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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 parishoffice@stagathaschurch.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 26TH AUGUST 2018 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (B)
 FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

<u>Saturday 25th</u>	
9.30am	Charlei Tulty RIP
6.30pm	Phil O'Reilly RIP
<u>Sunday 26th</u>	
9.00am	Tina Piccirillo RIP
10.30am	People of the Parish
6.30pm	Marco Vincenzo Straccialano RIP
<u>Monday 27th</u>	
9.30am	St Monica, Memorial
<u>Tuesday 28th</u>	
9.30am	St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial
9.30am	Tom Turnbull RIP
<u>Wednesday 29th</u>	
9.30am	The Passion of St John the Baptist, Memorial
9.30am	Ronald Raymond RIP
<u>Thursday 30th</u>	
9.30am	Phyllis Doss RIP
<u>Friday 31st</u>	
9.30am	Mary Kerrigan RIP
<u>Saturday 1st</u>	
9.30am	Natalia Matysiak & Christopher Richmond
6.30pm	William Harrup RIP

**SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2018 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (B)
 FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

<u>Sunday 2nd</u>	
9.00am	Special Intention
10.30am	Mary Kerrigan RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Monday 3rd</u>	
9.30am	St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church, Feast
9.30am	Private intention for Gerard White
<u>Tuesday 4th</u>	
9.30am	<i>To be announced</i>
<u>Wednesday 5th</u>	
9.30am	<i>To be announced</i>
<u>Thursday 6th</u>	
9.30am	Holy Souls
<u>Friday 7th</u>	
9.30am	<i>To be announced</i>
<u>Saturday 8th</u>	
9.30am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast
9.30am	<i>To be announced</i>
6.30pm	Marie Ann Xiberras RIP
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.

WELCOME

ON SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST WE WELCOME FR INNOCENT ABONYI, MSP, THE NEWLY ELECTED REGIONAL SUPERIOR (UK REGION) OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL TO OUR PARISH. THIS IS HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO ST AGATHA; HE WILL PRESIDE AT THE 10.30AM MASS. WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL MAKE HIM FEEL VERY WELCOME

LATELY DEAD

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MARY KERRIGAN WHO DIED ON FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST, AGED 89. HER REQUIEM WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT ST AGATHA'S ON FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 11AM FOLLOWED BY KINGSTON CREMATORIUM AT 12.20AM. MAY HER SOUL AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Over the next 2 weeks we will have Thanksgiving collections for Fr. Julius Otoaye, MSP, and Fr. Vitalis Kondo, MSP, to thank them for their ministry at St. Agatha. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church to make your offering, please hand in your envelopes by Sunday 9th September.

INDUCTION OF FR ANTHONY OLEH, MSP

Fr Anthony will be formally inducted as our Parish Priest, by Bishop Paul Hendricks, on **Friday 5th October** at a **7pm Mass**. All parishioners are invited to this joyful occasion. Arrangements for a reception will be announced shortly.

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 and Keith Fraser. *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

Wilfrid William Hayward, Josephine Carroll, Ann Power, Giuseppe Sammarco, Libera Ricci Strafino, Marie Louise Crunelle, William Fry, Marion Sim, Eileen Porter, Bridget Barlow, Bill Marsh, Andrew de Quidt, Brendan Cornelius Lucy, Marco Vincenzo Straccialano, Rose Cusiack, Hilda Wells, Helen O'Leary, Marie Louise Fox, Christopher Doyle, Bridget Costello, Peggy Doreen Spong, Sabina Rocca, Charles Williams, Ada Maria Browne, James Shanahan, Edward Thomas Burton, Mabel Patrick, Matthew O'Connor, Maria Capaldi, Margaret Humberstone. Ronald Darnell, Laura Mary Gryspeerdt, William Robert Fewings, Fr. Denis Callan, Constance Mary Brewster, Mary Ellen O'Connor, Marguerite Guest, Mary Metochis, Ernest Woodhams, Thomas Turnbull, Zofia Jaroszynska, Margaret Boyden, John Fenton, Barry Hodges, Stephen O'Dwyer, Clara Dracas, Herbert Duckett, Charles Cutmore, Louisa Strong, Montague Davis-Brown, Mary Ann Keenan, Marie Louise Rogerson, Rachel Liddy, Antonio Amor, Cesare Orindi, Bernard Fenton, Ellen Mary Cook, Patrick Francis Sheehy, Antoinette Osborne, Maureen Garrow-Fisher, Walter Williams, Jane Thompson, William Dracas, John Patrick Hanrahan, James Ryan, Robert Strong, Francis Rorke, Joseph Connolly, Bill Carr, Charles Forey, Bernardo Martini, Thomas Kearns, Anne Doherty, Monica Lamb, Mabel Dickinson, Anna McDonagh, Vincent McNulty, Beatrice Barker, Andrew Marshall, Guilhermina Fernandes, Tullie Di Vito.

+++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Reflection – Sunday 26th August 2018

Today the church encourages us to choose Christ always. At times when we come to the crossroad of life, we become confused because we need to make choices that will make or mar our future. The first reading and the gospel presents us with two choices: between remaining or abandoning God. Joshua asked the Israelites to make a choice between serving God and other gods. Christ asked His disciples 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Using the analogy of marriage, Pauls reminds us that just as a man or a woman chooses a wife or a husband due to love, so did Christ choose and took us to himself. King David displayed his wisdom by making a right choice 'I do not want to be punished by human beings. Let the Lord himself be the one to punish us, for he is merciful.' In spite of all odds, choosing to remain with Christ is, and will always be the best choice for anyone who is wise.

Reflection – Wednesday 29th August 2018

St John the Baptist is the only saint who is honoured by the church on both the occasion of his birth (24th June) and of his death (29th August). Christ's precursor teaches us by his example of heroic fortitude to fulfil God's will in our lives no matter what the obstacles may be. He was a man who stood by the mission God had entrusted to him. He remained obedient to his calling even unto death. Each one of us is called and set apart for a unique mission, to spread the reign of God on earth. However, only those whose lives are marked by righteousness can raise their voices against any form of injustice or immorality. John the Baptist had the conviction and courage to challenge the mighty. The Lord asks for our fortitude every day. He wants our exemplary life and words as proof of our love for Christ and his Church.

Reflection – Sunday 2nd September 2018

The German mystic, Eckhart von Hochheim, or as he was more commonly known, Meister Eckhart, put it wonderfully well when he said 'You should bother less about what you ought to do and think more about what you ought to be, because if your being were good then your works would shine forth brightly.' This is not always easy to achieve as is evident from the gospel text of today. All too often, we might make the mistake of focusing a little too much on the external action and not give enough thought to the inner disposition. Like he called his listeners two thousand years ago, Jesus continues to call us to imitate him in having a pure heart from which the right actions will flow. This will result in our following the statutes and ordinances of the Lord and practising a religion that is pure and undefiled.

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

Forthcoming Marriage

We would like to wish Natalia Joanna Matysiak and Christopher John Richmond, of this Parish, all the best on their upcoming nuptials at the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Peter and Paul, Poland on Sunday 16th September 2018. Wishing you joy, love and happiness on your wedding day and as you begin your new life together. A Mass will be said in their names on Saturday 1st September 2018.

Important Upcoming Dates

Mon 3 rd September	St Agatha's School INSET DAY
Tues 4 th September	St Agatha's School INSET DAY
Wed 5 th September	St Agatha's School Start of Autumn Term
Wed 12 th September	St Agatha's Ladies Group
Sun 16 th September	Baptism Preparation Class
Tues 18 th September	Secondary School Application Signing
Fri 28 th September	Secondary School Application Signing
Fri 5 th October	Fr. Anthony Oleh Induction

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave until **Monday 3rd September**. Fr. Anthony and Fr Pius will, of course, still be available in case of emergency or a pressing enquiry. For any non-urgent enquiries please email the Parish office and we will reply as soon as possible.

London SW Catholic Young Adults

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit their Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242. Their next social evening is on **Saturday, 1st September at 7.00pm** at The **Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Waterloo, SE1 8UL**.

St Agatha's Ladies Group

Thank you to those who have already been in touch, please keep your ideas coming. We will hold an initial meeting on **Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 1pm** to discuss all ideas and a schedule. Refreshments will be provided. This group will be for all the busy 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.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 16th September 2018, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

Fr. Anthony / Fr. Pius will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Tuesday 18th September 2018 between 10.30am and 12.30pm** and 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.

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.



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one of life's most valuable natural resources*

In a church nearly everything that happens gets done by a volunteer and our church totally depends on ours! The best way to feel part of the church community is to get involved. Have a look at the list on the next page to see what attracts you, what interests you, what you're passionate about, then fill in the form or email the parish office with your details. Those already leading are happy to talk about the roles and what is involved; there is no need to worry about experience as we can give all the help or training you would need. Some jobs need lots of time, others a little, some are regular, others occasional. Everything needs different skills. None of us can do them all, but everyone can offer something. So, even if you have never volunteered, or just fancy doing something different, don't hesitate, volunteer today!

We are so very grateful for the generosity of our many loyal volunteers! We simply could not do all the things that we do without their time and commitment. *THANK YOU*

**We NEED you.
Can you HELP?**

We are currently seeking volunteers to help in the following areas:

Altar Servers, Liturgy, Children's Liturgy, Adult and Children's Choir, Musicians, Church Cleaners, Gardeners, Parish Counters, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Prayer Group, Youth Group.

If you would like to offer some of your time and talents to the church, please fill out the reply slip below and pop it in the red bucket at the back of the church, or hand it to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Pius after Mass or post it to the Parish Office by Thursday 13th September 2018, please.

At St Agatha's Church, all employees and volunteers that work with children and/or potentially vulnerable adults are required to apply for a DBS certificate in the name of St Agatha's. We work with Southwark Diocese to process our applications.

The information you provide below will be stored in confidence under the provisions of the Data Protection Act. Your completed form will be held securely and confidentially. Only authorized staff will have access to your information.



St Agatha's Church Volunteer Reply Slip

First Name	
Surname	
Email	
Preferred Telephone number(s)	
Address	
Postcode	
DOB (If under 18)	
How would you like to serve the church?	
Do you have any specialist employment or professional skills which you would be willing to use in the service of the church?	