PARISH NOVENA
 Starts Saturday 28th January 2023**

In recognition of our Parish's Feast Day of Saint Agatha on 5th February, we will observe a nine-day Novena before the Feast Day itself. The Novena will commence on Saturday 28th January 2023 continuing daily through to Sunday 5th February 2023, concluding with a Parish Thanksgiving on Tuesday 7th February 2023. The Novena will be observed on Saturday and Sundays during the evening, 6.30pm, Mass. Monday to Friday please join us each day at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.....

Date	Guest Speaker	Subject
Monday 30 th January	St Agatha's School	
Tuesday 31 st January	Timothy Mazela	Life as a Catholic Teenager
Wednesday 1 st February	Miranda Anderson	A meditation on the family
Thursday 2 nd February	John de Quidt	Being Supported when Bereaved
Friday 3 rd February	Professor Peter Hindmarsh	Faith, certainty & uncertainty in medical practice

***"She teaches by her example, to hasten to the true Good – God alone."* ~ St Methodius of Sicily (c 788-c 847) from a homily on St Agatha.**



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, January 22, 2023

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples. (shorter form Matthew 4:12-17)

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

Family Reflection

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In Matthew 8:14-15 for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. Matthew 20:20-28 relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honour in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

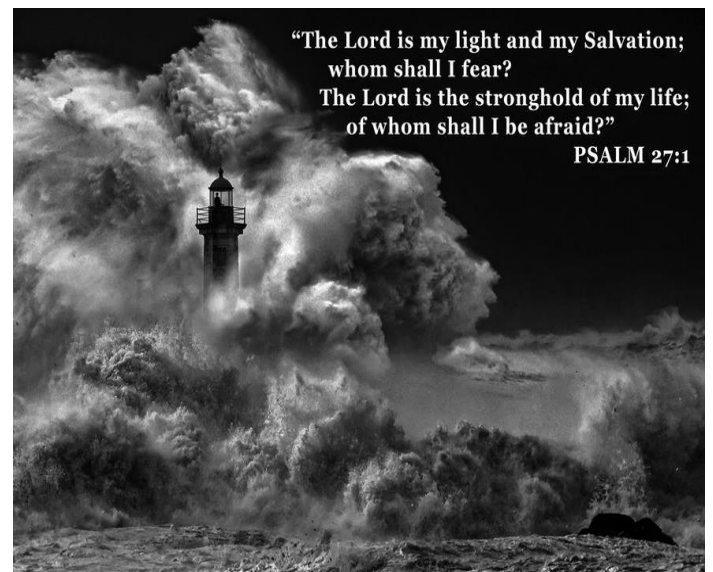
Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of

the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?

Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



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SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

Following on from your generosity before Christmas, we are now planning what will be our third delivery to the Dons. The final few days of January are provisionally pencilled in for the delivery. So please try and support this by contributing tinned and non-perishable foods into and around the box provided at the back of church. Thanking you in anticipation.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

The next session is being held on: Sunday 22nd January 2023. 11.45am to 1pm (Session 3).
Session 4 will be held on Sunday 5th February 2023.



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.

Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 19th February 2023.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2023

There will be an Introduction and Family Meeting for Candidates and their families on Monday 20th February 2023.

Candidates to arrive for a 7.15pm start and parents to arrive at 8.30pm.

The first candidate session will be on Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.15pm.

The Confirmation Inscripton Mass will be on **Sunday 5th March at 6.30pm**: Candidates MUST arrive by 6pm



MARRIAGES IN 2023



2023 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.

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.

THE ROSARY

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



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

We 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.



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.

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.

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

Robert Francis Colclough, Agneta Hill, Mary Shanks, Mary Frances McDonnell, Winifred Gertrude Maton, William Little, Mary Abraham, Micheal Gray, William George Hedger, Thyrsa Colclough, Michael Cullen, Alfred Hall, Agnes Rimmer, Mary Johnson, James Norman, Margaret Heighton, John McParlane, Patric Emerson, John Henry Cowen, Elsie Lilian Boyden, Malcolm Leece, Edward Moore, Agnes Cullen, David Ryan, Frederick Warrington, William Westhead, Wilfrid McCabe, Peter Creely, Esgeir Jan Guest, Rose Burrows, Lilian Solomon, Joseph Ennis, Gerald Quigley, Thomas Joseph Byrne, Margaret Barry, Edmundo Marcantonio, Margaret Marks, Frances Mary O'Sullivan, William Dowling, Margaret Dunne, Frederick Scott, Fr Kevin O'Hanlon, William Kelly, Desmond Pearl, Matthew Jeremy Norton Crocker, Mary Dann, Margaret Murphy, Dinah North, Eleanor Weldon, Edward Smith, Evelyn Bidwell. +++May They Rest In Peace +++

MASS INTENTIONS

It is, again, a very busy time for Mass requests and Masses are being booked several weeks in advance. Therefore, 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.

“Dear young people, like the first disciples, follow Jesus! Do not be afraid to draw near to Him, to cross the threshold of His dwelling, to speak to Him face to face, as you talk with a friend.” – Pope Francis

**RENEWED IN HOPE
DIOCESAN ONLINE RETREAT**



A retreat for Lent 2023, introduced by Archbishop John Wilson, led by members of the Spirituality Commission.

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience for individuals and parishes during Lent 2023. Drawing on the Mass readings for the Sundays of Lent, Renewed in Hope will help us find fresh ways of living and working in hope, in the company of Jesus. We live in a divided world, where many are struggling to survive. Through his life, death and resurrection, the suffering and risen Christ continues to make all things new. The retreat is designed for individuals and is based on a weekly video accompanied by suggested exercises for prayer and reflection. These resources will be available in advance so that the videos can be viewed at any convenient time. Individuals can join one of the online groups that will be offered on different days of the week and at different times of the day.

For more details and to register follow this link:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope>



CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK

During Lent, or later in the year if you prefer, CAFOD is encouraging individuals, families, friends, parishes and schools to get involved in, "The Big Lent Walk" or "The Big CAFOD Walk". Help raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. You do not have to walk 200km during Lent, i.e. 5km every day for 40 days, just choose a goal that suits you.

For more details just visit: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

CAFOD launched the Walk for Water in Lent 2021 during lockdowns in England and Wales. It raised £750,000 for vital water projects in some of the most drought-stricken regions of the world and a Walk Against Hunger followed in Lent 2022. During Lent 2023 CAFOD will be running its first Big Lent Walk. Individuals are welcome to take part, when and where they choose over 40 days. It's a great way of enjoying the natural world and an opportunity for prayer and reflection while at the same time standing in solidarity with people living in poverty.



St Agatha's Canasta Card 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.

It is a lovely social time for parishioners to get together, meet new people and enjoy some fun time together and build community.

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.

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**The London Welsh
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The Priests

7:30pm Thursday 16th February 2023

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