

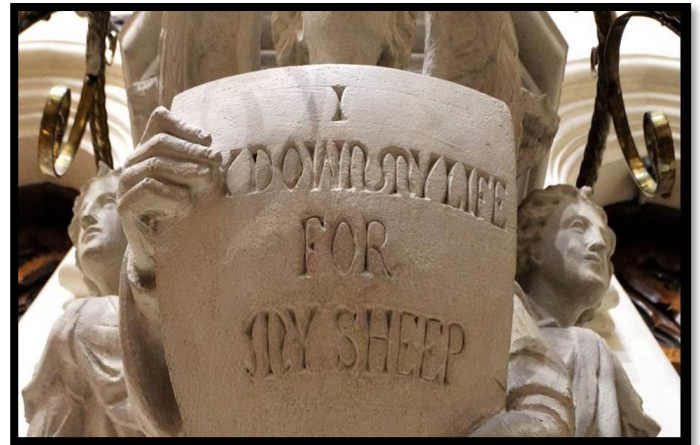
**CLERGY**

Rev. Fr. Francis Olaseni, MSP – Parish Priest & Hospital Chaplain  
Rev. Fr. Peter Akor, MSP – Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain  
Rev. Robert Beresford – Deacon

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](mailto: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 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
6.30pm	Colette Hickey RIP
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday</b>	
9am	Magan Mecwan RIP
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	John Pereira RIP
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
9am	Ivan Mitchell RIP
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> St Athanasius, Bishop, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	Marie-Anne Xiberras RIP
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Ss Philip and James, Apostles, Feast</b>	
9.30am	Radigunda San Agustin RIP
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> The English Martyrs, Feast</b>	
9am	Paul Davidson – Birthday
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Andres Francisco RIP
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	K J Antony RIP Mary Anthony RIP & C T Anthony RIP
<b>Exposition:</b> Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 9am.	
<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.	
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
<b>Mass Times:</b> Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30	
<b>Baptisms:</b> Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.	
<b>Marriages:</b> Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule	



**PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Christ until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church or the red bucket.



**KING CHARLES III CORONATION**

King Charles III's coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey in London. During the ceremony, the King will be crowned alongside Camilla, the Queen Consort.

Join us on Friday as we celebrate Mass for His Majesty the King to mark his coronation. Prayer Cards for the Coronation of King Charles III are available in the church porch.



**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A**  
**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

**Gospel Reading**

*John 10:1-10*

*Jesus is the gate for his sheep.*

**Gospel Reflection**

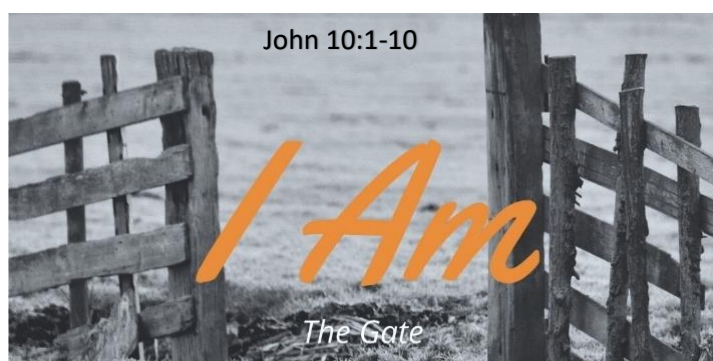
This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognise their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.



**Family Reflection**

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favourite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God.

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Marie Chlebeckova.

*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 Christ but who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Priests.

**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**

*Mary Bruce, William Vivian, William Purton, Margaret Mary Garvey, Victor Derrington, Angela Miles, Henry Sweeny, Helen McGowan, Tina Piccirillo, Thomas Jude Horgan, Edward Statham Rimmer, Bridget Hickey, Teresa (Tess) White, Anne Rogerson, George Frederick Worley, Alice Power, Denis McCartie, Isabel Sherlock, Charles Leite. +++May They Rest In Peace+++*



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

Remaining timetable for FHC 2023

- 14/05/2023 (Sunday)  
Session 8 11.45am-1pm  
(Plus, a Parents Session in Cloister)
- 19/05/2023 (Friday)  
FHC Parents Church Decorating 10.30am-
- 19/05/2023 (Friday)  
Preparation for Reconciliation & FHC Mass 4pm
- 20/05/2023 (Saturday)  
Reconciliation at 11am
- 21/05/2023 (Sunday)  
FHC Mass at 12pm



### CONFIRMATION 2023

Remaining timetable for Confirmation 2023:

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Retreat & Reconciliation 10am – 4pm  
Holy Cross Chapel, New Malden
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7.15-8.30pm  
Session 6 (Replacement session due to additional bank holiday)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023  
Session 7 - 7.15-8.30pm
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Session 8 - 7.15-8.30pm
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- Final Preparation/Rehearsal for Candidates & Parents - 7.15-9pm
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Confirmation Mass at 12.30pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- Evaluation and Reflection at 7.15-8.30pm



### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held this Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm.

Please complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

**Our subsequent class will be held in September 2023.**

Parents must attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism, and it is recommended that Godparents also attend.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or wanting to explore your Catholic faith further?

Our Evangelium course starts in October. The programme consists of weekly sessions running until Easter, including vital dates during Lent.

Evangelium is for adults who have not been Baptised and for Christians of other denominations who want to be Received into the Catholic Church.

Please email the Parish Office for more details and to register for our next programme:  
[kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)



### CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

A small selection of Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards are available to purchase in the Cloister after all Masses or alternatively contact the parish office during opening hours. Cards are just £1 each! Please leave money in box available. Thank you.



*Keeping our community fed,  
connected & supported.*

### SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

For too many families, 'food deprivation' is a fact of life. An unacceptable fact of life in 2023! But wishing will not make it go away. It is here for the immediate future at least, so are we and so many like-minded folks.

Thanks to your generous support here at St Agatha's, parents have been able to feed their children. That is a simple fact not an exaggeration.

Please try to continue supporting this appeal on behalf of the Dons. And yes, they are actively supporting families in the KT2 Postcode area.

Our collection point remains in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items, such as pasta, rice, cereals, tea and coffee UHT milk, tins of vegetable, fruit, soup and also pet food and toiletry items such as toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant. Please note that they accept non-food items such as toilet paper, washing up liquid, household cleaning products.

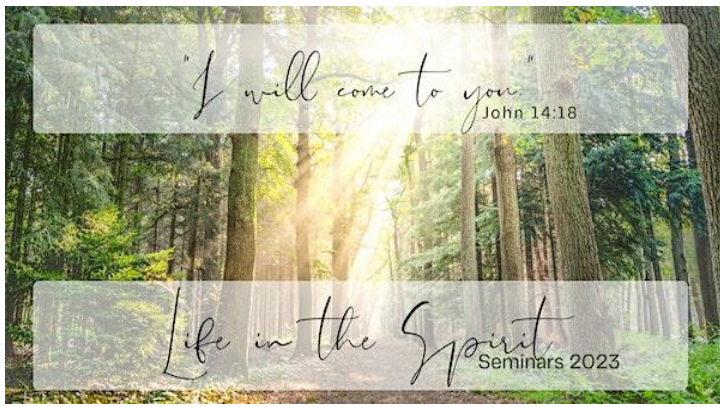
Please do not donate anything that is perishable such as fruit, vegetables, eggs or bread items. Please also check the date on all items to ensure they have a good storage life.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity*

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which started on Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, are ready for collection from the church porch.

If you are not part of the Parish Gift Aid scheme and would like to join, please contact the Parish Office for further information. *Thank you to everyone for your continued support.*



**SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE 2023 - IN PERSON AND ONLINE**

**Join at St George's Cathedral, at a "hub" venue in the diocese or on Zoom to explore how to live more fully in the power of the Spirit.**

The Archdiocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal team are again organising Life in the Spirit Seminars for the Archdiocese during Eastertide.

The Seminars will run on five Tuesday evenings (2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th May and 6th June) at St George's Cathedral and at local hubs\* across the Archdiocese as well as on Zoom, with a Pentecost Saturday retreat day for all participants at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 27th May. Everyone would be most welcome. Inspiring talks and music, small group sharing and daily reflections (with food provided for those attending Tuesday evening sessions at the Cathedral).

\* **Local Hub: NEW MALDEN St Joseph's Catholic Church, Montem Road, New Malden KT3 3QW.**

For further details, see the leaflets in the church porch or visit: [www.bit.ly/SOUTHWARK2023](http://www.bit.ly/SOUTHWARK2023) or email [kristinabcooper@gmail.com](mailto:kristinabcooper@gmail.com).



**SUPPORT THE LIFEBOATS!**

**Thursday 4th May 2023 is London Lifeboat day.**

**Please lookout for Maggie M. who will be collecting at Norbiton Station! Please support her if you can, and tell all your friends and neighbours! Cash only... no card reader available!**

**SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 18TH-25TH AUGUST 2023**

Message from Bishop Paul: 'After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us.' For details, please see:

<https://www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/>

**VOCATIONS WEBINAR: 'THE GOOD SHEPHERD CALLS'**

*"I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own and my own know me." (John 10:14)*

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? God has a definite plan and purpose for all of our lives. Some men are called to be a priests or deacons, and some women and men are called to the religious life or to be consecrated singles. Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-minute webinar on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm entitled 'The Good Shepherd Calls' where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join by registering for this event in advance by using following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONT>

'Faith was passed down from generation to generation through life, through witnesses who brought the flame of the Gospel, the joy of the saving love of Jesus, and the hope of his promise.

Faith grows through witness.'

~ Pope Francis

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