

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 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 2ND OCTOBER 2022

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
CYCLE C**

Saturday 1st	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Memorial
9.30am	Archbishop Peter Amigo RIP
6.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
Sunday 2nd	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Vincent Arendse RIP
10.30am	Patsy Byrne RIP
6.30pm	Millicent Mary Laing RIP
Monday 3rd	
9.30am	Molly Kennedy RIP
Tuesday 4th	St Francis of Assisi, Memorial
9.30am	Steve Warrell Clare RIP
Wednesday 5th	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Thursday 6th	
9.30am	Zoran Popovic RIP
Friday 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 8th	
9.30am	Sean Morton RIP
6.30pm	Beverly Uy RIP
Exposition:	Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer:	Monday to Saturday 9am.
Confessions:	Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.
Morning Prayer:	Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM
Mass Times:	Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
Baptisms:	Sundays at 12pm, By previous arrangement.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule

**CAFOD Family Fast Day
Friday 7th October 2022**

Next Sunday our retiring collection will be for CAFOD. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. You can donate on the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/fastday, or please use a CAFOD envelope, available in the church porch, or the red bucket.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH CENSUS

It has been some years since our parish has conducted a formal census. While the parish office receives registration forms for new parishioners and receives some notifications from families who are reporting that they are moving, we still know that some families are no longer active members or families have undergone changes: new addresses, deaths, births and children becoming adults and leaving home; that have not been recorded. Having an accurate count of our members is important to our parish community.

This information is also vital for our stewardship efforts, communicating information and events, helping groups and ministries and most importantly, for ensuring the availability and access to the sacraments.

We begin the process of formally collecting and updating our parish census during the month of October. We ask each family to please complete a census form. The form can be found on the website (currently in a downloadable PDF format) or paper copies are available in the Church Porch.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete your Census Form.

Completed forms can be posted in the census box at the back of the church, or returned to the Parish Office, by Monday 31st October 2022. Thank you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic Secondary School. Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area, you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign.

A priest will be available to sign secondary school application forms on Thursday 6th October 2022 between 2pm and 4pm. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery.

Please ensure that you complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please also bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates. Applications will not be signed without proof of Baptism.

The deadline for applications for admission in September 2023 is 31st October 2022.

Further details can be found on the Secondary School's websites further details are available from:

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/apply-secondary-school-place-september-intake/1>

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 20th October 2022 at 6.30pm in the church hall for everyone that wishes to enrol in the RCIA course.

Everyone is welcome, please come along.

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.

OCTOBER DEVOTION: THE HOLY ROSARY

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of the Rosary, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession, the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings. During October, we invite everyone to pray your rosary. We especially encourage families to pray the rosary together. As a parish we shall dedicate Sunday Evenings to Pray the Rosary together. Never mind if you're a bit rusty, or if it's been a while since you last prayed your rosary. It's never too late to begin again; come let us experience the power of the rosary. **We will start at 6pm every Sunday: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

Would you be happy to lead on any of the above dates? Please email the Parish Secretary at kingston@rcaos.org.uk with your details. Thank you.

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 9th October 2022

We are looking forward to restarting Children's Liturgy! Please join us at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 9th October 2022 when we will have a children's liturgy session.



Children's Liturgy will be held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Family Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the where the Liturgy takes place. They return to join the full congregation at the offertory. Any work they have done is brought up during the offertory as their gift to God and the Community.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next class to be held on Sunday 6th November 2022. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm.

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

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

MARRIAGES IN 2023

2023 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.



If you plan to celebrate your wedding at another church all preparation for our parishioners must take place here at St. Agatha's. Please contact the Parish Office and we will happily guide you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23



Applications for next year's First Holy Communion Programme are now closed.

There will be a parents meeting on Thursday 17th November 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Inscription Mass is on Sunday 20th November 2022 at the 10.30am Mass. All children MUST attend the Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2022/23

Registration for our next Confirmation programme is now closed. An email update will be sent in a few weeks' time.



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, October 2, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10 Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

Family Reflection

There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up to the confidence and trust that our children place in us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with just a little faith. In family life we also learn about obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks that family members do for one another and for the household are simply the manifestations of our responsibilities to one another.

Take a turn with each member of the family and identify some of the little things that each family member does that make a big difference in your family life.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each person is called upon by God to believe that God can work miracles in our lives, that God can use us to make a difference in our world.

Together as a family, pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Generosity. Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

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, Melba De Silva 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.

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

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, William Duckett, Santina Peluso, Teresa McKeown, Evely Drake, Patsy Byrne, Mary Eliza Gosford, Peter Quinn, Nancy Davis.

+++May They Rest In Peace+++

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.



"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." ~ St. Francis of Assisi. The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is observed on 4th October



CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal Friday 7th October 2022

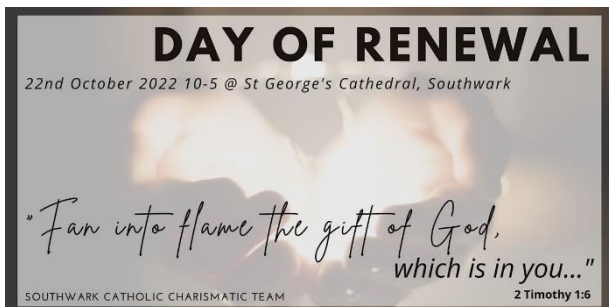
It is only expected that our immediate thoughts are with the ongoing situation in Ukraine. Together with the Pakistan floods; East Africa facing a predicted worst draught in 40 years; the ongoing impact of Coronavirus and let us not forget climate change... have we missed anything?

Well possibly the communities around the world that are working hard to put food on the table, both in the short and long term.

CAFOD under the umbrella of the Caritas Organisation are operating in all the above theatres of need. Once again CAFOD invite us all to have a simple meal, and donate the money saved to support their work. So, we have a simple meal by choice, in solidarity with those that frequently do not have the luxury of choice.

Next weekend we will have a retiring collection at all masses, please use the envelopes available for our parish collection or the red bucket in the church porch
CAFOD thanks you all for your continued support.

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith, we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Go <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Regular-giving> for further information.



SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE DAY OF RENEWAL

You are warmly invited to a Day of Renewal at St George's Cathedral, Saturday 22nd October 2022 from 10am – 5pm. Fan into a Flame the Gift of God, which is in you . . . 2 Timothy 1:6. Main Speaker Fr Michael Payyapilly VC, from the Divine Retreat Centre Australia

'We're looking forward to welcoming a great crowd for what promises to be a wonderful, uplifting day. We are happy to offer this event for free, but please register so we know you can come, giving details of your child(ren) if you'd like them to take part in the Children's Ministry.'

Please find further details at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southwark-archdiocese-day-of-renewal-2022-tickets-414066101857?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>

VISIT OF ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL 19TH -20TH OCTOBER 2022



This September and October the UK will welcome the relics of St Bernadette, which will travel from the Upper Basilica in Lourdes to every Diocese in England and Wales, including the Archdiocese of Southwark. The invitation to host the relics was issued by the Shrine of Lourdes to the Bishops of England and Wales, and as part of this special tour, they will spend two days, between 19th and 20th October 2022, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

Further details are available at:

<https://rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/events/visit-of-st-bernadette-s-relics-to-st-george-s-cathedral-19th-20th-october-2022/>

Book your place at:

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#southwark-dioocese>

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

The Catholic Education Service are looking for a Communications Manager to join them and help champion the work of Catholic education.

Salary: £41,000. Contract: Full Time – Hybrid Working. Closing date for applications: 9am, 3rd October 2022

Interview date: 10th October 2022

The Catholic Education Service (CES) is appointing a Communications Manager to deliver a proactive and reactive communications strategy, including responding to press enquiries and managing the external messaging for the Catholic Education Service (CES). Working with education journalists, Directors of Education and Government you will champion the work of over 2000 Catholic schools, colleges, nurseries, and universities to external audiences. We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual with an outstanding track record of delivering communications strategies and an interest in education. The role will blend working at the offices of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX, a short walk from Victoria Station in Central London, and working from home.

Further details are available at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/ces-communications-manager/>