



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

The parish office should be your first port of call for any 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 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

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SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 2019 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 26th Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Memorial

9.30am Gerry Quigley RIP
6.30pm Bridget Boucher RIP

Sunday 27th 3RD Sunday in Ordinary time

9.00am Desmond Pearl RIP
10.30am People of the Parish
6.30pm Recently deceased members of the Lally Family

Monday 28th St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Memorial

9.30am Good Estate of Michael Rethinasamyi

Tuesday 29th

9.30am Edith Knight RIP

Wednesday 30th

9.30am Dorothy Hall RIP

Thursday 31st St John Bosco, Priest, Memorial

9.30am Pete O'Connor RIP

Friday 1st

9.30am Golden Wedding Anniversary of Pauline & Malcolm Finn

Saturday 2nd The Presentation of the Lord, Feast

9.30am Frances, Cyril, Ellen & Charles Jarvis RIP
6.30pm Intention for Barbara & Chris Mack

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.

FROM Saturday 2nd February 2019 ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.

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, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. 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

William Westhead, Wilfrid McCabe, Peter Creely, Esgeir Jan Guest, Rose Burrows, Lilian Solomon, Joseph Ennis, Gerald Quigley, Thomas Joseph Byrne, Margaret Barry, Edmundo Marcantonio, Margaret Marks, Frances Mary O'Sullivan, William Dowling, Margaret Dunne, Frederick Scott, Fr Kevin O'Hanlon, William Kelly, Desmond Pearl, Mary Dann, Margaret Murphy, Dinah North, Eleanor Weldon, Edward Smith, Evelyn Bidwell, Frederic William Humm. Helen Cave, Mary Kiely, Charles Miller, Sandra Stiff, Sylvia Mitchell, Dorothy Hall, William Brenninkmeyer, Patrick Nunez, Bridget Egan, Joseph Galligan, Maude Mansfield, Margarete Hards, Luigi Mezzetta, Frank Mifsud, Johannes Kortenaar, Ann Cunningham. Marilyn Celia Tinetti, Winifred Duckett, Elizabeth Sharkey, Margaret Scott, Martin Hughes.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £500.73 Loose £614.66
Retiring Collection Gift Aid £5.50 Loose £64.84

TOTAL £1185.73

Diocesan Directory

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. They cost £3.00 each. Please place the money in the papers box in the porch.

THE WISDOM OF THE LAW
A REFLECTION OF PSALM 18:8-10, 15.

if you join a club or society you accept the constitution or rules of that body. These rules give practical expression to the identity, vision and aims of the society. When the Hebrew people returned to Jerusalem after the exile they were dispirited by the enormity of the task facing them. The priest, Ezra, gathered them for a day's retreat, and he read for them the laws of the covenant that God had offered them. They rediscovered their identity, clarified their targets and revived their spirits.

Luke did his research and writing to show how well founded was the teaching that his patron had received. Jesus applied the old text from Isaiah to himself so that the people of Nazareth, who thought that they knew him, might learn his real identity and mission.

Psalm 18 is about the revelation of God firstly in the grandeur of nature... *the heavens proclaim the glory of God...* and then through what is called the law. The Jews were a practical people who knew their God through the rules of worship and moral laws rather than by philosophical reflection or the riddles posed by a sage. *The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul... it gives wisdom to the simple.*

Sometimes religious rules might outlive their purpose, but by and large they must be respected as expressing the practical, moral implications of who were are before God. Rules were not created in a vacuum but are fruit of experience and wisdom.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

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

We have a very busy period coming up with several activities and events, please ensure you check the dates below and make a note of all the important dates that are relevant to you!

St Agatha's Feast Day – Tuesday 5th February 2019

On this day we will have a special Mass at 7.30pm. More details will be in next week's newsletter.

Important Upcoming Dates

Saturday 26th Jan Confirmation Retreat Day
Sunday 27th Jan FHC Session 4
Thursday 31st Jan Group 1 Rehearsal for Reconciliation
Saturday 2nd Feb Group 1 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 5th Feb St Agatha's Whole School Mass
St Agatha's Evening Mass
Thursday 7th Feb Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 9th Feb Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation

'Those who remain silent are responsible'. ~
St Edith Stein (also known as Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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REFLECTION – SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 2019

In the beginning of his public ministry Jesus presented an agenda for his mission among the people. He read a passage from prophet Isaiah, speaking of the Divine mission of love and compassion (Isa 61:1-2). The 'Nazareth Manifesto' of Jesus has lasted not just for three years of his public life but for the last two thousand years. This roadmap consists of healing the sick and freeing the bound and the oppressed. We have received it as our legacy and should cherish and pass it on to our next generation.

REFLECTION – MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2019

Only goodness can overcome evil. Only light can remove darkness. Jesus used this maxim to the advantage of all. In spite of this, Jesus had to face many accusations. The authorities of the day had slung a lot of mud on Jesus hoping that at least some of it would stick. Seeing the good done by Jesus was not part of the mindset of his opponents. The same tendency continues. The selfless and dedicated services by missionaries have been ignored and false allegations mindlessly made. Let us hope and wait for the days when goodness will win.

REFLECTION – THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2019

The last statement of Jesus in today's Gospel passage could be classified with a few others of similar nature and titles 'Difficult Sayings' of Jesus. The point Jesus is asking is this: Those who are willing to cooperate with God's designs will be empowered and assisted more than those unwilling to do that. What is the use of giving something to someone who does nothing with it? Wouldn't it be better that it be taken away from that person and given to someone else, even if that person has more of it? The Parable of the Talents (Mt 25:14-30) explains better today's 'difficult saying' of Jesus.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

Our Organist and Pianist Maggie will soon be having a hip operation, so there will be no-one to play the organ on Saturday evenings for the 6.30pm Mass. Is there anyone in the Parish who could help out by playing either the organ or piano on a Saturday evening? We have three hymns: Entrance hymn, Offertory hymn and Recessional hymn. Please see either the parish secretary or Frs. Anthony or Pius if you can be of assistance! Thank you.

We have received details of several job vacancies currently available in the diocese, please see the church noticeboard for all details.

Lifts to Mass

If you think you might occasionally be able to offer someone a lift to any of the Masses, that you normally attend, please could you kindly contact Karin in the Parish office to discuss further. Thank you!

Gifts in your Will

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet, contact Your Catholic Legacy – Tel: 020 7095 5370 or Visit: www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

Confirmation 2019

Confirmation retreat day is Saturday 26th January. The next session (3) is on Monday 4th February. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 31st March 2019.

First Holy Communion 2019

The next session (4) will be on Sunday 27th January 2019 at 4pm.

Group 1 Rehearsal for Reconciliation: Thurs 31st Jan at 4 – 5pm
Group 1 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 2nd Feb at 11am
Group 2 Rehearsal for Reconciliation: Thurs 7th Feb at 4 – 5pm
Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 9th Feb at 11am
Reconciliation for parents will be accessible from 10-10.45am on Saturday 2nd and 9th February.

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 24th February 2019, 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.

London SW Catholic Social Group

London SW Catholic Social Group is a social group for 'young' Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Andrew on 07787 231798. Our next social evening is on **Saturday 2nd February at 7.30pm at Ganley's Irish Bar, London Road, Morden, SM4 5HP.**

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish usually meet together on the third Wednesday of each month but due to a clash with another event at the Wych Elm this has now been set for the fourth Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the group will meet on the following dates in 2019: 27th February, 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius. Arrangements for The Rite of Election will take place later in the year.



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Nursery Admissions September 2019

If your child is born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, they are entitled to start Nursery in September 2019. You are invited to attend our open sessions on Wednesday 6th February 2019 10.15am - 11.15am. Should you have any further queries please contact Sharon Parsons on 020 8546 3879 Email: office@stagathas.school Or call in to the School Office. Closing date for Nursery Admissions is 8th March 2019

Most people spend the first half of their lives saying 'I am too young' and the second half saying 'I am too old'. Don't let these be your excuses. Now is your time to begin, whatever it is you feel called to do, whatever dream God has placed in your heart, begin it today. Your time is now! ~ Matthew Kelly, The Narrow Path.