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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2019

THIRTIETH SUNDAY (C)

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2019

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 26th

9.30am Ted McMahon RIP

6.30pm John Davis RIP

Sunday 27th

Thirtieth Sunday

9.00am Margaret Solomon RIP

10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 28th Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast

9.30am Robert Quintal, Birthday

Tuesday 29th

9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th

9.30am

Thursday 31st

9.30am Ottorino Tiberini RIP

Friday 1st All Saints, Solemnity

9.30am Rod Tranter RIP

7.30pm Rev Fr. Gerry O'Brien

Saturday 2nd Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

9.30am Patrick Sheehy RIP

6.30pm John Davis RIP

Sunday 3rd Thirty-First Sunday

9.00am Edward Xiberras RIP

10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial

9.30am Requiem Mass for Miss Patrizia Fiorellino

Tuesday 5th

9.30am Wellbeing of David Rattray

Wednesday 6th

9.30am Harriet Alexander RIP

Thursday 7th

9.30am Delia Galligan RIP

Friday 8th

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast

9.30am For the Young Adults of the Parish who have turned or are turning 18

6.30pm Marco Vincenzo & Gino Straccialano RIP

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.

Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am, 6-6.15pm & at call.

Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12.30pm.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (2nd November) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Sunday 27th October 2019

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

Reflection

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

Family Reflection

In the family, one sometimes observes a level of competition between children for parent attention, for acknowledgement of their abilities. Somehow, children seem to internalise that the attention given to one member of the family diminishes the attention given to another. In this way, children can often sound like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable. Parents who provide continual reminders to their children that they are loved for who they are, not for what they do, help children develop a healthy spirituality.

As a family, talk about what it means to compare oneself to another. Discuss whether it is helpful to compare oneself to another. In what ways might this be positive? (when it motivates one to use one's talents) In what circumstances might this be unhelpful? (when it proves discouraging, when it prevents one from valuing the abilities of another)

As a family, read today's Gospel, Luke 18:9-14. Discuss: What was wrong about the prayer of the Pharisee? How can we emulate the prayer of the tax collector?

Pray together as a family in thanksgiving for the blessing that is each member of your family. Pray that your family will be free from unhealthy competition. Pray in thanksgiving that God's love for us is unconditional.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *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

Michael Conway, Giacanta Berre, Joseph Reilly, John James Smith, Henry Robert Stimson, Eugenie Marie Connolly, Josef Andruskeiwicz, Margaret Solomon, Maria Josephine McCarthy, Thomas John Metcalf, Dr. Christopher Petit, James Flood, Maurice Marshall, Bridget Mary Flagg, Raymond Childs, Edgar Oliveira, Agnes Runnings, Colman Canavan, Charles Cummins, Frank Metcalf, Michael Kenny, James Moran, Robert Mosely, Margaret Jordan, John Fannon, Ernest Herd, Katie Sullivan, John O'Connor, William Regan, Joan Egan, Frederic Corden, Daniel Kelly, Kathleen Pollard, John Masters, Roy Palmer, Tom Grey, Philippe Sinteff, Francis John Browne, Annie Kennedy, Paula Lewis, Albert Welham, Mark Brasier, Barbara Beard, Gladys Browne, Anne Mary Cordier, Letitia Browne, Edward Xiberras, Jimmy Moran, John Davis, Frederic Coundley, Thomas Bush, Patrick Sheehy, Jimmy Gerrity, Jose Serna, Peter Marron, Peter Hardy, George Killingbeck, Lina De Kerckhove, Cyril Thompson, Monique Nguyen, Harriet Alexander, Sydney Rhodes, Enid Waller, Frederick Hubble, Frank McCantie, Frederick Miller, Ivy Wilson, Julia Mary Twomey, Isabella Newton, John Saxby, Bridget Goldsmith, John Forde. ++ **May they rest in Peace** ++

LET US REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Let us remember those who have died and their families with love and affection during this time of grief.

Offerings

First collection	Gift Aid	£540.45	Loose	£536.97
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£11.10	Loose	£94.11
TOTAL		£1182.63		

Thank you for your generosity to your parish
The retiring collection last weekend was for Missio.

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Friday 25th October to Monday 4th November, therefore the parish office will be closed.** Fr Anthony and Fr Pius will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk

October Devotion: The Holy Rosary

As a parish we have dedicated every Sunday Evening in October to Pray the Rosary together. This Sunday will be our last and we will start at **5.30pm**. We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

British Summer Time Ends—Clocks Go Back

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour in the early hours of **Sunday 27th October 2019**; Masses on that Sunday will therefore be one hour later than they would otherwise have been.



Tea and Coffee

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the Cloister after the Sunday 9am Mass this weekend and on the **last Sunday of each month**: do come and join us to meet and greet others, and our clergy, especially if you are new to the parish. If you attend this Mass and would like to help once a month, please email the parish office.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Michael Bowen

+++ **May he rest in peace** +++

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Archbishop Michael Bowen died on Thursday 17th October, at St Peter's Home, Vauxhall, aged 89. He was a faithful servant of the Church and especially of the two dioceses of which he was the chief shepherd. Please do pray for him and his family. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

The Liturgies will take place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, as follows:

Sunday 3rd November:

5pm: Reception into St George's Cathedral

6pm: Cathedral Mass: Archbishop Kevin McDonald

8pm: Vigil Service, after which the Cathedral will close.

Monday 4th November:

7am: Cathedral opens

7.30am: Cathedral Mass

12.30pm: Funeral Mass: Archbishop John Wilson

Burial in the Cathedral Crypt at the end of the Mass

All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two masses at **9.30am** and **7.30pm**. Saturday 2nd November is the All Souls day.

November – Month of All Souls

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation for the Masses inside the envelope. Please hand it to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Pius, or leave it in the basket in front of the Altar.

Annual Blessing of Graves

The annual blessing of graves will take place on **Sunday 3rd November**. There will be a short service in the chapel at Surbiton cemetery at 2.00pm, followed by blessing of graves. Also, a short service in the chapel at Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm followed by blessing of graves.

Altar Servers Training

All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief training session on **Sunday 24th November at 11.30am**. The session will last approximately an hour and parents of under 18s 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

**CHAPTER ONE
MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD**

I. The Desire for God

The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.

In many ways, throughout history down to the present day, men have given expression to their quest for God in their religious beliefs and behaviour: in their prayers, sacrifices, rituals, meditations, and so forth. These forms of religious expression, despite the ambiguities they often bring with them, are so universal that one may well call man a religious being:

From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "in him we live and move and have our being."

But this "intimate and vital bond of man to God" (GS 19 # 1) can be forgotten, overlooked, or even explicitly rejected by man. Such attitudes can have different causes: revolt against evil in the world; religious ignorance or indifference; the cares and riches of this world; the scandal of bad example on the part of believers; currents of thought hostile to religion; finally, that attitude of sinful man which makes him hide from God out of fear and flee his call.

"Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." Although man can forget God or reject him, He never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God.

You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised: great is your power and your wisdom is without measure. and man, so small a part of your creation, wants to praise you: this man, though clothed with mortality and bearing the evidence of sin and the proof that you withstand the proud. Despite everything, man, though but a small a part of your creation, wants to praise you. You yourself encourage him to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sunday 27 th Oct	British Summer Time Ends
Sunday 27 th Oct	October Devotion
Monday 28 th Oct	Half-Term Week
Friday 1 st Nov	All Saints: Solemnity & Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 9.30am & 7.30pm.
Friday 8 th Nov	Primary School Application Signing
Friday 8 th Nov	St Agatha's Church Youth Group

Advent Study and Reflection Group

During Advent we shall study and reflect upon the four beautiful passages from the Prophet Isaiah that form the first reading at our Advent Sunday masses. The passages are:

Isaiah 11: 1-10 – Peace and Repentance;

Isaiah 40: 1-11 – Good News

Isaiah 35: 1-10 – Joyful Hope

Isaiah 9: 2-7 – Saviour

The group will meet at the church on Thursday evenings at 8pm on 28th November and 5th, 12th and 19th December. There is no need to book places but it would help identify the most suitable venue if those intending to come could notify Fr Anthony, the Parish Office or John de Quidt in advance. Reading the passages before the meetings would also be a good idea.

APF Red Boxes

A brief reminder that the APF red boxes must be received back before **31st October**, so that we can submit our final totals for the year. Please contact Francesca Gilbert directly on 07813 777408 with any queries.

Primary School 2020 Application Forms

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic Primary School. Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign.

A priest will be available to sign Primary school application forms from **2-4pm on Friday 8th November 2019**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please ensure that you complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please also bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, **especially Baptism Certificates**. The closing date for the application is 15th January 2020.

Where were the saints to try to change the social order, not just to minister to the slaves, but to do away with slavery? ~ Servant of God Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day was an American journalist who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement, born on 8 November 1897, and died 29 November 1980. Praised by Pope Francis during his visit to the USA for her 'social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints.' Her cause for canonisation is open.

St Agatha's Church Youth Club

The brand-new St Agatha's Church Youth Club is going well, with over 30 children now steadily attending!

The Youth Club runs every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and is open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! Once established the young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to being able to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.

We would also like to thank the parishioners who have already come forward to help, however, **we still need more volunteers**, of all ages, to help behind the scenes with the various tasks involved with running the club, such as setting up and clearing away equipment, to ensure the club can continue. No experience of youth work is necessary. Could you spare just a few hours a month? Please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius, or contact the parish office for further details. **Youth Club registration forms are available at the back of the church, via our website or ask one of the youth volunteers.**

Christmas Raffle & Seniors Christmas Lunch

Each year, a small but dedicated team of volunteers run the senior's lunch, and a raffle which plays a big part in helping raise funds. This year we would like to expand the raffle and therefore any donations, big or small, would be very much appreciated and will help make a big difference to the funds raised. Thank you to those who have already given, please do keep the donations coming! A basket is available in the church porch for your donations, alternatively please contact the Parish Office to discuss further.

If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you. ~ Saint Thomas of Villanova

Thomas of Villanova was a Spanish Augustinian Friar. With a reputation for both intelligence and being skilled at preaching he was made an advisor to Emperor Charles V, and later Archbishop of Valencia. He began his episcopacy by visiting every parish and assessing the needs of the poorest, and sending the money intended for redecorating his residence to a local hospital. He became known for his personal austerity, selling his mattress to give the money to the poor, and wearing the same habit he had received as a novice, mending it himself. He became known as the Father of the Poor, and in addition to distributing arms sought to address the causes of poverty. He died on 8 September 1555 and was canonised 1 November 1658.

YOUTH CLUB

First Holy Communion 2020

The first parents' meeting with the Catechists is on **Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm** and the Mass of Inscription is on **Sunday 17th November 2019, 10.30am.**

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next Baptism preparation class is on **Sunday 1st December 2019**. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism in the next few months, please complete an application form and join us for this class. *Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a 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.



Parish Website

We invite you to take a moment to peruse our new improved website, the design now makes it easier to navigate and is very user-friendly. Please feel free to send back any questions, comments or suggestions you may have for us. We hope you'll find it both useful and informative. The address has not changed: stagathaschurch.org.uk.

Fr Gerry O'Brien Book of Condolence

The book of condolence for the late Fr. Gerry O'Brien is available, for one more week, to sign in the old sacristy. Please come and share your memories. We will be sending the book on to his family at the end of the month.

Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:

- **Healing Mass at St Joseph's**
- **The Mustard Seed (Please note a change of Date in Nov)**
- **Conquest Art Group at St Pius**
- **London SW Catholic Social Group**
- **Parishioner/Teacher seeking Accommodation**
- **Parishioner/Student Seeking Accommodation**
- **A Day with Mary**
- **School Open Day/Evening events**
- **Job Vacancy at Holy Cross Prep School**

THEOLOGY & TAP
QUENCH YOUR SPIRITUAL THIRST

MONTHLY TALKS AT ST. RAPHAEL'S ON TOPICS RELATED TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton holds a monthly event: "Theology on Tap". Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall (Alexander House) over a glass of wine or other refreshment.

On **Sunday 27th October**, Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald will give a talk as part of the monthly series - 'Theology on Tap' in Alexander House - The Parish Hall at St. Raphael's Church in Surbiton. The evening begins with wine and nibbles at 6.00pm with the talk starting at 6.30pm. The evening should conclude by 8.00pm