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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 9TH JANUARY 2022**

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

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Saturday 8th

9.30am Wellbeing of Christine Lysaght
6.30pm Victoria Arrebola-Macho RIP
John Davis RIP

Sunday 9th Baptism of The Lord

9am Alfred Knight RIP
10.30am Narrie Curtin RIP
6.30pm Ros Vitolo RIP

Monday 10th

9.30am Harriet Alexander RIP

Tuesday 11th

9.30am Edward & John Lovekyn RIP

Wednesday 12th

9.30am Private Intentions

Thursday 13th

9.30am Margaret Kathleen Jennings RIP

Friday 14th

9.30am Private Intentions

Saturday 15th

9.30am Mary Frances MacDonald RIP
6.30pm Cyril Jarvis 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.

Diocesan Directory 2022

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2022 are available, please email the Parish Office if you would like a copy. They cost £4.00 each.

2022 CALENDARS AVAILABLE!

2022 calendars are available to purchase in the church porch, now reduced to just £1 Each!

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Monday 27th December 2021 until Monday 17th January 2022, therefore the parish office will be closed.

Please only call the presbytery in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry during this time. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk and Karin will respond upon her return. Thank You.



THANK YOU!!

A Huge Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes and the lovely Christmas cards, messages and gifts. You have all been so very generous. To EVERYONE that helped make all our Christmas celebrations so very special, to Celebrate the Birth of Christ, we thank you! ~ Frs. Eugene & Francis.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Christmas offering envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to use them for a Christmas Offering for our Clergy.

CRIB OFFERINGS

At the request of Archbishop John Wilson, this year's crib offerings will go to a local homeless charity; The Joel Stabilisation Centre has been set up by the charity Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH), assisted by key partners. It is a residential home and stabilisation centre in Kingston for up to 7 adults who have experienced rough sleeping. It provides a safe, supportive community where they can focus on their journey to recovery. Residents can stay between 6 months and 2 years. Joel offers an alternative to a treatment centre or rehab. Residents arrive at Joel with a commitment to reducing their alcohol or drug use while working towards their personal goals. Joel gives people the chance to learn the tools to live a healthier life and break the cycle drugs, alcohol and homelessness have kept them in.



SYNOD 2021 2023 ON COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION IN THE PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH

On Wednesday 19th January, there will be an open meeting in the hall at 7.30pm at which parishioners will have the opportunity to comment on the parish delegates' preliminary analysis of the responses submitted to the recent questionnaire. These comments will be taken into account before the final version is submitted to the diocese. This will be your last chance to influence what the parish will say. Don't miss it!



PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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The Baptism of the Lord, Cycle C
Sunday, January 9, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Jesus is baptized by John.

Gospel Reflection

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

Family Reflection

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviours, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behaviour, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviours that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviours, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on **Sunday 23rd January 2022**, 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, whilst we catch up with those that were cancelled this past year, so the earlier you contact the parish office the better!

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 30th January 2022

Session 6 at 2.45pm.

Group 2

Sunday 30th January 2022

Session 6 at 4.30pm.

Parents are also required to attend this session.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Keith Fraser, 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

Joseph Kiernan, Mary Johnston, Sr. Lucy Proctor, William Finn, Nicholas Power, Constance Neve, Joan Marie Jackson, Mary Ann Jelley, Walter Padberg, Rosa Vitolo, Jerzy Henryk Kopicki, Douglas Carter, Teresa Scott, Annie Burton, Mary Dobson, Frederick Fear, Bridget Cumiskey, Alfred Mulcahy, Joseph Rice, Eileen Wharton, George Winnen, Charles Woogar, Alexander Paterson, Balbina Saiz Agudin, Kathleen McEnery, Mary Blythe, Ellen Crowley, Bridget Dodd, Sandra Ruff, Agnes Mary Hill, Caroline Duckett, Thomas Begley, Joanna Herd, Eileen Sagar, Cyril Jarvis, Rosario Stroud, Amber Rose Kijowski. +++May They Rest In Peace +++

JESUS' BAPTISM IDENTIFIES WHOSE SON SAVES

Luke 3:21-22

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