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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](mailto: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 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022  
 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Evelyn Mary Jarvis RIP
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Philip Cockle
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
9am	Jack Roycroft RIP
10.30am	Matthew Crocker RIP
6.30pm	Rosa Sa-Si-Thorn RIP
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	Thanksgiving to the Triune God
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> St John of God, Religious</b>	
9.30am	Florence Finlay RIP
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> St Frances of Rome, Religious</b>	
9.30am	Rose Pereira RIP
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Finn & Herd Families RIP
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	James Corcoran RIP
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Evelyn Mary Jarvis RIP
6.30pm	Wellbeing & Recovery of Catherine Halpin
<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.	

**POOR PARISHES COLLECTION**

This weekend's retiring collection will be for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese. Please use your gift aid envelopes or the red bucket in the church porch.

**CAFOD FAST DAY**

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 11th March 2022. Again, we are invited by CAFOD to live simply on this day, and dedicate any monies saved to help those in need. Donation envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return them over the weekend of 12/13th March when we have a retiring collection after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.



**COFFEE MORNING  
 IN AID OF UKRAINE**

**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 MARCH 2022  
 10.30AM**

**ST AGATHA'S  
 CHURCH HALL**

**CAFOD**  
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All Donations will go to CAFOD  
 Please also continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.



CAFOD stands together with all peoples around the world during times of crisis and in addressing the causes of poverty.

In response to Russian attacks in Ukraine, they are supporting an appeal to aid the humanitarian response that is being provided by local partners and agencies.

CAFOD (part of Caritas Internationalis) closely cooperates with Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Polska as well as other entities that provide practical help for the most needy.

You can be part of the Catholic Church's response by supporting the Humanitarian Aid Appeal to Ukraine. For further detail please visit:

[www.cafod.org.uk/ukraine](http://www.cafod.org.uk/ukraine)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday mornings after Mass, and at 5.45pm on Sundays, during Lent (from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022). This devotion provides an opportunity for us to walk the road to Calvary with Our Blessed Lord.

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## EXPOSITION AND ADORATION DURING LENT

The church will be open on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7.30pm – 8.30pm for Exposition and Adoration. (9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> March & 6<sup>th</sup> April). Everyone is welcome.

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## EASTER SPRING CLEAN SAVE THE DATE

This year our dedicated Easter Spring Cleaning morning will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022, from 10am. There are a variety of tasks that need to be taken care of and we hope that both male and female parishioners will be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help us. A sign-up sheet will be available, nearer the time, in the church porch for volunteers to sign up or please email the parish office. (Even if you can only spare an hour or two, Fathers would really appreciate!) refreshments and all cleaning products will be provided.

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## SAVING GRACE DIOCESAN ONLINE RETREAT

A retreat for Lent, introduced by Archbishop John Wilson, led by members of the Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience during Lent 2022, beginning on the first Sunday of Lent and ending in Easter week. Drawing on the Old Testament readings for the Sundays of Lent, Saving Grace will explore our shared story as the people of God. Along the way, we will discover how the twists and turns of our own personal stories are also holy ground, where God continues to draw us out of oppression and into freedom, and out of death into life.

The retreat is designed for individuals and is based on a weekly video accompanied by suggested exercises for prayer and reflection. These resources will be available in advance so that the videos can be viewed at any convenient time.

Individuals can join one of the online groups that will be offered on different days of the week and at different times of the day.

For more details and to register follow this link:  
<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>

## 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 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.*

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## 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.

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## 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

*James Baker, John Christopher Letchworth, Margaret Laverty, George Davis, Kathleen Needham, Sarah Fox, John Fox, Martin Moone, Father Casper Lutz, Cynthia Cantoni, James Crowley, Phyllis Glenn, Louisa Margareta Marks, Patrick Bowen, Margaret Quaid, Daisy Cook, Christina Ross, John Dorsett, Dorothy Searle, Alice Leslie, Robert Thomas Kotei, Josie Alexander, Eileen Lumley, Margaret O'Sullivan, Mary Garrow-Fisher, Thomas Gerard Leslie Luson, John Conway, Cecil Cox, Christine Andrews, Elizabeth Clarke, J. P. McGowan, Renee Fox, Mr. H. Cockerhill, Mabel Rooke-Ley, Marie Monaghan, Arthur Tunesi, John Dignum, Helen Halden, Edna Morgan, Daniel Cremin, Richard de Kerckhove, Josephine May, Edith Anne Connellan. +++May They Rest In Peace +++*



## SYNOD 2021 2023

### COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION IN THE PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Synod questionnaire and participated in the meeting.

The responses from the Parish are now available to view on the Parish Website:

<https://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk/synod-2021-2023>

## First Sunday of Lent, Cycle C

Sunday, March 6, 2022

### Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

*In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.*

### Gospel Reflection

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.



### Family Reflection

In Luke's Gospel, the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home. After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task before us. Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty.

As a family, talk about ways in which trust has been built among members of the family. Observe how being trustworthy in small matters enables us to trust one another in more important matters. Offer specific examples if possible (e.g., children who establish their responsibility in household tasks can be granted greater independence and freedom to choose how they perform these tasks). Today's Gospel shows us how Jesus trusted God in all things. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:1-13. Discuss how Jesus showed his trust in God when he resisted the devil's temptations. Invite family members to name times when they have trusted God in matters small or large. Write a family prayer together. You might write the prayer so that each line begins with a letter in the word "trust." Pray this prayer together.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press







## CONFIRMATION 2021/22

The next candidate session will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.15pm.

### 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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Session 8 at 2.45pm.

#### Group 2

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Session 8 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

### MARRIAGES IN 2022

2022 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.



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### POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2022: SOW SEEDS OF GOODNESS

In his message for Lent 2022, Pope Francis invites the faithful to sow seeds of goodness, so that we might reap a harvest of salvation for ourselves and others.

Pope Francis based his message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (6:9-10).

[http://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-lenten-message-sow-seeds-of-goodness/?utm\\_source=Newsletter](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-lenten-message-sow-seeds-of-goodness/?utm_source=Newsletter)

### TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO CHURCH THIS LENT

Churches are safe and the doors are "wide open," says Cardinal Vincent Nichols as we celebrate the prayerful season of Lent.

In a message to Catholic school pupils, Cardinal Nichols stresses the importance of "coming into the presence of God" to "join in fully in the prayer of the Mass."

The Cardinal encourages young people to be part of the parish community - a family of the faith. "When we come [to Mass], we receive the gifts of God. We receive His compassion, we receive His love. We come to know how to serve others and to give to them what we receive from the Lord."

[http://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-to-school-pupils-take-your-family-to-church-this-lent/?utm\\_source=Newsletter](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-to-school-pupils-take-your-family-to-church-this-lent/?utm_source=Newsletter)

*International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March*

*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ~ Psalm 31: 25-26*