

CLERGY

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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. Thank You.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

Saturday 6th	The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast
9.30am	June Fitton RIP
6.30pm	Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras RIP
Sunday 7th	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Michael John Devereaux RIP
10.30am	Tom Turnbull RIP
6.30pm	Lydia Joseph RIP
Monday 8th	St Dominic, Priest, Memorial
9.30am	Sabine Schleinitz RIP
Tuesday 9th	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Feast
9.30am	Zoran Popovic RIP
Wednesday 10th	St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr, Feast
9.30am	Kevin Paul Ines RIP
Thursday 11th	St Clare, Memorial
9.30am	William (Bill) Forbes RIP
Friday 12th	
9.30am	Travice Holsinger RIP
Saturday 13th	
9.30am	Nina & Joseph Fernandes Golden Wedding Anniversary
6.30pm	Reenie Pelpola 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 Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
Baptisms:	Sundays – By previous arrangement.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

TRANSFERRED TO SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

This Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation, kept this year on the nearest Sunday, reminds us that our Lady was taken as a complete person, body and soul to the glory of heaven and thus, she holds out to us, by the grace of Almighty God, our own hope of heaven at the conclusion of our earthly journey of faith. Masses will be celebrated at the usual Sunday times.

PARISH MUSICIANS

The musicians of the Parish will be taking their traditional and well-earned break for the month of August. This means that our hymns during Mass may not be accompanied by musical instruments.



We would like to say a huge thank you to them all for everything they do throughout the year for the parish!

We are still in need of more musicians to join us when the music resume in September! If you would like to play the organ or the piano and would like to take a turn on Saturdays, at the 6.30pm Mass, or on Sunday mornings at either the 9am or 10.30am, Family Mass, or would be interested in joining the Folk Choir at the Sunday 6.30pm Mass, please contact the Parish Secretary, thank you.

PARISH OFFICE

Please remember that Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave on the dates below during the summer break, therefore the parish office will be closed on these days, in addition to Wednesdays.

Fr Eugene will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only please.

For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk. For any other matters please wait until the parish office re-opens.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

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 Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August,  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August,  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August,  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
 (Parish Office fully reopens Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022).

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

We will be placing our annual order for next year's Gift-Aid Envelopes this month. If you no longer require the envelopes, please kindly let the Parish Office know so that we can update your details and thus help us prevent over ordering of the envelopes. Thank you.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class on: **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 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.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23



Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion are now available from the church porch, or the parish office during office hours.

*This sacrament is normally offered to baptised children when they reach Year 3. However, a decision has been taken to change this to Year 4. Therefore, we will only be accepting applications from those who are in Year 4 or above from September 2022.*

### Forms must be completed and returned IN PERSON ONLY

#### at one of the following sessions:

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 2pm – 4pm, at the Presbytery.
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September between 5.45pm – 6.15pm, in the Cloister.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September after 10.30am Mass, in the Cloister.

Please remember to bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

## CONFIRMATION 2022/23

Registration forms for our next Confirmation programme are now available from the church porch, or the parish office during office hours.

Forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than:

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

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.

If you fall into any of these categories please speak with the Parish Priests for further information, or contact the Parish Secretary to register your interest.

The course is expected to start in October 2022.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**We have a few free spaces for Mass intentions over the next few weeks. If you would like to have a Mass offered for yourself or your loved ones, please complete a Mass offering envelope in the church porch and either drop it in the intentions box, also located in the church porch, hand it to a parish priest or post through the presbytery letterbox**

If you have a particular date or time which you want a Mass said, ***it is very important that you let the parish office know ahead of time and as soon as possible.*** You are very welcome to book your Mass intentions in advance. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting late Mass Intentions; if no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date.

When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C  
Sunday, August 7, 2022

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:32-48 You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*

**Gospel Reflection**

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables remind us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

**Family Reflection**

Years ago, most families had only one or two clocks in their home. Today, we have clocks everywhere—on our walls, on our microwave ovens, on our DVD players, on our cell phones, and so on. As a family, go through the house and count how many clocks (time-telling devices) your family has. Talk about important events for which family members need to be on time. Recall experiences of being late for something, either as individuals or as a family. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be aware and alert, otherwise, we will miss something.

Read aloud Luke 12:32-48. Talk about the parable that Jesus told and discuss how the master will feel if he arrives to find his servant doing his job. Discuss what our job is as disciples of Jesus. Explain that, just as we need to be aware of the time so that we don't miss anything important, we also need to be alert and focused on our jobs, our responsibilities as followers of Jesus.

Encourage each family member to place a sacred symbol near the clock that they use most in the house and to use the symbol and the clock as a reminder that it is always "time" for us to be acting like disciples of Christ.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



*"We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips." ~ Saint Peter Claver S.J, Patron Saint of Slaves, African Missions and Interracial Justice.*





Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. For further information and latest news, please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support.  
Celeste and Sarah, CAFOD Community Participation Coordinators in Southwark.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY**

**Gift Aid & Supporter Care Apprenticeship**

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising and Gift Aid team in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard whilst working within a hardworking and passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent, please find out more by visiting:



[www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship)

**THE CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN**



The Catholic Union was founded in 1870. It is a membership organisation dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life, and the promotion of the common good.

The Catholic Union is a lay organisation; however, it works with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland (CBCS). It is a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

Membership of the Catholic Union is open to practising members of the Catholic laity in Great Britain and includes people from all parts of the country and all walks of life. It includes doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, and civil servants – we represent a wealth of lay Catholic experience and expertise.

**Catholics and Politics.** Do you want a strong Catholic voice to be heard in society? The Catholic Union of Great Britain engages with Parliament and the Government, and organises lectures and social events. We invite all lay Catholics to find out more about our work and membership. For further information visit:

[Catholic Public Engagement for the Common Good](http://Catholic Public Engagement for the Common Good)

**++ LATELY DEAD++**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brendan Gately, who died on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022. His requiem will take place at St Thomas Aquinas Church, Ham, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 12 noon.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.  
++ 'Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.' ++

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Please also pray for the repose of the souls of:
Rev. Fr Patrick O'Leary who died on 17th June 2022
Rev. Fr Anthony Logan who died on 4th July 2022
Rev. Fr. Francis Capener who died on 8th July 2022
Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.
+++ *May they rest in peace and rise in glory* +++

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

Ellen Wiseman, Margaret Broatbent, Alvaro Americo Britto, Mary Kathleen Frain, Shelagh Gray, Chris Sargent, James Jennings, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Mary Sweeney, Lilian Thompson, Mary Ellen Young, Jessie Wiseman, Bridget Lynn, Jane Mary Lamb, Nora Teresa Noonan, Ellen Fear, Bill Drinkwater, Frances Eliza Alexander, Kacper Jaskiewicz, Ellen Allen, Martha Ann Marsland, Teresa Mary Smith, Vincent Fucco, Josephine Teresa Ferritto.

++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.