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

### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (B)

#### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Feast</b>
9.30am	Therese Hoey RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.00am	Patsy Pereira RIP
10.30am	Patsy Byrne RIP
6.30pm	Seamus Madden RIP
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Archbishop Peter Amigo RIP
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Special Intention for Michael Rethinasamy
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Francis of Assisi, Memorial</b>
9.30am	Private Intention
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	In thanksgiving to our great and merciful God for blessings received now and always.
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Maria De Sousa Pereira RIP
6.30pm	Marie Anne Xiberras RIP
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.

#### 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 and Trish Taylor. *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

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, Frank Keefe, Sister Mary Francis Pentony, Samuel Medhurst, Walter Thomas Gifford, Elizabeth Noble, Ann Holmes, John Healey, Margaret Dalton.

+++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

#### OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£505.01	Loose	£543.05
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£218.50	Loose	£47.28

**TOTAL £1313.79**

Next week's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

### DISCERNMENT

#### A REFLECTION OF PSALM 18:8, 10, 12-14

Today's psalm raises some very pertinent questions in the area of discernment:

- How can I detect all my errors?
- What are my hidden faults? Perhaps others can see them but I can't?
- Does presumption rule me? I have met self-appointed prophets presuming divine inspirations behind their messages for me. But am I also guilty of presuming that my opinion is of God's direction?

The issue of discernment arises in today's first reading and gospel. Moses and Jesus decide that if good is being done then that matter is of God's direction. By their fruits you shall know them. The writer of psalm 18 seeks his guidance from God's revelation, first in the grandeur of creation and then in what is called the law. *The heavens proclaim the glory of God and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands. The law of the Lord* is an all-embracing term for the covenanted relationship of God and his people, including their beliefs, moral code and directions for cultic celebrations. *The law of the Lord is perfect... revives the soul... gives wisdom to the simple... gladdens the heart... gives light to the eyes.* Counselling can help me to sort out the layers of my experiences to enable me to see where I am and what I need to do. The task of spiritual direction is to see where God is involved in all this. *The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple.*

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

#### First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion program and application forms and will be released on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, all applications must be returned by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### Organists or Pianists Needed!

We need more musicians if there is to be an accompaniment at our usual Masses. If you can play the organ or the piano and would like to take a turn at the Weekend Masses, and at special services, please contact Fr. Anthony, or the Parish Secretary, thank you.

#### Flower Arrangers Needed!

We need your help! We are currently looking for individuals who would like to volunteer to help prepare the flower arrangements for the church. No experience necessary – we are looking for anyone with an interest in flower arranging to get involved – from complete beginner to seasoned professional! Many hands make light work. We will have a flower budget from church funds so individual flower arrangers will not be required to take on any financial outlay. If you are interested, please speak with the Parish Secretary for more details.

### HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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### Important Upcoming Dates

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fr. Anthony Oleh, MSP, Induction Ceremony CAFOD Family Fast Day
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parish Ladies Group
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Agatha's School Open Morning
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parish Men's Group

### Reflection – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

As we celebrate the memory of the Guardian Angels, the readings of today remind us of the presence of angels in our lives and invite us to concentrate on our responsibility of protecting ourselves *and* others. The responsibility of guarding primarily emerges from the fact that God has protected his people and has assured that He would continue to protect us and would never leave us orphans. The responsibility of guarding comes also from the exhortation of God to be the keeper of one's brother or sister (Gen 4:9). Today, the first message given us is to trust in God, the Divine Protector. Secondly, we must remind ourselves of the different ways of God's protection that we have experienced. Thirdly, we ought to guard ourselves from occasions that lead to sin and consequent spiritual death. Finally, we have the duty to guard and protect everyone from dangers, sins and death.

### Reflection – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The beginning of every mission can be traced back to a human misery. Today Jesus presents us the misery of the people who have not received the message of salvation and the misery of the lack of workers who can proclaim that message of salvation. After presenting the problem, Jesus also proposes a solution: pray for more vocations to reach the word of God everywhere; prayer reveals that it is not human merit but gratuitous gift of God that results in Christian vocations. The life of the disciples of Jesus will be characterised by a sense of urgency to preach the kingdom, willingness to accept 'crosses', willing dispositions to renounce the worldly attachments, singlemindedness and dedication to the God-given mandate and the courage to warn with dire consequence those who reject God's message.

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing



Congratulations to Oliver and Harry who were Baptised here at St. Agatha's in September. May God continue the good work he has started.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 05 October 2018.

'Providing Water for Life' is this year's campaign, it recognises the simple truth that we all need a reliable source of safe water to survive. At Harvest time we celebrate and share the abundance that God has given us but not all of God's Children are so lucky. This year CAFOD focus on the need for a reliable supply of clean safe water. More than 2 billion of our brothers and sisters do not have access to safe and readily available water at home, a figure in excess of 300, 000 children under 5 die due to diarrhoea each year, on average, a child dies every 21 seconds from a water related disease. Once again, we are invited by CAFOD to "eat simply" and give the money we save to help those less fortunate. Please try to support CAFOD's Fast Day this year, thank you. Donation envelopes are available at the back of church, and these will be collected at all Masses over the next weekend.



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

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton has launched a new 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.

FR MICHAEL LOVELL – 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 6.00PM

On Sunday 30 September, Fr Michael will give a talk entitled "Half a century on: the impact of the Second Vatican Council". All are welcome to attend and enjoy a glass of wine with nibbles from 6pm and to celebrate Fr Michael's and the Parish's patronal feast. All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs.

FUTURE DATES – On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Michael Nicholson – organist at St Raphael's – will give a talk on the music of the Mass. On Sunday 25 November, Olivia Darby will speak about Catholic social teaching in a #metoo age.

### Day of Renewal

You are invited to a 'Day of Renewal' being held at St George's Cathedral on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 9.45am to 4.45pm**. Please see the church noticeboard for full details.

### St Agatha's Ladies Group

All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend our first meeting on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm** in the Presbytery. Join us for a glass of wine, or a cup of tea, for conversation, fun and laughter. This group will be for all the ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest.

### Parish Men's Group

Men of the parish are invited to meet together on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm** for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come along and join us.

### Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018, 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.



### Admission to Reception September 2019

Children born between 01 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2019. Their open morning for prospective reception class parents is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (9.30am in the School Hall). The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2019. You can find more information about the school on their web site at: [www.stagathas.school](http://www.stagathas.school), telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons] or e-mail: [office@stagathas.school](mailto:office@stagathas.school)

Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.  
~ St. Francis of Assisi