



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 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

CHRIST THE KING (A)

Saturday 25th

6.30pm Teresa & Luigi Pozella RIP

Sunday 26th Christ the King

9am Sarah Cronin RIP

10.30am Nathan Xiberras RIP

6.30pm Nancy Petitjean RIP

Monday 27th

9.30am Brian Cronin

Tuesday 28th

9.30am Mary Theresa Steel RIP

Wednesday 29th

9.30am Andres Francisco RIP

Thursday 30th St Andrew, Apostle, Feast

9.30am David Rattray RIP

Friday 1st

9.30am Angela McGovern RIP

Saturday 2nd

9.30am Christine Bond RIP

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

PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: 19/11/2023

Collection Gift Aid £180.03 Loose £489.61
TOTAL £669.64

Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish. This Sunday we have a collection for the Catholic Youth Services, which supports youth work in our Diocese and beyond. Please use the red bucket that is available in the church porch or your gift aid envelopes. Thank you.

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 'Give A Little' web donation page.



WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2023

This Sunday is National Youth Sunday, and we have a retiring collection for the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please visit their website where you can also sign up to their network to receive regular updates or scan the available QR code above: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/>



The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have produced further World Youth Sunday resources, available at worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023.

Please use the red bucket that is available in the church porch or you gift aid envelopes. Thank you.

!!IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!



ADVENT READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent and copies of the Advent edition of 'My Day by Day' are available at the back of the Church, they cost £1 each (Please put money in the small donations box available.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during advent and is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas. A junior version is also available.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

This year we will have a dedicated day for decorating and preparing our church for Advent and our Christmas services on **Saturday 2nd December**. Our Christmas trees will need erecting and decorating, the church decorating, and our crib will be constructed at this time. The more helps the quicker the process! Please contact or email the parish office if you are able to help for a couple of hours and we will confirm the times nearer to the day. Thank you.

PRE-CHRISTMAS 'SPRUCE UP'

This year our dedicated Pre-Christmas 'Spruce Up' morning will be on **Saturday 9th December**, after morning Mass. There are a variety of tasks that need to be taken care of and we hope that both male and female parishioners will be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help us. A sign-up sheet is available in the church porch for volunteers to sign up or please call or email the parish office. (Even if you can only spare an hour or two, Fathers would really appreciate!) Tea, coffee and soup and all the cleaning products will be provided.



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, Cycle A
Sunday, November 26, 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6
The Lord is our shepherd.*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

FAMILY REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Christ the King, Cycle A
Sunday, November 26, 2023

RESPONSE: WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM

+++ LATELY DEAD+++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridgett Philomena Kearns (Phyllis) who has died recently. Her funeral is to be held at St Thomas Aquinas, Ham. Further details to follow....

+++ 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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

James Wiseman, Annie Varney, Frank Staffieri, Bernard Connellan, Lauren Eve O'Connor, Marie Avery, Madeleine Plantin, Margaret Kelly, Sarah Cronin, Edith Stimson, Ellen Metcalf, Mary Braby, William Howson, William McBride, Derrick Wright, Kitty Shier, Fr. Eugene O'Sullivan, Fr. Donagh O'Brien, Josephine Heaney, Edgar Thomas, Cynthia Marsh, Elizabeth Ryan, Mary Sheehy, Walter Joseph O'Sullivan, Bridget Ryan, Anita Galiano, Anne Slaughter, Brian Talbot, Marco Saiz, Sister Ambrosine, Honora Browne, Robert Dean, Margaret Prosser, Alice Bays, John Curtin, Baby Felix James Olney, Vincent Thomas McCall, Daniel Liddy, Annie Conway, Elizabeth Dorsett, Francis Mahony, Mary Anne Hubble, Frances Farr, Edna Johnson, James Jones, Anne Teresa Carbury, Ernestine Hannah Emerson, Vanda Cocco, Charles Selwood, Nellie Scaplehorn, General Jaeme Arrospide, John Fabriek, Philippa Armstrong, John Whelan, Isabel White, George Terence Dove, Mary Vivian, Lenord McIlbalton, Hugh McFaul.

+++May They Rest In Peace+++



'Let us not forget to persevere in prayer for all who suffer due to wars in many parts of the world, especially for the dear people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.' ~ Pope Francis

NEW TO THE PARISH?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we hope that you are settling down in your new home and will soon feel part of our community. If you are new to the parish, please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy, and please complete a family registration form which can be found in the church porch and is also on the parish website. If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact the Parish Secretary.



MASS INTENTIONS

It is again a very busy time for Mass requests, so, if you have a particular date or time on which you want a Mass said during Advent or Christmas Time, it is very important that you let the parish office know as soon as possible.

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 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.



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/24

The next session is being held on: Sunday 14th January 2024. 11.45am-1pm (Session 2)



CONFIRMATION 2023/24

An email update and the schedule has been sent to candidates and parents – if you have not received this, please contact the Parish Office ASAP.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the coming months, please come along to our next class this Sunday, 26th November 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 encouraged that Godparents also attend.

Our subsequent class will be held in January 2024.



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 preparations for our parishioners must Parish Office and we will happily guide you.



THE ROSARY

We pray the Rosary in the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.



PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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.



“MY PLACES”

AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY BOB MEECHAM

“My Places” an exhibition of paintings by our very own resident artist Bob Meecham continues in the Church Cloister until 4th December 2023. The exhibition will be open Thursday – Saturday from 2 – 5pm. Other times available by appointment.

Please come along and visit. All are welcome!

A proportion of any sales of work will be donated to the church fund and to the RNLI

Any one available to help with stewarding at the exhibition please contact Bob or Maggie in person, or phone 07804498983 or email bbbm@blueyonder.co.uk

ADORATION & RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT

On Wednesday Evenings during Advent the church will be open from 7 – 8pm for Adoration and Reconciliation. A full penitential service will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Reconciliation is also available after every Mass during the Advent period. Our full Advent programme will be available next week.

DONS Local Action Group

SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP THIS CHRISTMAS.

Thank you again for all your continued and generous support to DLAG. We are now looking ahead to Christmas and how we can support those in need during what can be a very difficult period for many, especially during these trying times. We are hopeful to have adequate items to be able to provide the Dons with another important delivery in plenty of time for Christmas! Thus, giving the Dons Team time to allocate the donated items to their intended recipients. So, please be as generous as you can these next couple of weeks. Thank you.



WRAP UP LONDON

7th -27th November 2023

Nearest coat drop off point:

Surbiton Fire Station – Open 24 hrs
(31/33 Ewell Rd, Surbiton. KT6 6AF)

LAST CHANCE TO DROP OFF!!

Now in its 13th year, Wrap Up London will be collecting pre loved warm winter coats to be shared with frontline charities supporting people through the hardest of cold conditions this winter.

197,245 coats have been distributed since 2011 so please search in your cupboards and drawers, ask friends and donate to Wrap Up London.

Donating a coat also works as a gateway for an individual to gain access to other services and support given by the charity's partners. Coats are need for men, women, children and babies and they even accept dog coats! More information can be found at:

www.handsonlondon.org.uk/wrap-uplondon



St Agatha's Canasta Club

The St Agatha's Canasta Card Club meets each Monday in the Church Cloister between 1pm to 4pm to play Canasta, have a coffee/tea and a chat.

NEW!! Scrabble Club

The Scrabble Club plan to meet on Thursdays at 2.30pm, anyone who is interested in playing scrabble, please come along. Everyone is welcome.

These are lovely opportunities for social time and for parishioners to get together, meet new people and enjoy some fun time together.

You don't have to sign up, you don't have to know how to play. Just come along and you will learn as you play.

Everyone is welcome, men, women, and young adults. Just come along and join as often or as little as you would like. We look forward to welcoming you.

Everyone is welcome to come along and share the space, warmth, and have a chat and a cuppa.

THE PFA INVITES YOU TO THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

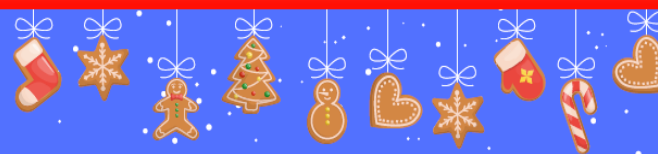
CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 6.30pm-9pm
IN THE SCHOOL HALL



- Gift stalls including Christmas wreaths, Christmas puddings, bath bombs, stocking fillers, jewellery, toiletries and cakes
- Hot food and drinks, bar, snacks and refreshments
- Chocolate tombola • Lotto draw
- Raffle prizes include: £150 cash (The Property Crew), £100 cash (U-Builders), smartwatch (£99), Steddi t-shirt & tote bag (£99), £50 voucher for Fish! Kitchen, £50 cash Modern Montessori International Preschool, Raynes Park, £50 cash Chamberlains Garage, £50 voucher for Noura restaurant x2, Cass Art goody boxes, and many more!

ALL WELCOME
ADULTS £3, CHILDREN £1



St Agatha's School Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December, 1 - 4pm

- Tea Cup Ride - Swing Chairs - Santa's Grotto
- Secret Santa - Chocolate Tombola - Raffle
- Hot Food - Bar - Lucky Dip - Guess the Elf
- Football & Basketball games
- Craft stalls & much more!



ENTRY ON GATE:

Child (4+) £1, Adult £2

Two adults & two children: £5

Buy Unlimited Ride Wristbands at:

www.jumblebee.co.uk/stagschristmasfair2023