



CLERGY

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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

**EASTER SUNDAY (B)
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024**

Saturday 30th	Holy Saturday
9.30am	No Morning Mass
8pm	Easter Vigil Catechumen of the Parish
Sunday 31st	Easter Sunday
9am	Thomas & Catherine Naughton & Family RIP
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Patrick Collins
Monday 1st	Easter Monday
12pm	Holy Souls
Tuesday 2nd	Easter Tuesday
9.30am	Wellbeing of Catherine Bennett
Wednesday 3rd	Easter Wednesday
9.30am	Millicent Mary Laing RIP
Thursday 4th	Easter Thursday
9.30am	Anne Laing RIP
Friday 5th	Easter Friday
9.30am	Teresa Dooley
Saturday 6th	Easter Saturday
9.30am	Holy Souls

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Mass Times: Monday to Friday: 09:30
Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.
Baptisms: Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.
Marriages: Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024**

Saturday 6th	
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7th	2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday
9am	Joan Heelan RIP
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	James Senior & James Junior O'Keefe RIP
Monday 8th	The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity
9am	Chantry of St Mary Magdalene
Tuesday 9th	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Wednesday 10th	
9.30am	Millicent Mary Laing RIP
Thursday 11th	St Stanislaus, Bishop, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 12st	
9.30am	Anne Hall RIP
Saturday 13th	
9.30am	Caroline & Bertram Woodhouse- Currie RIP

**BRITISH SUMMER TIME—
CLOCKS GO FORWARD**

Please remember that the clocks go forward one hour in the early hours of 31st March; Masses on that Sunday will therefore be one hour earlier than they would otherwise!



PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: 24/03/2024

Gift Aid £127.50 Loose £619.74 **TOTAL £747.24**

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 above will take you to our parish's 'Give A Little' web donation page.





EASTER BLESSINGS

Happy Easter to you all from all of us here at St. Agatha's Parish! We pray for you and hope you and your families and loved ones have a joyful Easter Season. Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil, and eternity and glory with God in Heaven. We pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones. May you have a happy and peaceful Easter and may God fill your hearts with the joy, peace and hope that only he can give. Fathers Francis and Peter.

EASTER READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Copies of the Lent and Easter editions of 'My Day by Day', for adults and juniors, are available in the Church porch – they cost £1.00 each. Please put money in the box marked 'My Day by Day'. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter offering envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to use them for an Easter Offering for our Clergy. If you normally Gift Aid your weekly offerings, would you please print your name/number clearly on the Easter Offering Envelope. Please leave the envelopes in the box in the porch. Alternatively, you can make an offering by debit or credit card via our contactless handsets. You will find these at the back of the church, please choose 'Easter Offerings'. Thank you.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use the weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes have now arrived! They start on the 7th April. Please collect them 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.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave for Easter Week and will return on Monday 8th April 2024; the parish office will close at 5pm on Thursday 28th March. Please ensure all Mass Requests for this period, Baptism Applications and any other enquiries are submitted before 12pm on Thursday, otherwise they will not be attended to until the office reopens. Please only call the presbytery in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry during this time. For all non-urgent enquiries, please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk and Karin will respond upon her return. **Thank you.**



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.

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

Giovanni Grassi, James McArdle, Francis Brocking, Henry Wright, Sr. Stanislaus Holohan, Mario Bedoye, Maureen Swinbourne, Mary Lott, John Allen, Alice Baker, Sarah Watson, John McKenna, James Patrick Kennedy, Caroline Hopkins, William Philip Murphy, Alice Delaney, Ellen Desmond, Eugene Doyle, Bernadette Harris, Evelyn Fiaschi, Clare Chambers, George Higginson, Bridget Doyle, Michael McDonnell, Margaret Hardless, Mary O'Connell, Martin O'Brien, George Deeb, Alfred Paish, Charles Philpot, Walter Hewitt, Mercie Young, John Malone, Michael Lynn, Ottie Hewitt, Richard Lumey, Nellie O'Brien, Mary Hobbs, Harriet Roberts, Gertrude Thompson, Marie Philomena Sinteff, Denis Kennedy, John Nash, Mabel Friend, Frederick Evenden, Theresa Mary McKay, Mary Browne, Samuel Moorhouse, Anne Hall, Catherine West, Sister Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Inge Quarta, Clara Hawkins, May Lott. **+++May They Rest In Peace+++**

**EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024**

REFLECTION

On being alerted by Mary Magdalene, Peter and John run to the Lord's tomb to see if the body had been stolen by someone – a hypothesis that was ruled out by what they saw there. They re-read the event in a new way, in the light of Scripture. The liturgical assembly on Easter day exults in realising all the hopes of the messianic people of God – the hope of liberation, of entering into the Promised Land, of restoration of justice, of new earth and new heavens. The faithful of Christ have entered into this new reality and live and move in its light. The real newness is Christ who came into the world, lived with humans, died and rose again and is ever present. It is Him that the interior human being is renewed every day (2 Cor 4:6). The exterior man, the old reality, needs to be broken to open up the way for the birth of the new human reality, the fruit of redemption in Christ. 'to put on Christ' is one of the many expressions coined by St. Paul to present this mysterious reality of grace. To put on Christ means to enter into Him and to live in Him so that our life becomes hidden in Him and with Him in God. Thus 'anyone who is in Christ is a new creature' (2 Cor 5:17). The Christian is dead to sin and risen with Christ to new life.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024

RESPONSE: WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**

REFLECTION

Giving them his spirit, Jesus gives his Apostles the power to remit sins; thus, he makes human beings participate in his triumph over evil and sin. The Risen Lord gives Thomas, who did not believe the testimony of his fellow Apostles, a lesson which is significant also for us: it is necessary to pass from vision to faith. The new mode of life of the Risen Lord means that he cannot be known as an earthly man, but as one who is present to us in the sacraments and in the life of the Church. Today's liturgy proclaims that each one of us is regenerated to a living hope through the Resurrection of Christ. Nearly every day we die to something: our ego, a dream, an ambition, an old idea – in order to rise with a greater ability to love, to welcome the reality around us, to be enthusiastic in continuing the adventures of our lives. The mystery of death and resurrection goes on. The Resurrection, therefore, is not only a fact of past history but also a present reality. In our life, after every crisis we begin again; after every rupture we rebuild. Through all these experiences the Lord teaches us how to go forward and prepares the way for us to arrive at the final death and resurrection. In this pilgrimage the Christian must be characterised by faith in the Resurrection, being conscious that the present moment is a passage from death to life.

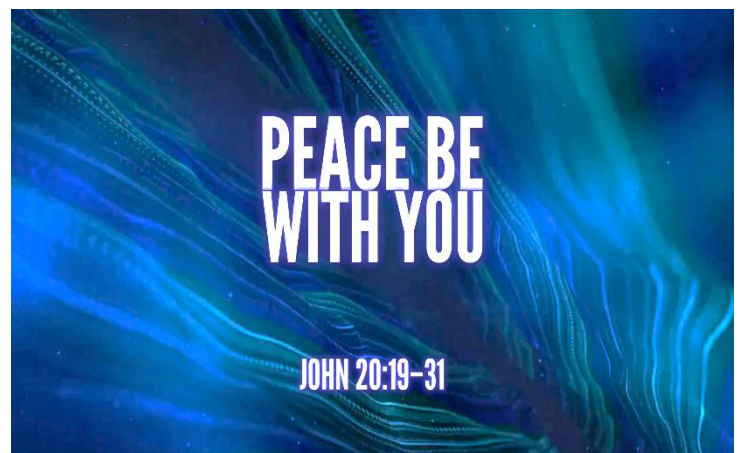
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024

RESPONSE: MY LORD AND MY GOD



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Please note the following remaining and important dates for the FHC Programme. Please remember that there are two groups this year completing their FHC, so please make sure you take note of the relevant dates for your child's group.



- Sunday 21st April: Session 6 – Rescheduled Session (11.45-1pm)
- Saturday 11th May: Reconciliation for Children & Parents 11am
- Sunday 12th May: Session 7 (11.45-1pm)
- Thursday 16th May: Final Preparation & Rehearsal 4pm – Group 1
- Friday 17th May: FHC Parents Church Decorating 10.30am
- Friday 17th May: Final Preparation & Rehearsal 4pm – Group 2
- Saturday 18th May: FHC Mass 12pm – Group 1
- Sunday 19th May: FHC Mass 12pm – Group 2

CONFIRMATION 2024

Please note the following remaining and important dates for the Confirmation Programme.



- Monday 15th April 2024: Session 6
- Monday 22nd April 2024: Session 7
- Friday 26th April 2024: Final Preparation/Rehearsal for Candidates & Parents
- Sunday 28th April 2024, 12.30pm: Mass of Confirmation
- Monday 29th April 2024, Evaluation, Reflection & Celebration

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. Cards are just £1 each! Please leave money in box available. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held on Sunday 21st April 2024. 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 June 2024.

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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY NINE DAY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

On the 1st Sunday after Easter the entire Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. From St Maria Faustina's Diary it is clear that this Octave Day on Easter is the day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces – a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith.

How to observe the Feast of Mercy

1. Go to confession, preferably before that Sunday
2. Place your complete trust in Jesus
3. Celebrate the Feast
4. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
5. Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy
6. Be merciful to others, through your actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

In the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, Jesus asked that the **Feast of Divine Mercy**, known today as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, be preceded by a **Novena to The Divine Mercy**. A Novena is nine days of prayer in preparation for a feast. To properly celebrate this great day, we need to prepare well. As a Parish we are encouraging everyone to make a Novena to The Divine Mercy and pray the Chaplet. 'Jesus instructed St Faustina to write down and make (the Novena & Chaplet) before the Feast of Mercy. It begins on Good Friday' (Diary 1209 – 1229).

Divine Mercy pamphlets are available in the church porch. (Cost 50p each). Monies should be put in the wall box marked "papers".

we know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

(Romans 6:9-10)