

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 10TH APRIL 2022

PALM SUNDAY (C)

Saturday 9th

9.30am John Pereira RIP

6.30pm James O'Keeffe RIP

Sunday 10th Palm Sunday

9am Keith Fraser RIP

10.30am Zoran Popovic RIP

6.30pm John Allen RIP

Monday 11th Monday of Holy Week

9.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 12th Tuesday of Holy Week

9.30am Thanksgiving Intentions

Wednesday 13th Wednesday of Holy Week

9am Keith Fraser RIP

Thursday 14th Maundy Thursday

8pm Jane Beresford RIP

Friday 15th Good Friday

3pm – Solemn Liturgy James Corcoran RIP

Saturday 16th Holy Saturday

9.30am NO MORNING MASS

8pm – Easter Vigil Keith Fraser RIP

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2022

EASTER SUNDAY (C)

Sunday 17th Easter Sunday

9am Thomas Joseph Byrne RIP

10.30am **The Crocker Family**

6.30pm NO EVENING MASS

Monday 18th Easter Monday

12pm Thanksgiving Intentions

Tuesday 19th Easter Tuesday

9.30am Maria McCarthy RIP

Wednesday 20th Easter Wednesday

9.30am Olga Machado RIP

Thursday 21st Easter Thursday

9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 22nd Easter Friday

9.30am Thanksgiving Intentions

Saturday 23rd Easter Saturday

9.30am Keith Fraser RIP

6.30pm Marco Vincenzo Straccialano 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.

Please note: the morning Mass on Wednesday 13th April will be at 9am, there will no morning adoration.

Happy Easter to you all from all of us here at St. Agatha's Parish! We pray for you and hope you and your families and loved ones have a joyful Easter Season. Easter brings so many promises of God to us, life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil, and eternity and glory with God in Heaven. We pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones. Peace, love and joy, Fathers Francis and Eugene, and Deacon Bob.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY
CHILDREN'S CELEBRATIONS**

All children are welcome to join us at 12pm on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as we observe both days with child-friendly services.

During these hands-on services, children of all ages will walk together through the Last Supper and the Stations of the Cross, learning as they go.

On Maundy Thursday we have a re-enactment of the last supper in the Cloister with readings, acting and singing, and lunch to share afterwards.

On Good Friday we have the Stations of the Cross read and acted by our young people.

Please sign up at the back of the church, or email: kingston@kingston.org.uk, if you are able to attend and your child(ren) would like to take part. Year 6 and above to read on Good Friday, but all children will be able to take part in both services as we need actors for a variety of roles.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMME

Please pick up a copy of our Lent and Holy Week Programme available in the church porch. It is also available on the website.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION DURING LENT

The church will be open on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7.30pm – 8.30pm for Exposition and Adoration. (13th April). Everyone is welcome.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter offering envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to use them for an Easter Offering for our Clergy. If you normally Gift Aid your weekly offerings, would you please print your name/number clearly on the Easter Offering Envelope.

LENT TALK – BLESSED WILLIAM WAY

Sunday 10th April 2022

David Kennedy a local historian, will give a talk in St. Raphael's Church Hall, Portsmouth Road Kingston on our local Catholic martyr Blessed William Way who was martyred at Kingston during the Reformation. Join them for a glass of wine at 6.00pm followed by the talk at 6.30pm - a suggested donation of £8.00. All profits will go to their appeal on behalf of Aid To The Church in Need for Ukraine.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Cycle C
Sunday, April 10, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 22:14–23:56

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

Family Reflection

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of salvation Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Luke's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday: [Luke 19:28-40](#) (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)

Monday: [Luke 22:14-23](#)

Tuesday: [Luke 22:24-38](#)

Wednesday: [Luke 22:39-71](#)

Thursday: [Luke 23:1-25](#)

Friday: [Luke 23:26-49](#)

Saturday: [Luke 23:50-56](#)

After reading from the Gospel each day, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, e.g., "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."

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Palm Sunday, Year C - 10 April 2022

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. ~ Isaiah 35:5-6

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 17, 2022

Gospel Reading
John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Gospel Reflection

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Family Reflection

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and scepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Monday 11th April 2022 returning on Tuesday 19th April 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.



GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which start on 10th April, are ready for collection from the church porch.

EASTER READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'

There are copies of the Easter edition of 'My Day by Day', for adults and juniors, available at the back of the Church – they cost £1.00 each. Please put money in the box marked 'My Day by Day'. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for Easter.

EASTER & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

A small selection of Easter and First Holy Communion cards are available to purchase in the Cloister after all Masses or alternatively contact the parish office during opening hours. Cards are just £1 each! Please leave money in box available. Thank you

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the following important dates.

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.



- Remaining timetable for Group 1A and Group 1B
- Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion Group 1A & 1B – Thursday 28th April, 4pm
- First Reconciliation Group 1A & 1B – Friday 29th April, 4pm
- First Communion Mass Group 1A – Saturday 30th April, 12pm
- First Communion Mass Group 1B – Sunday 1st May, 12pm

- Remaining timetable for Group 2A and Group 2B
- Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion Group 2A & 2B – Thursday 5th May, 4pm
- First Reconciliation Group 2A & 2B – Friday 6th May, 4pm
- First Communion Mass Group 2A – Saturday 7th May, 12pm
- First Communion Mass Group 2B – Sunday 8th May, 12pm

CONFIRMATION 2021/22

The next candidate sessions will be on:

- Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.15pm
- Friday 22nd April 2022 at 7.15pm

- Confirmation Masses are on
- Sunday 24th April 2022 at 12pm
- Sunday 24th April 2022 at 2.30pm





DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 24TH APRIL 2022

On the 1st Sunday after Easter the entire Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. From St Maria Faustina's Diary it is clear that this Octave Day on Easter is the day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces - a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith.

How to observe the Feast of Mercy

1. Go to confession, preferably before that Sunday
2. Place your complete trust in Jesus
3. Celebrate the Feast
4. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
5. Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy
6. Be merciful to others, through your actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

To properly celebrate this great day, we need to prepare well. As a Parish we are recommending that everyone make a Novena to The Divine Mercy and pray the Chaplet.

'Jesus instructed St Faustina to write down and make (the Novena & Chaplet) before the Feast of Mercy. It begins on Good Friday' (Diary 1209 - 1229). Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet pamphlets will be available (Cost 50p each).

GODCALLS: ADVENTURE

GodCalls Adventure from the National Office for Vocation, is a free, 40-day self-guided course which aims to help you grow in holiness, and root each day in prayer.

The downloadable resources focus on cultivating different virtues, ranging from meekness to purity, gratitude to courage. There is also guidance on using the Bible, how to pray and reflect with the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross.

Further details at: www.godcalls.co.uk/godcalls-adventure

GodCalls Adventure is not just for Lent, try the 40 days at any point of the year



THE ART OF HOLY WEEK



'The Art of Holy Week' is a four-part art and culture series for the Paschal Triduum that runs from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Four famous works of art come under the scrutiny of two excellent contributors. Available to view here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-art-of-holy-week/>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Cardinal Nichols invites us to follow him through the stations of the Cross. We use the traditional text from Saint Alphonsus Liguori. As the Cardinal says: "It's written from the heart and it speaks to our hearts."

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/stations-of-the-cross/>

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Allen who died on 30th March 2022. His requiem will take place here on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 11.30am.

Our condolences to his wife Vicky, to their sons Justin and Simon, and to all their families.

'Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.'

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.

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

Gertrude Thompson, Marie Philomena Sinteff, Denis Kennedy, John Nash, Mabel Friend, Frederick Evenden, Theresa Mary McKay, Mary Browne, Samuel Moorhouse, Anne Hall, Catherine West, Sister Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Inge Quarta, Clara Hawkins, May Lott, Caroline Milburn, Arthur Burgess, Jane Beresford, Charles Harold Jarvis, Joyce McDonagh, Peter Horsfield, Caroline Louisa Currie, Catherine Barkell, Harold Ward, Michael Mullen, George Steele, Monique Ricquer, Mary Doyle, Eleanor Dean, Arthur Helliwell, Cormac Scott Byrne, Alice McMahon, James Mullens, John Browne, Una Matthews, Denise Hawkes, Tess Hegarty, Ken Sykes, Emanuele Giammacco, David Jones, Ellen Moore, Carmello Giamocco, Catherine Cusiack, Mary Squires, Bridget Kieley, Michael Cooke, Linda Hull, Tom Kelleher, Ellen Smith, Hannah McCarthy, Caroline Sidaway, Stella Collins, Kenneth Rose, Daniel Paterson, Edward Arthur Kavanagh.
+++May They Rest In Peace+++

Easter Sunday, Year C - 17 April 2022

Christ gave His life to redeem the world. The life of Christ was a life of sacrifice. The life of a Christian must be a life of sacrifice. We cannot imitate the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary by trying to get all we can. We can only imitate the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary by trying to give all we can. ~ Peter Maurin, Co-founder of the

Catholic Worker Movement