

**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 all 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](mailto: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 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2023  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene, Feast</b>
6.30pm	Teresa & Luigi & Pascuale Pozella RIP
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9am	Samantha D'Arcy
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Private Intentions
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Wellbeing or Noa-May Pereira
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St James, Apostle, Feast</b>
9.30am	Thomas Howard RIP
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ss Joachim &amp; Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Toni Pearce RIP
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Shirvah Jayasuriya RIP
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Francis Jesudason RIP
<b>Exposition:</b> Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 9am.	
<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 09:00	
<b>Mass Times:</b> Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30	
<b>Baptisms:</b> Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.	
<b>Marriages:</b> Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule	

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

**Sunday Collection 16/07/2023**

Collection Gift Aid £169.00 Loose £435.77

**TOTAL £604.77**

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

**HOST THE OUR LADY OF LOURDES STATUE IN YOUR HOME DURING OCTOBER DEVOTIONS**

Our Lady's Statue has been in visitation since the start of May and will return to the church for the summer. Our Lady always draws us closer to her son, Jesus Christ. We invite you to spend a week with Our Lady by hosting the Lady of Lourdes statue in your home for a week during the autumn.

If you would like to receive the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home during September, October or November, please fill out the form available in the church porch and return it to the Parish Office. Please note, this is only a request which will be confirmed via a phone call to you. A date cannot be guaranteed and is subject to demand.

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

For all those on holiday over the coming weeks we hope that you have a refreshing and relaxing time. To all of you who will be travelling we pray that you have a safe and comfortable journey, a happy and harmonious break and a safe return. For those visiting their families, may it be moments to cherish and for those going on pilgrimage over the summer period, please keep the parish in your prayers. If you are holidaying in England or Wales, you can find the mass times local to you at: <http://directory.cbcew.org.uk>. Please remember that many parishes in rural areas rely on visitor's offerings during the summer to keep their churches open through the year.

We would also like to welcome all who are visiting our parish during the holidays. We hope that you will enjoy your stay and be enriched by your participation with us in the sacred liturgy. May God be with you all over this period; pray for God's protection and safety for all families wherever they may be.

God Bless you all, and we look forward to having everyone back safely and healthily after the holidays.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023/24**

FHC application forms are now available from the church porch or the Parish Office.

Children must be in Year Four or above in September 2023.



Application forms must be completed and returned in person only at one of the following sessions:

- Friday 29th September 2023  
between 2pm and 5pm, at the Presbytery.
- Saturday 30th September 2023  
between 5.45pm and 6.15pm, in the Cloister.
- Sunday 1st October 2023  
after the 10.30am Mass, in the Cloister.

You must attach a PHOTOCOPY of your child's baptism certificate; we cannot accept any application forms without the certificate. If your child has not yet been baptised, please contact the Parish Office to discuss the procedure for enrolling on this programme.

**Late applications will not be accepted; Reminders will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.**

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023/24**

Confirmation application forms are now available from the church porch or the Parish Office.

Candidates must be in Year Nine or above in September 2023.

Application forms must be returned to the parish office no later than Friday 29th September 2023, so that we can identify how many candidates will be enrolling.

**Late applications will not be accepted; Reminders will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.**



WORLD DAY FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

"God wants young people  
to bring joy to the hearts  
of the elderly, as Mary did  
to Elizabeth, and gain  
wisdom from their  
experiences."  
-Pope Francis

Message for the World Day for  
Grandparents and the Elderly 2023



www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 23 July 2023. Pope Francis has given it the theme "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50) which takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth.

Pope Francis in his message to people for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly asks young people to visit an elderly person stating that "their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter."

As Pope Francis says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

The Holy Father's full message is available here:  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly>

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave on the dates below during the summer break, therefore the parish office will be closed. Fr Peter will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only. For non-urgent enquiries please email [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk) For any other matters please wait until the parish office re-opens. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July & Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

(The Parish Office will fully reopen on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023)

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, our next class is being held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm. Please ensure you complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office before you attend a class.

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 will start in

October/November 2023. The programme will

consist 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 with your details and to register for this next programme: [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

It can also be a good experience for full members of the Catholic Church who may not have practised their faith for a number of years, or for those who wish to more fully understand and deepen their faith. Everyone is welcome along!



MARRIAGES IN 2024



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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2024

We are in the initial stages of exploring the possibility of a hosting a parish pilgrimage in 2024; A visit, not as tourists, but as people of Faith, an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Him and He with us. A Pilgrimage is a meaningful journey to a sacred place, it is also a beautiful experience with the chance to meet new people and see new places.

Destinations that are being considered are:

- Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- Lisieux, France
- San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

We would like to hear from you if you would be interested in joining us on a pilgrimage; this will help give us an approximate number of travellers and therefore help with our enquires when contacting tours companies for dates and prices.

Please email [kingstonevents@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingstonevents@rcaos.org.uk) to register your interest.

O Lord, are good and  
forgiving, full of love to all  
who call you.

Psalms 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A  
Sunday, July 23, 2023

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16*

*A prayer to God for mercy.*

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)*

*Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.*

**Gospel Reflection**

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples' cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.



**Family Reflection**

Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle.

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

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**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**

Frances Cobb, Patrick Joseph Collins, Anne Keane, Mary Mackey, Mary Smith, George Dyke, Viola Mary O'Connor, Teresa Konrath, Agnes Egan, Elsie Doris Dowling, Colin James Hughes, Louisa Evans, Michael Halloran, Leonard Matthews, Christopher Robin O'Connor, William Goddard, Lucy Jane Chandler, Joseph Henry Wright, David McSorley, John Carr, Vidamantas Kavaliauskas, Lilian Gardner, Margaret Finn, Janet Nolan, Margaret Marley, Maureen McArdle, Maria Theresia Atkinson, Tom Farrelly, Baby Milo Patrick O'Reilly, Marcella Massey Hill, Mary Kate Walsh, Thomas Stapleton, Matthew Power, Kathleen Harmsworth, Bridget Anderson.

**+++May They Rest In Peace +++**

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**LIFTS TO MASS**

If you could occasionally offer someone a lift to any of the Masses, that you normally attend, please could you kindly contact Karin in the Parish office to discuss further. We have a couple of parishioners who are unable to get to Mass due to mobility issues but live just a few roads away and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to come to Mass, even just occasionally. Thank you!

## JOB VACANCIES

### HOUSEKEEPER/CLEANER ST AGATHA'S PARISH

Applications are invited for the post of Housekeeper/Cleaner. After many years of wonderful service, our current housekeeper is leaving her role due to personal circumstance and we are therefore seeking a new Housekeeper/Cleaner. Would you like to join the parish team as our Housekeeper? If so, please apply!

The post holder will be required to provide confidential and efficient housekeeping and cleaning duties to a high standard, to the Parish Priests, whilst ensuring a pleasant, safe, welcoming and clean Presbytery is provided to other presbytery workers and parish visitors. The position requires 8-10 hours each week – work pattern to be agreed with the successful applicant. Previous experience of housekeeping and cleaning essential. Knowledge of safe working practices. Essential Skills Required: Confidentiality in all matters, Good organisational ability and attention to detail, Self-motivated, solution focussed and reliable, Courteous and polite manner, good communication skills and good time management, Flexible, adaptable and able to respond to changes in routine.

If you would like to know more about this position, please contact Karin, the Parish Secretary, on 020 8546 4633 during parish office hours.

### SOUTHWARK METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL AUDITORS

The tribunal are seeking Auditors who can help with interviews for witnesses. The position is an unpaid service; however, business mileage and other transport related costs are fully reimbursed.

You will need to be a retired or serving teacher, police officer, lawyer/solicitor, deacon or other professional. Training will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Streatham.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please speak with Fr Francis.

### ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We have a devout parishioner who is currently seeking a studio or one bedroom property to rent, preferably within the parish areas but will consider further afield.

Please get in touch with the parish secretary on 020 8546 4633 if you can help and to discuss further.

## LOVE HEALS – BODY MIND and SPIRIT MINISTRY

### LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

Welcomes you to come to a day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 11am – 4:30pm, at Our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Nearest Tube Stations: Piccadilly Circus exit 2.

Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith

Lunch - Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available.

Further details:

Enquiries: Eileen and David Brum 020 8542 2476

email: [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com)

Website: [www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com](http://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com)



### NEW DAWN IN THE CHURCH

This 5-day Catholic Conference takes place each year at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. This year it runs from 31 July to 4 August 2023. It offers an outstanding programme of liturgy, sacraments, prayer, praise, worship, teaching, workshops, fellowship, community and a fully facilitated Family Camp. Please see the flyer in the church porch; full conference details including how to register can be found at: <https://www.newdawn.org.uk>



### PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald, commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

Built around the midday Holy Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Kevin with Fr Daniel Rooke, the day will also include opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. This time will include the Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Litany of Life and Benediction. Mid-afternoon will herald a change of location from the Shrine to the Priory in the village, walking the Pilgrim Way, to the original site of the Holy House of Nazareth. This is the now traditional silent walk, a prayerful walk with Jesus to Calvary. The Pilgrimage concludes in the Priory grounds with the final prayers. While the focus is prayer and reparation for sins against life, the pilgrimage is also a chance for those attending to spend time in the peace and quiet of England's Nazareth

For details see the leaflets in the church porch or the poster on the noticeboard. Further details are also available at: [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org). Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

'This is Christian prophecy: responding to evil with good, to hatred with love, to division with reconciliation. Faith transforms reality from within.' ~ Pope Francis