

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 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023	
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
6.30pm	Meredith & Carl Granieri & Family
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
9am	Eleanor Margaret Alexander RIP
10.30am	Luiz Alberto Hochegger RIP
6.30pm	John & Margaret Finn RIP
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Keiran Johnson RIP
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Wellbeing Intentions
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	Victoria Paige Birthday Intentions
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Ss Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles, Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation</b>	
9.30am	Whole School Mass Rev Fr Francis Olaseni
7pm	Paul Cronin Birthday Intentions
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Gabrielle Esteban Birthday
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
9.30am	Shirley Raymundo RIP & Rey Balatbat 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 18/06/2023

Collection	Gift Aid	£171.32	Loose	£412.20
Retiring	Gift Aid	£10.00	Loose	£98.73

**TOTAL £692.25**

Last Sunday's retiring collection was for Day for Life 2023. Next Sunday we will have a retiring collection for Peter's Pence.

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

## 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.

### ST PETER AND ST PAUL THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

St Peter and St Paul on Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 9.30am, when we will be joined by children from St Agatha's School, and at 7pm.

### PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, at the Wych Elm. A garden table has been booked! Please come along and join them from 8pm. Everyone is welcome.



### PETERS PENCE

Next Sunday we will have a retiring collection for Peter's Pence. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those he meets who are marginalized and most in need, and other initiatives throughout the world.

**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A**  
**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 69:8-10,14,17,33-35*

*God responds to the prayers of those in need.*

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 10:26-33 Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.*

**Gospel Reflection**

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

**Family Reflection**

It is not only individuals who need reassurance about God's love and protection. Communities need this reassurance as well, including the community of the family. Children rely on the confidence of their parents for this assurance. Parents can help the entire family's growth in trust and confidence in God by witnessing ways in which daily family needs are entrusted to God's care.

As the family gathers, distribute pieces of paper to each person. Tell them to write or draw ways in which they believe that God's help is

needed for each person and for the family as a whole. Each slip of paper can then be collected in a basket.

Invite one member of the family to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33. Recall together how well God knows your family and thank God for this wonderful grace. Conclude by praying together for each of the needs identified on the slips of paper. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we trust you because you know us so well." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

This practice might become a regular part of your family's prayer. Set the basket in a place of prayer and encourage family members to add other needs throughout the week. Perhaps your family can pray for these things together during a family meal.

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**

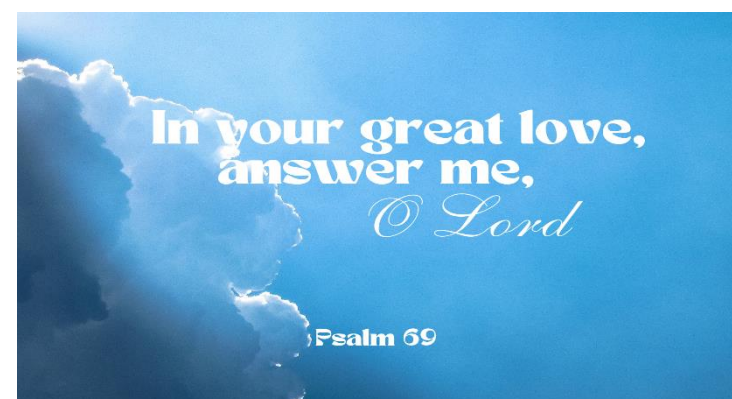
Let us remember those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Christ grant eternal rest to all who have died.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

*Jane Egan, Peter Bolger, Brendan Patrick Hogan, Margaret Creely, Ellen Williams, John Owens, Paul Canton, Edwin Charles Clarke, Fredrick James Ricks, Fr. John Coleman, Mary Francis Cherry, Sister Lucy Staunton, Mary Gentry, Thomas Egan, Margaret King, John McCarthy, Charles Rabbitts, Maureen Patricia McArdle, Mary Farrelly, Hugh Glenn, Amelia Van Den Bosch, Maud Medhurst, Joseph Rocca, Gerald Appleby, Eileen Barber, Joan & Sean O'Connor, Yvonne Thompson, Louis Boribond,*

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

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

***Due to demand, we have added an additional Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.*** We also have several dates still available in August and September for Baptisms; if you would like to take advantage of one of these dates, please join us for this class. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm.

Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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.*

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023/24

Application forms will be available in July. Children must be in Year Four or above in September 2023.

Application forms will need to be returned during a prearranged session in September. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Further details will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.

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### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023/24

Application forms will be available in July following consultation with our Bishop and Confirmation Catechists.

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

Application form will need to be returned by the end of September 2023. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Further details will be posted in the newsletter nearer the time.

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### 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!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass offered at St Agatha for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered at the altar, or you would like a Mass said for yourself.

**MASS OFFERING(S)**

Intention (s) .....

Number of Masses ..... Donor .....

Any special date (if available) .....

Any special place .....

St Agatha, Southwark Diocese, 02.03.2023

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. 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. Many people would like for their intention on a Sunday, we will try our very best to facilitate this, but these are the most sought-after slots.

The usual offering per Mass is a minimum of £10, this amount is pre-set by Southwark Diocese for all parishes within her jurisdiction, but you can give more. This 'stipend' goes to the priest offering the Mass, not the parish; stipends are given to priests as they do not receive a salary, and sometimes they are their only source of income.

***Please note that the Mass diary is pre-arranged for the week ahead and the intentions can be viewed on the front of the Parish Newsletter, in the church porch or on the Parish website.***

Don't let your fear  
overcome faith.  
Let your faith  
overcome fear

Matthew 10:26-33

**A DAY WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023, 9.15AM TO 5PM  
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, CHESSINGTON**

For full details of Mass and the timetable, please see the St Catherine's website: [www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk](http://www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk)

**ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS AT  
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, you are invited to join in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St George's Cathedral (chief celebrant Bishop Paul Hendricks). You can apply for a written personal invitation to the Mass from Archbishop John Wilson. To book & for more details please email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6:00 PM, St George's Cathedral, London SE1  
At the beginning of July, we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the solemn opening of St George's Cathedral in Southwark.

A schedule of events will be provided shortly, but the principal celebration of the week will be Solemn Mass at 6 pm on Tuesday 4 July, at which Archbishop John Wilson will preside. The Apostolic Nuncio will impart the Apostolic Blessing at the conclusion of the celebration. All are welcome to attend.

**CAFOD: UPDATE ON THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN**

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

*Thank you for your continued support to CAFOD*



**JOB VACANCIES**

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)**

Executive Assistant (21 hours pw) whose role is to work with the Executive Director. Society for the Protection of Unborn Children



SPUC is looking to fill the role of Executive Assistant (Internal Operations). The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world. The successful candidate will work with the Executive Director (Internal Operations) to ensure the smooth and successful operation of SPUC's governance, administration and finance departments.

Duties include: Taking minutes and maintaining accurate files, Drafting correspondence, Maintaining the diary of the Executive Director and coordinating meetings, General administrative support.

Salary details are available on request. For a full job description and application form, please email us [jobs@spuc.org.uk](mailto:jobs@spuc.org.uk) or call 020 7091.7091. The closing date for applications for 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Applications may close early if a suitable candidate is found.

**SCHOOL TRANSPORT DRIVER  
MARYMOUNT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

Marymount International School London is an independent day and boarding school for girls, with Catholic ethos. We are seeking a School Transport driver for our new 9-seater vehicle to take over an existing route in the Kew/Richmond area on a term-time only basis starting in September 2023. For more details, please see:

<https://www.marymountlondon.com/employment-opportunities/>



*'To sow goodness is good for us. It brings a breath of gratuitousness into our lives and makes us more and more like God.'* ~ Pope Francis



**SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP**

Our collection point remains in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items. Some much-needed items are stock items such as: salt, pepper, herbs, stock cubes, jam, sugar and cooking oil. Please note that they accept non-food items such as toilet paper, washing up liquid, household cleaning products and toiletries.

'For too many families, 'food deprivation' is a fact of life. An unacceptable fact of life in 2023! But wishing will not make it go away. It is here for the immediate future at least, so are we and so many like-minded folks. Thanks to your generous support here at St Agatha's, parents have been able to feed their children. That is a simple fact not an exaggeration!'

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.