



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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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 29TH OCTOBER 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Table with feast days and masses: Saturday 28th (Ss Simon and Jude), Sunday 29th (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time), Monday 30th (Kathleen & James Boyle), Tuesday 31st (Holy Souls), Wednesday 1st (All Saints), Thursday 2nd (Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed), Friday 3rd (Family Intentions), Saturday 4th (St Charles Borromeo).

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Mass Times: Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass)
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: 08/10/2023

Table with collection details: Collection Gift Aid £126.50 Loose £398.10, 2nd Collection Gift Aid £25.00 Loose £307.30

TOTAL £856.90

Last week's retiring collection was for Missio, our parish raised a total of £332.30. Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

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.



BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS - CLOCKS GO BACK!

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour in the early hours of this Sunday, 29th October 2023.



EVENING OF PRAYER FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST, READERS, MUSICIANS & CATECHISTS OF THE PARISH Tuesday 31st October 2023

There will be an evening of prayer for Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Musicians and Catechists on Tuesday 31st October between 7pm and 8pm in the church to which everyone is invited. Tea, coffee and wine will be served in the Cloister afterwards.

ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints. There will be two masses: 9.30am, when we will be joined by children from St Agatha's School, and at 7pm. Thursday 2nd November is All Souls day.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL APPEAL SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2023

Next weekend we will have a Mission appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP) at all Masses. Your prayers, material and financial support are most needed for:



- The training of 120 MSP seminarians studying to become priests, it takes an average of £1,100.00 to support each student in the seminary for one year and this is becoming an increasingly difficult task for the society.

- To help sustain some challenging missions like Malawi, Chad, South Sudan and agriculture and water projects. MSP priests serve in more than 20 countries; Fr. Francis and Fr. Peter are among the MSPs currently serving in the UK. The Missionaries of St Paul are committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and the wonderful works of the Father in the Holy Spirit, but they cannot do this alone, they need your help.

We will have a collection; envelopes are available in the church porch, which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation.

For further information about the Missionary Society of St Paul, please visit: www.mspfathers.co.uk

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief training session on Saturday 11th November 2023 at 5pm. 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; we especially welcome those who earlier this year completed their First Holy Communion.



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**  
**Sunday, October 29, 2023**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 18:2-4,47,51*  
*The Lord is our strength.*

**GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 22:34-40*  
*The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.



**FAMILY REFLECTION**

Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbours by showing everyday acts of love, generosity, and kindness—our own expressions of our love for God. These acts, small and large, are the expression of what Jesus identified as the two greatest commandments: love God and love neighbour.

Make a poster together as a family. Write the words Love God in the centre of the poster and write the words Love Neighbour near each of the four sides of the poster. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40. Talk about how Jesus taught us that our love for God is revealed in the love that we show to other people. On the poster, use pictures and words to show some of the ways that your family shows their love for other people. Pray together that your family will continue to express your love for God by loving others. Pray the Act of Love.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS**

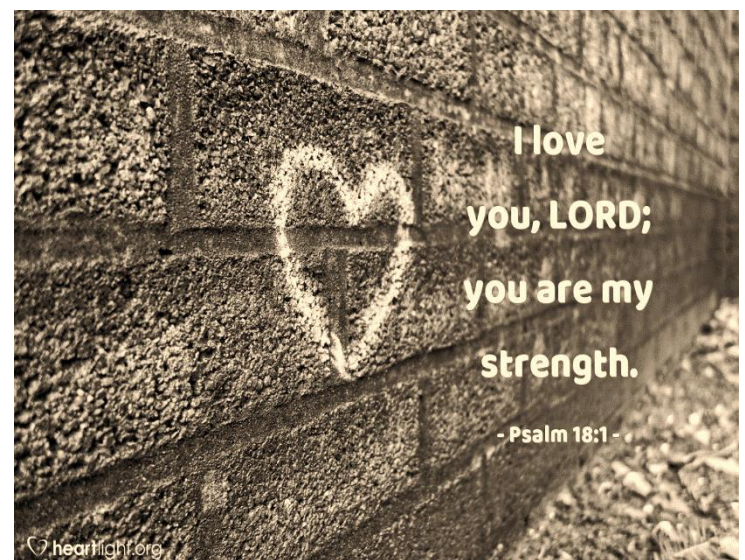
In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation inside the envelope. Please hand it to Father or place it in the basket at the altar throughout the month of November. +++*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.* +++

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES**

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. 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. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels.)

**ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF KINGSTON DEANERY**

A Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of Kingston Deanery will be held at St. Ann's on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 12pm. Everyone is welcome. Please note that the 85 bus stop is very near St Anne's, also there is a large car park available.





## 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.

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are sick and/or housebound, our Priests would be happy to visit you, to pray with you, and to bring you Holy Communion in your home, please do let the Parish Office know; home visits are by request. If you know of someone who is unable to attend Mass but who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Priests or the Parish Secretary.

## 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

Maria Josephine McCarthy, Thomas John Metcalf, Dr. Christopher Petit, James Flood, Maurice Marshall, Bridget Mary Flagg, Raymond Childs, Edgar Oliveira, Mohan Loyala Perera 'Monty', 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, John Patrick Siese, 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.

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They Rest In Peace +++

## ALL SOULS – Thursday 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

Mass To Remember: on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at the 9.30am Mass we will remember those in parish who have died since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. The names of those in our register, will be read out during the Mass.

If a member of your family passed away during the last 12 months and their requiem was held outside of our parish and you wish for them to be added to the list, please email their full name and date of death to the Parish Office at [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

## 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.



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

There will be a parent meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm.

The Inscription Mass is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the 10.30am Mass. All children MUST attend the Mass. Session 1 for Children AND Parents will be immediately after Mass.



### CONFIRMATION 2022/23

Registration for our next Confirmation programme is now closed. The Catechists have now finalised the schedule and this will be sent in and email update very shortly.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the coming months, please register for our next class on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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 take place here at St. Agatha's. Please contact the Parish Office and we will happily guide you.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

The RCIA course will begin on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, please contact the Parish Office to sign up to the programme.

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a set of rites, or ceremonies, designed to introduce and prepare non baptised adults into becoming full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation, namely, Baptism, (or Reception if already Baptised), Confirmation and Holy Eucharist (The Body and Blood of Christ). It is also for baptised Christians of other churches who take a similar, but unique path through the rites where they will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Baptised Adult Catholics seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, and possibly the Holy Eucharist if not already received, can also join this programme. It can also be a good experience for full members of the Catholic Church who may not have practised their faith for a number of years, or for those who wish to more fully understand and deepen their faith.



'we must not become accustomed to war, to any war. we must not allow our hearts and minds to be anaesthetized at the repetition of these extremely serious horrors against God and humankind.' ~ Pope Francis

### 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.



### CATHOLIC UNION URGES PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR SAY IN COVID INQUIRY

The Catholic Union has launched a new survey on people's thoughts, experiences and attitudes towards the closure of places of worship during the pandemic. The survey takes less than two minutes and will help us make the voices of Catholics heard and the survey results will shape the Catholic Union's submission to the UK Covid-19 public inquiry, which is currently considering the political decisions taken during the pandemic.

The QR code will link to the survey. Further details can be found at: <https://catholicunion.org.uk/2023/10/catholic-union-urges-people-to-have-their-say-in-covid-inquiry>



### PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. Please note that they will be meeting at The Albert on Kingston Hill, instead of the usual location, The Wych Elm. Please come along and join them from 8pm. Everyone is welcome.



### "MY PLACES"

#### AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY BOB MEECHAM

"My Places" an exhibition of paintings by our very own resident artist Bob Meecham is to be held in the Church Cloister from 14<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

You are invited to the private view of "My Places" on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

The exhibition will be open Thursday- Saturday from 10am – 4pm. 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 07804498985 or email [bbbm@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:bbbm@blueyonder.co.uk)

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At St Agatha's Church (The Cloister)

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