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The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including 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.

**SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (B)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

Saturday 22nd

9.30am Mary Kerrigan RIP
6.30pm William Harrup RIP

Sunday 23rd

9.00am People of the Parish
10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
6.30pm Blessed William Way RIP

Monday 24th

Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial

9.30am Seamus Dooley RIP

Tuesday 25th

9.30am Fr. John Mulligan RIP

Wednesday 26th

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

Thursday 27th

St Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial

9.30am God's Intervention for the scandals in the Catholic Church

Friday 28th

9.30am The Chantry of St Mary Magdalene

Saturday 29th

Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Feast

9.30am Therese Hoey 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 and at call.

Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.

Marriages: Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule.

FACING OPPOSITION

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 53:3-6, 8

The psalms are a great school of honest prayer, responding to God out of real-life situations. The psalmist does not hide his feelings behind a veil of piety. If he is angry with God, he says so. If he has a problem with somebody, he says so. Here is an example of how to pray when people are out to get you. *The proud have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.* The troublemakers are said to have no regard for God. But the psalmist responds in confidence: *I have God for my help.* He appeals to the name of God to save him and to the power of God to uphold his cause. Anybody who is unjustly opposed or accused is in good company, for it happened to Jesus and to the writer of Wisdom. Anybody who stands up for a moral ideal, sets off a negative reaction in others. The eye is made for light but light hurts the sore eye. Similarly, goodness is a reproach to the sick soul. The shape of the cross captures Jesus, the innocent victim, at the centre of negative energies coming in from all four quarters. It is important not to let the wrongs of others set up a negative agenda in your life. Our psalm turns from the wrongs of others to the praise of God. As another psalm puts it: *I have found praise to foil the enemy, to silence the foe and the rebel.*

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

New Parish Email

The parish has been provided with a new email account as part of the Diocese's initiative to comply with GDPR to minimise the risk of data leakage and offer a more secure means of communicating with other diocesan users. Please note the new parish email address: kingston@rcaos.org.uk which should be used for all future communications.

St Agatha's Ladies Group

All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend our first meeting on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 7pm in the Presbytery. Join us for a glass of wine, or a cup of tea, for conversation, fun and laughter. This group will be for all the ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion program and application forms and will be announced soon.

Tea, Coffee, Biscuits: are served every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass in the Cloister. A warm welcome awaits you and it's a great opportunity to meet other parishioners. Please do come in and join us.



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 and Trish Taylor. *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

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, John Mahoney, Eliza Burrell, Francis William Hardy, Albert Fell, Charles Cullen, Jack Davis, Nora Leek.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£343.07	Loose	£482.80
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£21.10	Loose	£68.51

TOTAL £915.48

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

Important Upcoming Dates

Sat 22 nd Sept	'Caring, Sharing, Helping Others' Concert
Thurs 27 th Sept	St Agatha's School PSA Welcome BBQ
Fri 28 th Sept	Secondary School Application Signing
Fri 5 th Oct	Fr. Anthony Oleh, MSP, Induction Ceremony CAFOD Family Fast Day
Wed 10 th Oct	Parish Ladies Group
Fri 12 th Oct	St Agatha's School Open Morning



MONTHLY TALKS AT ST. RAPHAEL'S ON TOPICS RELATED TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton has launched a new 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.

FR MICHAEL LOVELL – 30th SEPTEMBER, 6.00PM

On Sunday 30 September, Fr Michael will give a talk entitled "Half a century on: the impact of the Second Vatican Council". All are welcome to attend and enjoy a glass of wine with nibbles from 6pm and to celebrate Fr Michael's and the Parish's patronal feast. All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs.

FUTURE DATES

On Sunday 28th October, Michael Nicholson – organist at St Raphael's – will give a talk on the music of the Mass. On Sunday 25 November, Olivia Darby will speak about Catholic social teaching in a #metoo age.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 05 October 2018.

Providing Water for Life is the tag line for this year's campaign, it recognises the simple truth that we all need a reliable source of safe water to survive. At Harvest time we celebrate and share the abundance that God has given us but not all of God's Children are so lucky. This year CAFOD focus on the need for a reliable supply of clean safe water. It is no coincidence that these campaigns frequently cite the benefits of a guaranteed supply of potable water. In previous Family Fast Campaigns, CAFOD have identified the dire cost of an unreliable supply of safe water: Lengora, lives in a remote village in Uganda, that has benefited from a CAFOD sponsored project that now receives a reliable supply of clean, safe water, but this came too late for the newly born child that Lengora lost – one of the 10 villagers that died from the effects of drinking unsafe river water. More than 2 billion of our brothers and sisters do not have access to safe and readily available water at home, a figure in excess of 300, 000 children under 5 die due to diarrhoea each year, on average, a child dies every 21 seconds from a water related disease. Once again, we are invited by CAFOD to "eat simply" and give the money we save to help those less fortunate. Please try to support CAFOD's Fast Day this year, thank you.

Day of Renewal

You are invited to a Day of Renewal being held at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 6th October 2018, 9.45am to 4.45pm. Please see the church noticeboard for full details.

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 13th October and 3rd November 2018, 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.

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.

Fr. Anthony / Fr. Pius will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Friday 28th September between 2pm and 4pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates. Please note that the closing date for applications is Wednesday 31st October. Further details are available on the Kingston Council website:

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200342/apply_for_a_school_place/381/apply_for_a_secondary_school_place_september_intake



Admission to Reception September 2019

Children born between 01 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2019. Their open morning for prospective reception class parents is on Friday 12th October 2018 (9.30am in the School Hall). The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2019. You can find more information about the school on their web site at: www.stagathas.school, telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons] or e-mail: office@stagathas.school

School's back - Let's celebrate!
ST AGATHA'S WELCOME FAMILY BBQ
THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
5PM TO 7PM

BBQ FOOD COURTESY OF THE WYCHELM WITH PRICES STARTING FROM £2.50
SNACKS AND LICENCED BAR
ICE CREAM AND POP CORN
OUTDOOR GAMES
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
BOOK FAIR

register your free tickets for the bbq at:
WWW.JUMBLEBEE.CO.UK/WELCOMEFAMILYBBQ18

Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another ~
St Vincent De Paul