



### CLERGY

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### FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Intentions for God's Providence & Protection
6.30pm	Peter Clarke RIP
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
9am	Mrs Jean Horne RIP
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Katy & Ben Merriman & Family
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> St Athanasius, Bishop, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	Marie-Anne Xiberras RIP
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Ss Philip and James, Apostles, Feast</b>	
9.30am	Thanksgiving to Triune God
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> The English Martyrs, Feast</b>	
9.30am	Keith Fraser RIP
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Edna Rose Perera RIP
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Thanksgiving Intentions of Britz Family
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Michael Stephen Wooden RIP
6.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
<b>Mass Times:</b> Saturday: 09:30, 18:30	
Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30	
Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12pm.	
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.	

### +++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Hodgkinson who died recently. His requiem will take place at All Saint's Church, Kingston upon Thames on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10.30am. Our condolences to all his family.

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle, and Melba De Silva.  
*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 Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

### ANNIVERSARIES

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, Roland Tierney, Mary Bowen, Jeremiah Murphy, Nora Thorpe. **+++May They Rest In Peace+++**

### CONFIRMATION



We offer our congratulations to our young adults and adults who were confirmed by Bishop Paul Hendricks on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022, here at St Agatha's.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire them as they make their way through life as active members of the Church and help them in discerning their charism and how to put them to use in building up the society.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the following important dates.  
*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.*



**Remaining timetable for Group 1A and Group 1B**  
First Communion Mass Group 1A – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 12pm  
First Communion Mass Group 1B – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 12pm

**Remaining timetable for Group 2A and Group 2B**  
Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion Group 2A & 2B – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm  
First Reconciliation Group 2A & 2B – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm  
First Communion Mass Group 2A – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm  
First Communion Mass Group 2B – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm

### 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 10th April, are ready for collection from the church porch.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

A small selection of 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

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**, which will be held in the church hall at 2pm, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

*Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism.*  
Please note there is currently a waiting list for baptisms, so the earlier you contact the parish office the better!

### ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022** at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details please email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)



PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

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Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle C  
Sunday, May 1, 2022

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19 (short form: John 21:1-14) Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

Gospel Reflection

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.



Family Reflection

Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.

Consider a recent family meal: What food was served? Where did the food come from? Who prepared the food? Who served the food? Was mealtime a happy time? Why or why not? Observe that today's Gospel talks about a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples after his Resurrection. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 21:1-14. Reflect on the Gospel reading using the questions above. Talk about ways in which this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples might remind us of the meal we share at the Eucharist. You might choose to plan a special meal together as a family, encouraging each person to participate in the meal preparation. Pray together that Jesus will make his loving presence known in your family life. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2022



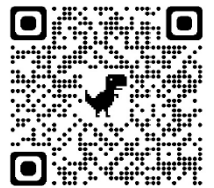
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Next week is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, 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 6 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.

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Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C - 01 May 2022

(The Feast of St Joseph the Worker, this is also celebrated as  
International Workers Day)

Consequently, if the organization and structure of economic life be such that the human dignity of workers is compromised, or their sense of responsibility is weakened, or their freedom of action is removed, then we judge such an economic order to be unjust. ~ Pope Saint John XXIII, Mater et Magistra, para 83