



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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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 21st St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast

9.30am Arend Dieperink RIP

6.30pm Rosie Reed RIP

**Sunday 22nd Twenty-Fifth Sunday
Day of Prayer for the Harvest**

9.00am People of the Parish

10.30am Angela French RIP

6.30pm Rev Fr. Gerry O'Brien

Monday 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina, Memorial

9.30am Agre Esteban RIP

Tuesday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial

9.30am Private Intention

Wednesday 25th

9.30am Ottorino Tiberini RIP

Thursday 26th

9.30am Seamus Dooley RIP

Friday 27th St Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial

9.30am Peter Creely RIP

Saturday 28th

9.30am James Harrap RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

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 (5th October) 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

Frances Mary Oborn, Winifred Arendse, Harry Lee, Margaret Cedro, Sharmain Tavares, Joseph Breem, Margaret Maguire, Patrick Quinn, Ida Phillips, Ellen Prince, Angela Young, Carlo Booth, Annie Margaritae Ruddy, Andrew Sharkey, John East, Maria Reddy, Christopher Mann, Gordon Williams, Joseph Behan, Tom Kavanagh, Dorothy Maurice, Edith Stimson, Cyril Dyer, Robert Laurent, Edith Mary Crowley, Blanche Sinteff, Eileen Mckenzie, Henry Rooke-Ley.

+++ **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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Sunday 22nd September 2019

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13 (shorter form, Luke 16:10-13)

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

Reflection

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favour for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

Family Reflection

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

First Holy Communion 2020

The First Holy Communion program and application form will be available from next **Sunday, 29th September**, at the back of the church.



HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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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, and everyone deserves to experience the power of the rosary. **We will start at 5.30pm every Sunday: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.



Lately Dead

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Kerrigan, who died on Sunday 8th September. His Funeral will take place at St Agatha's Church on Friday 27th September 2019 at 11.30am.

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

Baptism Preparation Class



Our Baptism preparation class is this **Sunday, 22nd September, at 2pm**, in the Cloister. Our next class will be on Sunday 1st 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULT (RCIA)

Are you an adult wishing to become a Catholic but have not been baptized, then this programme is for you.... Are you a baptised adult of another Christian denomination wishing to become a Catholic, this programme is also for you.... Are you a Baptised Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, this programme is for you as well.... The programme is a preparation through prayer, study, discussion, and fellowship for the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is scheduled to begin on **Thursday 10th October at 8.00pm.** Please speak with Fr Anthony or contact the parish office for more details.

Volunteer Bookkeeper Needed!

We are looking for an experienced bookkeeper who would be able to volunteer for 2/3 hours a week in order to assist us with the parish bookkeeping, and to help us improve our accounting processes. Please speak with Fr. Anthony or email the parish office for further details.

St Agatha's Church Youth Club

St Agatha's Church Youth Club has resumed after the summer holidays. The Youth

Club will run every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and will be 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 urgently 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 sign up in the church porch or speak with Fr. Anthony, or contact the parish secretary for further details.

How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour? Let us not look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. ~ Pope Francis,

Sunday 22nd September, Sunday before World Day against the Trafficking in People, 26 Sep

Important Upcoming Dates:

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| Sunday 22 nd Sept | Baptism Preparation Class |
| Friday 27 th Sept | Secondary School Application Signing |
| Friday 27 th Sept | St Agatha's Church Youth Club |

Offerings

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| First collection | Gift Aid | £518.50 | Loose | £459.80 |
| Retiring Collection | Gift Aid | £29.50 | Loose | £74.62 |

TOTAL £1082.42

Last Sunday the collection was for Home Mission Sunday.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

'No child should be attacked getting water to drink...'

So say CAFOD in their Family Fast Day Appeal; Fabiano is a young boy in Uganda, who regularly made a 3-mile trek, twice a day, to collect safe drinking water for his family. Because he was determined to get an education, Fabiano would leave the safety of his home very early every morning whilst it was still dark, to collect the water. One day Fabiano was attacked by a stranger. He survived but many do not! Frequently a parent has to decide between safe drinking water and an education for their child, due to the time taken to collect potable water. Did that make Fabiano more fortunate? To learn how a solar powered water pump, installed by CARITAS, impacted upon Fabiano's community, go to:

www.cafod.org.uk/harvest or simply just go to the church entrance porch (the glass box) to learn more of how CAFOD, and her sister agencies within CARITAS, are acting on our behalf. Whether it be the Syrian War: Cyclone Idai in Southern Africa: The Nun who builds terrific toilets in Sierra Leone: Volcanic eruptions in the Congo or how "Silence is Golden". Please try and take the time to see just how CAFOD are working on our behalf. CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 4th October 2019. When we are invited to have a simple meal and give so water can be close to home.

You are invited to join us on Friday 4th October 2019, between 12.30 and 1.30pm for a simple soup lunch and raise money to help our family, wherever they live. A bowl of soup and bread roll will cost just £1.50. All proceeds will be going towards the work of CAFOD. Thank you.



Southwark Day of Renewal

Southwark Day of Renewal is an uplifting and faith building day for Catholics. '...a great cloud of witnesses' Hebrews 12:1. **Saturday 5th October 2019, 9.45am – 4.45pm.** This year's Southwark Day of Renewal will include an inspiring set of speakers, praise and worship, healing ministry and Mass. The speakers are from a variety of ministries and will share how their faith and the Holy Spirit has influenced their lives and the lives of those they minister to. It will be faith building and exciting day. Please see the parish noticeboard for more details.

Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The next Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be in at the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George on **Saturday 12th October 2019 at 10am concluding with Mass at 2.30pm.** ***Please contact the parish office for further details.***

Annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

The annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers for South West Area will take place at St. Boniface, Tooting SW17 9PG, on **Saturday 26th October 2019.** As we are preparing to keep "Year of the Word" from 1st December, the reflections of the day will be based on the Gospel of Matthew and the day itself will be given by Fr. Adrian Graffy.



Please collect an invitation and programme form from the back of the church; please return the reply slip to the parish office by 30th September 2019. All the ministers of word and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are requested to attend the day. Thank you.

An Introduction to Liturgy

The Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF) will host their annual introductory course to Liturgy and Worship which is held each autumn over two Saturdays at CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS. **Saturdays 9th November and 23rd November 2019, 10.30am – 4pm.** £25 per person. If you want to find out more or wish to register for the course please contact ccrs@ccftootingbec.org.uk or call 020 8672 7684

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

BLESSED ARE THE POOR

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 112:1-2, 4-8.

Today's readings carry a severe warning to the rich but the psalm gives hope to the poor. Amos lists a variety of ways in which injustices are done to the poor but he warns that nothing escapes the eye of God. 'never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Care for the poor and downtrodden is one of the great themes of Luke's gospel. 'he has filled the hungry with good things, the rich he sent empty away.' In the follow-up to the parable of the astute steward, Jesus warns that money tainted with temptation and easily enslaves the owner. But, on the other hand, it affords one the opportunity to help the poor who, in turn, will form heaven's welcoming committee.

The psalm exhorts *us to praise the Lord, who raises the poor.* God is pictured *high above all nations, above the heavens his glory.* Yet so great is the compassion of God for the poor that he *stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth.* The psalmist would have been surprised at the extent of this coming down of God in poverty of the incarnation, what Paul called the self-emptying of Christ.

*From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor.*

A conscientious decision to work for justice at the side of the poor is more than an optional extra for a Christian. Without that commitment, prayer runs the risk of being an escape from harsh reality.

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

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



**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 11th October 2019

(9.30am in the School Hall)

Closing date for all applications is

15th January 2020

Find further information, visit our website: www.stagathas.school

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

Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic 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 secondary school application forms on **Friday 27th September between 2pm and 4pm.** 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.

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

- **The Mustard Seed (Please note a change of Date)**
- **St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal**
- **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**

If investments in banks fall, it is a tragedy, and people say, 'What are we going to do?' but if people die of hunger, have nothing to eat or suffer from poor health, that's nothing. ~ Pope Francis