



CLERGY

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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 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 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Saturday 24th

6.30pm Reg, Michael & Marie Boxall RIP

Sunday 25th 2nd Sunday of Lent

9am Mai Carr RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Thanksgiving for the birth of Daughter

Monday 26th

9.30am Josephine Kelly RIP

Tuesday 27th

9.30am Sian & James McTear – 25th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday 28th

9.30am Margaret Quigley & Family RIP

7pm Exposition, Adoration, Reconciliation

Thursday 29th

9.30am Dorothy Hall RIP

Friday 1st St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, Feast

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 2nd

9.30am Thanksgiving for the birth of Daughter

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.

Mass Times: Monday to Friday: 09:30
Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.

Baptisms: Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.

Marriages: Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule



CAFOD LENTEN COLLECTION

This weekend's retiring collection will be for CAFOD.

Thousands of women and men around the world face the same question: without a way of getting enough food throughout the year, how do you make sure your family can eat today and tomorrow? This was the question that James, a fisherman in Liberia, found himself asking. And he wasn't alone. No one should have to risk losing their life to feed their family. Give today and you will help people like James the fisherman feed their families, not just for today or tomorrow, but for good.

Find out more about James and the CAFOD Lenten appeal, or to donate directly, at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/lent-appeal>

Donate now to help hardworking families this Lent; please use the envelopes available in the church porch or pop your donations in the red bucket. The special envelopes for this collection enable tax payers to also gift-aid their donations.

Thank you for your continued support to CAFOD.

PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: 18/02/2024

Collection	Gift Aid	£141.50	Loose	£493.25	TOTAL	£848.55
2nd Collection	Gift Aid	£45.00	Loose	£168.80		

Last Sunday's 2nd collection was for the Clergy Support Fund, we collected £213.80. This Sunday we have a collection for CAFOD. Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO DONATE TO YOUR PARISH



MAKE A DONATION ONLINE:

Donate to St Agatha's Church online via Bank Transfer using the following details:
Account Name: RCAS Kingston Account number: 10317821 Sort code: 60-60-02
(NB. The details may come up as RCAOS or Southwark – these are also correct)

VIA OUR QR CODE: The QR code will take you to our parish's 'Give A Little' web donation page.



ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING



All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief training session on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 5pm. The session will last approximately an hour and parents of under 16s 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 completed their First Holy Communion last year.

HOST OUR LADY OF LOURDES STATUE IN YOUR HOME FOR MAY DEVOTIONS

Our Lady's Statue will now begin her home visitations again.

If you would like to receive the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home, 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.



ST JOSEPH'S MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2024

Parishionrs of St Agatha's have been invited to join the St Josephs Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr Uche. Thursday 23rd May to Thursday 30th May 2024 approx £829, including flights from Luton, luggage, airport transfer, accommodation, breakfast and one main meal a day plus full pilgrimage programme. SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE. Please contact Anne D'Silva at St Joseph's - details available on the parish notice board.



Throughout Lent the church will be open every Wednesday Evening for either Stations of the Cross or Exposition and Adoration, please see below for the full details.

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| Stations of the Cross               | Exposition and Adoration            |
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| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February | Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March     | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March    |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March    | Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March    |

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be led every Friday morning, after the Morning Mass (16th & 23rd February, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd March). In addition, on alternating Wednesday Evenings, at 7pm (21st February, 6th & 20th March). This devotion provides an opportunity for us to walk the road to Calvary with Our Blessed Lord. *Everyone is welcome.*

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### EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

#### DURING LENT AND LENTEN RECONCILIATION:

The church will be open on alternating Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7pm - 8pm for Exposition and Adoration. (28<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March). This is a beautiful opportunity for Quiet Prayer and Adoration. Please come for as long you can, be it 5 or 10 minutes or the whole hour, everyone is welcome. Reconciliation will also be available on these dates during this hour.

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LENT READING - 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Copies of the Lent edition of 'My Day by Day', for adults and juniors, are available at the back of the Church - they cost £1.00 each. Please put money in the box marked 'My Day by Day'. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, CYCLE B
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B, make us think of God's revelation of Jesus Christ as his beloved son and also how God loves us. The first reading tells of how Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, but God stopped him. The gospel tells of the Transfiguration, where the voice from the heavens revealed Jesus as God's beloved son to Peter, James, and John.

The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B revolve around several profound themes that intertwine to offer a rich tapestry of faith, sacrifice, divine revelation, and salvation. Here are some of the central themes:

- **Faith and Obedience:** The first reading from Genesis highlights Abraham's unwavering faith and obedience to God, even when asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. This narrative underscores the depth of faith and trust in God's plan, despite not understanding it fully.
- **Divine Provision and Intervention:** The provision of the ram as a substitute for Isaac in the Genesis account symbolizes God's intervention and provision. It prefigures God's ultimate provision of His Son as a sacrifice for humanity's sins.
- **Covenant and Promise:** God's covenant with Abraham, promising countless descendants and blessings for all nations due to Abraham's obedience, emphasizes the theme of divine promise and the unfolding of salvation history.
- **The Suffering and Glory of Christ:** The Gospel from Mark describes the Transfiguration of Jesus, revealing His divine glory. This event foreshadows the Paschal Mystery—His suffering, death, and resurrection. It also affirms Jesus as the beloved Son and the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah.
- **Divine Sonship and Mission:** The divine voice during the Transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," highlights Jesus' divine sonship and His mission. It calls for heed to Jesus' teachings and understanding of His role in salvation history.
- **Victory Over Suffering:** The second reading from Romans emphasizes that with God on our side, we can face any opposition. It highlights the victory over condemnation through Christ's intercession, reflecting on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation.
- **Reflection and Anticipation:** The readings collectively invite believers to reflect on their journey of faith, anticipating the ultimate fulfilment

of God's promises through the resurrection of Jesus. They encourage a deep trust in God's plan, even amidst trials and sufferings.

These themes for the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B are interconnected, offering a message of hope, renewal, and deepened faith as believers' journey through Lent, reflecting on God's salvific plan and the transformative power of faith and obedience.

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LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gavan Edward Kelly**, of Kings Road, Kingston upon Thames, who died at Kingston Hospital on 2nd February 2024 aged 95 years. His funeral will take place here at St Agatha's on Monday 4th March 2024 at 11.45am.

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

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.*

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

John Connell, Susan Thomas, Rose Pullen, Jorge Potier, Frederic Whelan, Ronald Macdonald, Charles Crawley, Edit Brown, John McSweeny, Elizabeth Heppel, Mary Ellen White, Bernard Mackey, Kate Goddard, Eugenie Connolly, Mario Porlanti, Sr. Declan Carroll, Eileen Murphy, Tom Costello, Vladas Dankis, William Wiseman, George Bruce, Annie Ashworth, Elfrida Medhurst, John Neilan, Robert Eurell, Angelo Pacitti, Rita Andrew, Joseph Alfred Smith, Agnes Guy, Hilda Davis, John Roycroft, Marjorie Lansley, William McDonagh, John Faith, Cyril Everest, Matthew Patrick O'Connor, Maureen Madden, Zena Kitchen.

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

2nd Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

Sunday 25th February 2024

RESPONSE: AND HELP US TO LISTEN

CONFIRMATION 2024

The first candidate session will be on Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.15pm. The Confirmation Inscription Mass will be on **Sunday 3rd March at 6.30pm**: Candidates MUST arrive by 6pm



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The next session is being held this Sunday, 25th February 2024. 11.45am to 1pm. (Session 4).



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held this Sunday, 25th February 2024.

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.

Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 21st April 2024.

Parents must attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism, and it is recommended that Godparents also attend.



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



St Agatha's Canasta Club

The Canasta Club meets on Mondays between 1pm to 4pm.

St Agatha's Scrabble Club

The Scrabble Club meets on Thursdays from 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and share the space, warmth, and have a chat and a cuppa. You will find them in the Church Hall!

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has several activities in 2024 for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, please sign up to our network at:

www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork

For a full list of of events please visit:

<https://rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/events-2024/>

SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2024

Sign up to the Southwark Spirituality Commission's Lenten Reflections

Lent is always a time of prayer and reflection. A chance for us to renew ourselves and build a closer connection with the Lord Jesus.

To help you on your Lenten journey, the Southwark Spirituality Commission will be once again publishing daily reflections which can be sent straight into your inbox.

They're a great tool to use to reflect on your life and help you draw closer to Christ.

To sign up and for more information on the Spirituality Commission, please visit:

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

The Spirituality Commission is part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark.



MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE SOUTHWARK

FOR THE BEREAVED

Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from **March 22-24**, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

The residential cost is £230 for a single, £210 for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Please call: 01622 717 272 to discuss.

THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

The date is July 13, 3pm at St George's Cathedral. Couples celebrating a special anniversary – one, 10, 25, 40, 50 or 60 or more years – and wishing to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, should email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

“War is always a defeat. wherever fighting occurs, people are exhausted. Let us Pray Together tirelessly, because prayer is effective. May we ask the Lord for the gift of minds and hearts dedicated concretely to Peace.” ~ Pope Francis