

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 9TH OCTOBER 2022

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

Saturday 8th

9.30am Sean Morton RIP

6.30pm Beverly Uy RIP

Sunday 9th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Zoran Popovic RIP

10.30am Betha Argent RIP

6.30pm Patrick Collins

Monday 10th

9.30am Mary Egan RIP

Tuesday 11th

9.30am Private Intentions

Wednesday 12th

9.30am Rosa Vitolo RIP

Thursday 13th St Edward the Confessor, King, Feast

9.30am Wellbeing & Recovery of Sophie Bevan

Friday 14th

9.30am Jenny Heath RIP

Saturday 15th St Teresa of Jesus Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

9.30am Holy Souls

6.30pm Zoran Popovic 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

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 10th October 2022. Please only call the presbytery in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk and Karin will respond upon her return on Tuesday 11th October 2022.

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

This 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. CAFOD Thank you for your continued support.

BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP RIP



+++ May he rest in peace +++

Whilst it is with sadness, it is also in the light of the Lord Jesus, our Life and Resurrection, that I write to inform you of the death of our dear friend and brother, Bishop Howard Tripp, who completed his long and fruitful earthly pilgrimage yesterday.

Bishop Howard was born in Croydon on 3rd July 1927, and attended the John Fisher School in Purley. Following formation at St John's Seminary, Womersley, Bishop Howard was ordained priest on 31st May 1953 at St Gertrude's Church, Croydon by Archbishop Cowderoy.

Bishop Howard's first appointment was at Blackheath, followed by a curacy at Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen from 1956-1962 before becoming parish priest there from 1965-1971. Aged 38, he was the youngest parish priest in the Southwark Diocese. During his time at East Sheen, Bishop Howard was appointed Diocesan Covenant Organiser (1958) and Assistant Diocesan Financial Secretary (1962). He held both posts until 1968. From 1971-1980, Bishop Howard served as the Director of the Southwark Children's Society.

On 30th January 1980, Bishop Howard was ordained Bishop of the titular see of Neoportus and Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark by Archbishop Michael Bowen, with responsibility for the South-West Pastoral Area. He served in this position until his retirement on 7th January 2004.

In more recent years, Bishop Howard has been cared for graciously by the Little Sisters of the Poor, and was a much-loved member of the community there.

Let us entrust his soul to the intercession of the Mother of the Lord Jesus who is our Mother, too. Let us pray that she will welcome him and introduce him into a heavenly inheritance where he will enjoy for ever the fullness of peace.

With an assurance of my prayers and blessing.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+John

The Most Rev. John Wilson
Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 9th October 2022

We are looking forward to restarting Children's Liturgy! Please join us at the 10.30am Mass this 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.

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

ST AGATHA'S PARISH CENSUS

Please don't forget to pick up a copy of the Parish Census form and return on your next visit to the church. Thank you.

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.

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: 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.



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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

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

There will be a parent 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.



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.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Gospel Reflection

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Family Reflection

Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to 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.

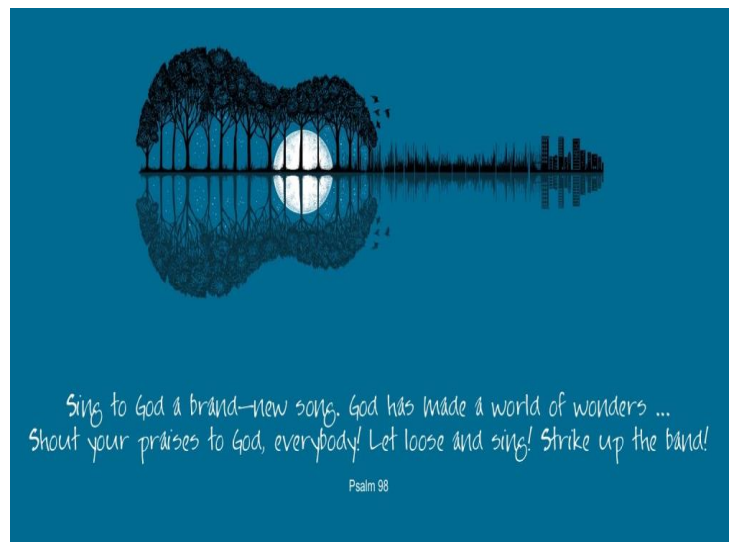
ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Eliza Gosford, Peter Quinn, Nancy Davis, Thomas Joseph Crowley, Ann Higginson, Jack Chilton, Bertha Argent, Daniel McDonnell, Sister Monica Meaney, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Annabelle Montague-Smith, James Coughlan, Mary McGilvray, Robert John Wiseman, Mary Elliott, George Henry Summersby, Andrew Leo Cremin, Pauline Welham, Timothy O'Brien, Clement Flynn, Umilta Ahwai, Kathleen McNulty, Leo Barrett, Mary Kennedy, Sybil Edna Isaac, Marguerite Mary Lucas, Elizabeth Mawer, Michael Jones, Kathleen Power, Rose Fry, Ethel Scully, Mary Darnell, Nestor Garcia, Marion Mitchell, Leslie Abernethy, Joan Groser, Anne Flagg.

+++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.



“Believers themselves must constantly feel challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions. They need to be encouraged to be ever open to God’s grace and to draw constantly from their deepest convictions about love, justice and peace.” ~ Pope Francis



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.

NEW EDITION OF BISHOPS' ENVIRONMENT DOCUMENT 'THE CALL OF CREATION'



On the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecologists and animals, the Social Justice Department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has launched a new edition of its teaching document on the environment – The Call of Creation.

First published two decades ago, in 2002, this new edition is released at the conclusion of the Church's month-long Season of Creation. The document calls for a "profound interior conversion" and for Catholics to "repair our relationship with God's creation" to address the current ecological crisis.

Writing in the foreword, Bishop John Arnold, Lead Bishop for the Environment, and Bishop Richard Moth, Chair of the Social Justice department, say:

"We are a people of hope who believe in redemption. We must study the signs of the times and take the action that is needed to repair our relationship with God's creation. As is made clear in The Call of Creation, the exercise of the virtue of solidarity and the promotion of the common good, which are so needed at this time, are the responsibility of each and every individual and institution in society."

Further details are available at:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-launch-new-edition-of-environment-document-the-call-of-creation/>



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=ebdsoporgprofile>



HEAVENS ROAD FM ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Our volunteers are priceless – without them the Radio wouldn't function! So why not consider joining the team?

Heaven's Road Online Radio is aimed at the Catholic and Christian community. We broadcast online daily 24/7 with a wide mix of programmes including features, prayers and music. We have volunteers all over the UK and abroad as so much can be done over the internet.

We are looking for people to help with our social media, PR, administration, technical and production teams.

The best part of Heaven's Road FM is that NO prior experience is needed – although basic computer skills are a must! We'll support you and provide you with all the training you need to create an entertaining radio show, or if you want to get your hands on the technical side of things, we'll guide you there too.

So do step up and get involved! **Please get in touch by emailing admin@heavensroadfm.com** – we look forward to hearing from you and would love to welcome you to our team.

If you don't want to take an active role, you can still help us to become better known and increase our listening audience so we can continue to spread the Word of Our Lord.

Heavens Road FM is a not-for-profit Catholic radio run entirely by volunteers who live all over the UK and overseas. They make and broadcast a wide range of enjoyable programmes to appeal to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Their Mission is to celebrate our Catholic Faith – by broadcasting a wide mix of interesting and original programmes, which showcase the creative talent within our Catholic community. Their volunteer-run Catholic community online Radio alleviates isolation and loneliness through a bright, affirming mix of programmes.

Heaven's Road FM Catholic Online Radio was launched in November 2013 and was the brainchild of Gerry Coates, a parishioner of St Agatha's, who is a Catholic singer/songwriter, he launched the original Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Radio for the Papal visit in 2010. For more information please visit:

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