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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.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Saturday 5th	St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial
9.30am	Elpiolina Francisco RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Keith Fraser RIP
10.30am	Alan & Keith Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Michael & Lyn Gilbert RIP
Monday 7th	
9.30am	The Crocker Family
Tuesday 8th	
9.30am	Baby Mary Connolly RIP
Wednesday 9th	
9.30am	Keith Fraser RIP
Thursday 10th	St Scholastica, Virgin, Memorial
9.30am	Patrick & Josephine O'Keffe – 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Friday 11th	
9.30am	Matthew Crocker RIP
Saturday 12th	
9.30am	Kieran Johnson RIP
6.30pm	Naime Hernandez RIP
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
Mass Times: 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.	

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.

THE ROSARY

We pray the Rosary in the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.

**ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY
Saturday 5th February 2022**

We would like to invite everyone along to celebrate with us on this our Feast Day for a special thanksgiving Mass at the 6.30pm Mass. Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the cloister. Please do come along and join us.



CONFIRMATION 2021/22



An important email update has been sent out to those enrolled in this year's Confirmation. A response is needed by Wednesday 8th February please. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the following important dates and upcoming sessions. 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.



Group 1	Group 2
Sunday 27th February	Sunday 27th February
Session 7 at 2.45pm.	Session 7 at 4.30pm.

We would like to remind parents that children need to arrive punctually for the start time of each session please!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on **Saturday 26th March 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!

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

One in Christ: Sunday 13th February 2022

Archbishop John Wilson created the Archdiocesan Commission for Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion in 2021, appointing Fr Victor Darlington, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish in Camberwell, as Episcopal Vicar.

The primary purpose of the Commission is to engage with the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Southwark, stating the key message of God's love for everyone, and that there is no place for racism in our parishes, schools and churches. Highlights in 2021 have included working with Southwark schools to address racism, alongside the Education Commission, and giving presentations to St Thomas Academy Trust in Birmingham and the Education Commission of Westminster Diocese: this is a vision that will be driven further in the years ahead.

All parishes are invited to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday, and in particular, to give thanks for this new Southwark Commission and their work. It is the aim of the Commission to remind everyone of our Christian vocation to follow Jesus' Great Commandment to 'love one another', and to live as one in our diversity.

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend 10am Mass in St George's Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson on Racial Justice Sunday, to celebrate the fact that we are all 'One in Christ'.

Cultural Dress is very welcome.

Please let the Commission know if you plan to attend: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

View the livestream:

<https://youtu.be/62sluHPSblU>

I WILL
PRAISE

You

WITH MY
WHOLE

heart

PSALM 138:1

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

- † Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Crocker, who died on 27th January 2022. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 11am. Our condolences to his wife Helen, their children, and their families.
- † Please pray for the repose of the soul of Keith Fraser who died on 8th January 2022, aged 56. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 11am. Our condolences to Philomena, Alex and Joan and their families.

**'Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.'**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle, Melba De Silva and Michael Hodgkinson.

Please let the Parish Office know, in writing, if either you or your relatives would like to be mentioned on our sick list.

ILL AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are ill and housebound, our Priests would be happy to visit you, to pray with you, and to bring you Holy Communion in your home, please let us 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.

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

Catherine McDonnell, Francis Brain, William Gentry, Karmimurz Skicki, Noreen Halloran, Mary Joyce, Salvatore Grassi, Alice Bennett, Father Albert H. Jenner, Kathleen Lombard, Amadeis Mouta, Noreen Mullane, Frances Marie, Edith Campbell, William Hardy, Cornelius O'Reilly, Ethel Maud Ward, Lucinda Potesta, Joseph McGuckin, Louise Maud Dawson, Antonio Ferritto, Bronislaw Jaroszynski, Mary Ellen Miles, Julia Woodhams, William Lovely, Margaret North, Elsie Brady, Harold Ladlier, Harold Mays, Bridget Woolgar, Florence Brockwell, Ellen McKay, Magdlen Saxby, Alice Burgess, Kevin Flynn, Ryan Wrathall.

+++May They Rest In Peace+++

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, February 6, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11 The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

Gospel Reflection

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead, he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

Family Reflection

In the people whom Jesus chose to be his closest friends—his disciples—we see many of the characteristic foibles of ordinary human beings. We also see the ways that God uses the gifts he gave us to transform us into new people, the agents through whom God will lead others to Jesus and to his kingdom. Let's consider the person Jesus chose to be a leader among the disciples and whom he sent to "catch people." Based on the evidence found in Scripture, we can imagine what Peter must have been like:

- Peter seems unafraid to speak his mind, yet he is also able to take direction. In today's Gospel, Simon Peter lowers his nets as Jesus commands, but not before reminding Jesus that he and his partners have been fishing all night and haven't caught anything.
- Peter is a leader, a spokesperson for others. Today's Gospel suggests that Simon Peter was a leader in his fishing business. When Simon Peter chooses to follow Jesus, others become Jesus' disciple as well.
- Peter's personality and charisma seem to make him the centre of attention; yet Peter learned to be transparent, to let others see Jesus through him.
- Peter possesses a dynamic and open relationship with Jesus. Peter often approaches Jesus and speaks what is in his heart.

Gather as a family and spend some time imagining the person of Simon Peter. Encourage family members to tell details about Simon Peter that they recall from Scripture. Consider these questions: Is Peter someone you would like to be friends with? Why or why not? Do you consider Peter a good leader? Why or why not? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 5:1-11. Jesus chose Simon Peter to be the leader of the disciples. Peter continued to be a leader in the early Christian community; we continue to speak of Peter's leadership when we call the pope the successor of Peter. Discuss the role of the papacy and of other leaders in the Church. In what ways do we participate in the mission of the Church by leading people to Christ ("catching people")? Pray for those who lead the Church. Pray together the Prayer to St. Joseph, the Protector of the Church.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press





ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD?

First Saturday approaches: Heaven's Peace Plan – 5 Days that have the potential to change you and bring peace to the World!

Heaven's Peace Plan for the Church, Families and Nations was presented to us through the Messages of Our Lady of Fatima. It is a humble and peaceful plea - to Pray the Rosary daily and to practice monthly the First Saturdays of Reparation.

The Rosary and the First Saturdays are the great desire of both the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for these dangerous times. Heaven is pleading with sinful earth through these requests!

Heaven's Peace Plan is seemingly so simple - so simple most in the Church have missed it!

Sr. Lucia strongly stated in 1939: "War and Peace in the world depend on the celebration of this devotion and the consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary connected to it ..."

Each First Saturday we are asked to:

1. Go to Confession
2. Receive Holy Communion as a Communion of Reparation
3. Pray the Rosary
4. Meditate for 15 minutes on the Rosary Scriptures whilst keeping Our Lady company.

All with the intention of making Reparation for sins so offensive to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

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The Gospel offers a vision of life and of the world that cannot be imposed, but only proposed, as the good news of the gratuitous love of God and of peace. The message of truth and of beauty can help people escape from the loneliness and lack of meaning to which the conditions of postmodern society often relegate them.

Synod on The New Evangelization, 2012



New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

- **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- **In local schools** – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.
- **Coordinating volunteers** to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Celeste or Sarah at southwark@cafod.org.uk or tel: 07825 734 390 / 07775 704546

Walk against Hunger

Our new Lent challenge is here!

Something positive this Lent. Challenge yourself to walk 200k this Lent and help stamp out hunger, one step at a time. You can walk, roll, skip or stroll your way to 200k. You can boldly go it alone and take it on 5k a day for 40 days, or you can smash the target all at once as a team.

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to conquer 200k, and help give hunger its marching orders.

Visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> for more information.

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST:

BEREAVEMENT WEEKEND 18th -20th March 2022

Mourning the loss of a loved one? Trying to cope with feelings out of control? If so, this retreat is for you. It runs from Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March 2022, at Aylesford Priory. The Marriage and Family Life Commission offer this weekend for those who have been bereaved. It takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life, and its aim is to help those who have suffered the loss of a loved one to begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for the person enquiring. To book or find out more information contact Elizabeth Partridge: Telephone 01303 670880 or Email: mflgac@rcaos.org.uk