



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

CLERGY

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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 28th

9.30am James Harrap RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Sunday 29th Twenty-Sixth Sunday

9.00am Tina Piccirillo RIP
10.30am Patsy Byrne RIP
6.30pm Wellbeing of Maura Hickey

Monday 30th St Jerome, Priest, Memorial

9.30am Wellbeing of Tony Hart

Tuesday 1st St Therese of the Child Jesus, Memorial

9.30am GFS

Wednesday 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial

9.30am Archbishop Peter Amigo RIP

Thursday 3rd

9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 4th St Francis of Assisi, Memorial

9.30am Whole School Mass – Fr. Gerry O'Brien RIP

Saturday 5th

9.30am Raymond & B Patricia RIP
6.30pm Wellbeing of Gavin Mullen

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.

Confessions: Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm & at call.

Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (5th October) 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, 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

Edith Mary Crowley, Blanche Sinteff, Eileen Mckenzie, Henry Rooke-Ley, John Mahoney, Eliza Burrell, Francis William Hardy, Albert Fell, Charles Cullen, Jack Davis, Nora Leek, William Francis Cahill, Josephine Tompsett, Isabel Rodrigues, Gelardo Rossi, Mildred Bull, Dennis Short, Nellie Cannon, Right Rev. Peter Emmanuel Amigo, Michael Cleary, Eileen Sotiriades, Shirley Priest, Patrick Gallagher, Kathleen McCabe, Ethel Skinner, Simon Morrow, Norah Halloran, Timothy Hales, Catherine McCall, Jim McKay, James Coughlan, Pierre Detrulle, George Prosser, Luise Segat, Michael Murphy, Harry Williams. +++

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.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C Sunday 29th September 2019

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

Reflection

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

Family Reflection

Talk with your children about some of the things that they have that can be shared with others. Ask your children to describe a time when they had to share something that they had. Ask if this was easy or difficult and why. Talk about some of ways in which your family shares your possessions. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 16:19-31. Consider together some reasons why the rich man may not have shared his riches with the poor man, Lazarus. Identify some reasons why we might share our possessions with others. Make a commitment as a family to do something this week in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Tea and Coffee

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat; tea and coffee will be served in the Cloister after the Sunday 9am Mass this weekend: do come and join us to meet your fellow parishioners, 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.



First Holy Communion 2020

The First Holy Communion program and application form are now available from the back of the church, please complete and return it to the Parish Office **no later than FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER 2019**. The first parents' meeting is on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm and the Mass of Inscription is on Sunday 17th November 2019 10.30am.

October Devotion: The Holy Rosary

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of the Rosary, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession, the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings. During October, we invite everyone to pray your rosary. We especially encourage families to pray the rosary together. As a parish we shall dedicate Sunday Evenings to Pray the Rosary together and finish with Benediction. Never mind if you're a bit rusty, or if it's been a while since you last prayed your rosary. It's never too late to begin again; come let us experience the power of the rosary. **We will start at 5.30pm every Sunday: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

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

- **The Mustard Seed (Please note a change of Date)**
- **St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal**
- **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**

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULT (RCIA)
Are you an adult wishing to become a Catholic but have not been baptized, then this programme is for you.... Are you a baptised adult of another Christian denomination wishing to become a Catholic, this programme is also for you.... Are you a Baptised Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, this programme is for you as well.... The programme is a preparation through prayer, study, discussion, and fellowship for the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is scheduled to begin on **Thursday 10th October at 8.00pm**. Please speak with Fr Anthony or contact the parish office for more details.

Parish Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new and improved website! We invite you to take a moment to peruse the new site, 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.

Volunteer Bookkeeper Needed!

We are looking for an experienced bookkeeper who would be able to volunteer for 2/3 hours a week in order to assist us with the parish bookkeeping, and to help us improve our accounting processes. Please speak with Fr. Anthony or email the parish office for further details.

APF Red Boxes

It is time for the autumn count of the APF red boxes. If you have a red box, please would you bring it in to the church, we must receive it back before **31st October**, so that we can submit our final totals for the year. Returning boxes should be left on the table in the old sacristy please. When it has been counted, it will be placed on the same table ready for collection. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE LABEL AT THE BASE OF THE BOX. Please contact Francesca Gilbert directly on 07813 777408 with any queries

Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is good... Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them.

That would be enough to make the world a better place. ~ Pope Francis

Important Upcoming Dates:	
Friday 4 th Oct	St Agatha's Whole School Mass
Friday 4 th Oct	CAFOD Family Fast Day & Soup Lunch
Friday 4 th Oct	St Agatha's Church Youth Club
Saturday 5 th Oct	Southwark Day of Renewal
Saturday 5 th Oct	Monthly Adoration
Sunday 6 th Oct	October Devotion
Wed 9 th Oct	Secondary School Application Signing
Friday 11 th Oct	St Agatha's Church Youth Club

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PROLOGUE

"FATHER... this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

"God our Saviour desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

"There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" – than the name of JESUS.

THE LIFE OF MAN - TO KNOW AND LOVE GOD

God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life.

So that this call should resound throughout the world, Christ sent forth the apostles he had chosen, commissioning them to proclaim the gospel: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."4 Strengthened by this mission, the apostles "went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it."

Those who with God's help have welcomed Christ's call and freely responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ's faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer.

Southwark Day of Renewal

Southwark Day of Renewal is an uplifting and faith building day for Catholics. '...a great cloud of witnesses' Hebrews 12:1. **Saturday 5th October 2019, 9.45am – 4.45pm.** This year's Southwark Day of Renewal will include an inspiring set of speakers, praise and worship, healing ministry and Mass. The speakers are from a variety of ministries and will share how their faith and the Holy Spirit has influenced their lives and the lives of those they minister to. It will be faith building and exciting day. Please see the parish noticeboard for more details.

Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The next Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be in at the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George on **Saturday 12th October 2019 at 10am concluding with Mass at 2.30pm.** *Please contact the parish office for further details.*

Annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

The annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers for South West Area will take place at St. Boniface, Tooting SW17 9PG, on **Saturday 26th October 2019.** As we are preparing to keep "Year of the Word" from 1st December, the reflections of the day will be based on the Gospel of Matthew and the day itself will be given by Fr. Adrian Gaffy.



Please collect an invitation and programme form from the back of the church; please return the reply slip to the parish office by 30th September 2019. All the ministers of word and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are requested to attend the day. Thank you.

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 9th November and 23rd November 2019, 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

Offerings

First collection	Gift Aid	£525.30	Loose	£508.33
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£10.50	Loose	£71.60
TOTAL		£1115.73		

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Once again CAFOD invite us all to have a simple meal, and donate the money saved to support their work. So, we have a simple meal by choice, in solidarity with those that frequently do not have the luxury of choice.

As a UK taxpayer, we can maximise our offerings by use of the Gift Aid Scheme. This will see CAFOD claiming an additional 25% on all donations that we make. The Gift Aid declaration is easily completed, only taking a few minutes, and can be found attached to the donation envelopes. These envelopes will be distributed across all church benches should you decide to use one, further they contain a brief introduction to CAFOD's work. More detailed information can be obtained from cafod.org.uk/harvest or from the display in the entrance lobby.

Just what could this extra 25% deliver. Fewer miles walked to collect safe water thus freeing up the children to attend school: more evacuation sites to protect against the aftereffects of volcanic disruption: or indeed more toilets from Sister Bernadette in Sierra Leone – what a relief. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

You are invited to join us on Friday 4th October 2019, between 12.30 and 1.30pm for a simple soup lunch and raise money to help our family, wherever they live. A bowl of soup and bread roll will cost just £1.50. All proceeds will be going towards the work of CAFOD.



ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2020



Children born between 01 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2020

Our open morning for prospective reception class parents is on

Friday 11th October 2019
(9.30am in the School Hall)

Closing date for all applications is
15th January 2020

Find further information, visit our website: www.stagathas.school

- telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons]
- e-mail: office@stagathas.school



Lately Dead

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Benson, who died on Sunday 22nd September. Funeral details will follow...

'Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic 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 secondary school application forms on **Wednesday 9th October 2019 between 4pm and 6pm**. 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.

It would be considered a theft on our part if we didn't give to someone in greater need than we are. ~ Saint Francis of Assisi