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**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

Sunday 10th	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	Marie-Ann Xiberras RIP
	Kenneth Lambaton RIP
	Barrie Pride RIP
	Pupils, Teachers & Staff of St Agatha's School
Monday 11th	People of the Parish
Tuesday 12th	People of the Parish
Wednesday 13th	Our Lady of Fatima
	People of the Parish
Thursday 14th	St Matthias, Apostle, Feast
	People of the Parish
Friday 15th	People of the Parish
Saturday 16th	St Simon Stock, Priest
	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	Mary Murphy RIP
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	People of the Parish

Pope's May Intention: For Deacons We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol of the entire Church.

St Agatha's Catholic Church and the Parish Office are Closed. Masses will continue to be celebrated each day WITHOUT A PUBLIC CONGREGATION, so you will still be able to book Mass Intentions. Please post any Mass Intention envelopes through the presbytery door, or email via the parish email address kingston@rcaos.org.uk Mass on Sunday will be celebrated at 12 noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, John Sewter, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Melba De Silva. *Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives want to be mentioned on our sick list.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Mrs. Mcquillan, Mary Sinteff, Mary Smith, Kathleen Wiseman, Francis Bruce, Mary Murphy, Patrick Dunne, John McMahon, John Paterson, Mabel Heck, Joyce Huntingford, Nora Conlon, David Walsh, Mary Oldknow, Rita Allen, Florence Busby, Maria Persechino, Salvatore Menale, Thomas Sheehy, James McCabe, Patricia Mulley, Flora Smith.

++ May they rest in Peace +++

LET US REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Let us remember those who have died, those whose anniversaries occur about this time and their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2020

Pope Francis announced that Thursday 14th May will be a Day of Prayer, Fasting and Charitable Works to end COVID-19. The initiative came from The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity, who proposes that everyone, regardless of religion, participate.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-05/higher-committee-human-fraternity-prayer-appeal-end-pandemic.html>

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...

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The sacrament of reconciliation will be still be available but only on request, please contact Father by phone or email first.

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Our website will continue to be updated to help parishioners with their personal and family worship during this difficult time - please check on a regular basis.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Some people have asked how they can continue to give their offerings to the parish. If you are able to, please either make an electronic transfer or set up a standing order to the Parish Bank account. (Forms are also available on the parish website).

Our account details are as follows:

Please pay: National Westminster, Kingston Marketplace

For the credit of: St Agatha's Roman Catholic Church

Bank details: Account number: 10317821

Sort code: 60-60-02

Please ensure you make the reference (that will appear on our Bank Statement) "your name" followed by "offertory".

We thank you for your continued generosity .

REVD PETER HOLMES RIP

Sadly Revd. Peter Holmes, who was the vicar of St Peter's Church, Kingston for more than 25 years and founder of The Joel Community Night Shelter, has died after a long and courageous battle with the Covid-19 virus. Peter dedicated his life to God's work and serving the needs of the community, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals. His loss will be felt by many and he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peter's wife and children. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, CYCLE A
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020**

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12 Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

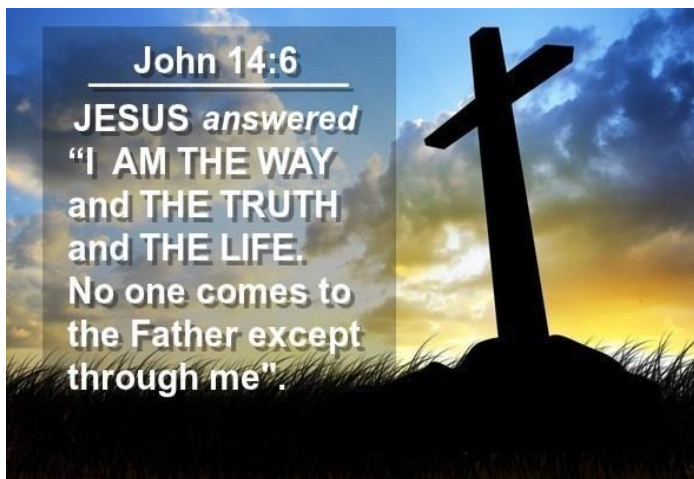
Reflection

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.



Family Reflection

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioural characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION,
CONFIRMATION, RCIA**

We are very conscious that 28 of our young people should have been Confirmed in March; we should have had the joy of receiving new adults into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, and 65 children should have made their First Holy Communion this and last weekend. There were also several families planning Baptisms these past few months. Sadly all these Sacraments have had to be deferred indefinitely because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Please be certain that as soon as it's possible to do so, the preparation for these Sacraments will resume and plans will be put in place for them to happen. Naturally, we will continue to follow the government guidelines, closely monitored by the Diocese, and collaborate with them to ensure the safety of all. As of now, there are no new developments regarding the re-opening of our churches.

