

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 11 TH SEPTEMBER 2022	
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C	
Saturday 10th	
9.30am	Seamus Dooley RIP
6.30pm	Ailish Connolly RIP
Sunday 11th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Bernard Fenton RIP
10.30am	Breda O'Dwyer RIP
6.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
Monday 12th	
9.30am	Wellbeing & recovery of Mohan Perera
Tuesday 13th St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Memorial	
9.30am	Mr Alan Thompson & Family
Wednesday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast	
9.30am	Edith Knight RIP
Thursday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial	
9.30am	Elpidina Francisco RIP
Friday 16th Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Memorial	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Saturday 17th	
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 – By previous arrangement.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE - EDUCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday is Education Sunday and we will have a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service (CES). CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Governments', sharing the aims of high academic standards for all and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas. Please also use the red bucket in the church porch or you gift aid envelopes.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday our retiring collection will be for Home Mission Sunday. This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.



+++ HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II +++

Requiescat in Pace

We join with the country as we mourn the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She dedicated her life to her role as our Queen for 70 years. We offer our sympathy and condolences to the King and Royal family at this time. 'Eternal Rest grant onto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace, Amen'

Statement from Archbishop John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark on the Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a cause of great sadness for her beloved family, for the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and all people of goodwill.

We give thanks to Almighty God for Her Majesty's life of unflinching dedication and the outstanding example of Her Majesty's service, faithful unto death.

As a devoted disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, Her Majesty witnessed to the Gospel of God's love for all people and worked tirelessly to strengthen harmony, to defend justice and to promote peace. We now pray for the repose of her soul, remembering the promise of Christ, who is the Resurrection and the life: 'I am with you always, even until the end of time.' (Mt 28:20) May Her Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for our King, for the Queen Consort and for all the Royal Family at this time of bereavement. We offer to them our deepest sympathy and condolence.

Let us also pray for our United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, grateful to God for Queen Elizabeth II's remarkable life and selfless commitment to the promises she made at her Coronation. Her Majesty has been a part of all our lives and we shall miss her deeply.

We beseech you Almighty God, that your servant Elizabeth, who by your mercy received the government of this realm, and who dedicated her life entirely to the service of her people, may now rest from her labours in the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Archbishop John Wilson
 Archbishop of Southwark and Metropolitan



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Children's Liturgy of the Word

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 18th September 2022

We are looking forward to restarting Children's Liturgy!

Please join us on Sunday 18th September 2022 at the 10.30am Mass when we will also have a children's liturgy session.

Children's Liturgy is usually 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 - PARENTS DISCUSSION! Sunday 18th September 2022, after the 10.30 Family Mass

Children's Liturgy is run by the parents/adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day. *Please come along on the 18th September and meet some of our current leaders to have a chat about how you can help as either a session leader or helper, to enable us to return to our usual children's liturgy schedule. Refreshments will be available. We would also welcome any young adults, recent confirmands and DofE students to come along and find out more about helping with Children's Liturgy.*

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a particular date or time which you want a Mass said, it is vital that you let the parish office know ahead of time and as soon as possible. For Anniversary Masses, with a particular date, please try to give at least four weeks' notice to avoid disappointment.

You are very welcome to book any Mass intentions in advance. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting last-minute 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.

Mass intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church. 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. 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.

**My mouth
shall proclaim
your praise.**

Psalm 51 : 3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

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



If your child has not already been baptised, we will arrange baptism with you at a suitable time whilst your child undertakes the course.

Forms must be completed and returned IN PERSON ONLY at one of the following sessions:

- Friday 23rd September between 2 – 4pm, at the Presbytery.
- Saturday 24th September between 5.45 – 6.15pm, in the Cloister.
- Sunday 25th 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 30th 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.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, September 11, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-32 Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

Gospel Reflection

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So, he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbours. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally, we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the centre of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

Family Reflection

Read or retell in your own words, the three stories from the Gospel. Ask your children to recall games they play that involve losing or hiding something and then finding it. (Hide and Go Seek, Ghost in the Graveyard, Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?) Talk about how exciting it is to find the person or thing being looked for.

Ask your children if they have any memories of losing something special or being lost themselves. Share the stories as well as the fears or feelings. Then tell them that just as you would go to any length to find and bring them home if they were lost, so too would God. That is what Jesus is telling us in the three stories. No matter what we do, no matter how wrong we are, God, our loving father, is always anxious to forgive us and welcome us back home.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

++ LATELY DEAD++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Arendse, who died on 29th August 2022. His requiem will take place on Monday 26th September 2022 at 11am. 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.' +++

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 Gadd, Frank Andrews, Constance O'Neill, Ken Woolger, Nellie Flynn, Maureen Geary, Lionel Osborne, Elizabeth Pettyfer, Nancy Casey, Herminea Lintern, Roseanna Stimson, Henry Stimson, Anne Collopy, Roy Browne, Oswald Garrow-Fisher, William Parker, Edward Heaton Harris, Kathleen Edwards, Ellie Mary Cahill, Michael Henry, Marie Dolan, Thomas Murray, Carlo Fiorellino, Kate Glasbey, Percival Rowland McCormack, Francis Steward, Norma Verhoven, Arnold Brenninkmeyer, William Brady, Daniel Cullinane, Eric Wilson, Eric Ross, Peter Jones.

+++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.

LUKE 15:1-32

Find Your Lost Joy, by Rejoicing with God

God Rejoices, when Sinners Repent



We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity. ~ Pope Francis.



DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected.



Scan the QR code to donate or donate online at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Pakistan-floods-appeal>

ST TITUS BRANDSMA, MARTYR FOR A FREE PRESS – A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES

Catholic journalist Amanda C Dickie will speak about this exceptional new Saint, who was canonised by Pope Francis recently and is so relevant to our own time. The talk will take place in Alexander House (The Parish Hall for St. Raphael's Church, Portsmouth Road, Kingston) on Sunday 11th September at 6.00pm.



The Dutch Carmelites' opposition to Nazi propaganda cost him his life in Dachau concentration camp. A journalist and broadcaster, pioneer ecumenist, university professor and Carmelite mystic his outreach to people of faith and none is inspirational - even in the Nazi prison camps.

"To win the world for Christ, one must have the courage to come in conflict with it! His words resonate clearly for us today.



Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis
ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs> for further information. Modules begin 13 September 2022.

Craigmyle Lecture 2022

Monday 19th September 2022

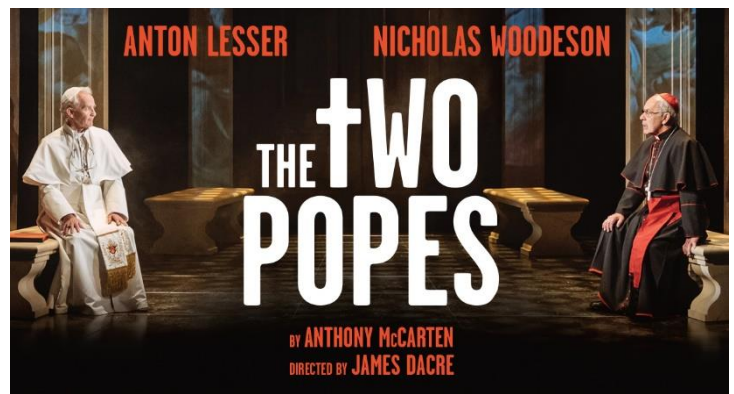
Lecture at 6.30pm (Doors at 6pm).

Baroness Hollins will deliver the annual Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on 'Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican' at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed. All welcome, free to attend and followed by a Drinks Reception. You can register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or with the Catholic Union office at info@catholicunion.org.uk or on 020 87491321. Further details available at: [Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture with Baroness Hollins](https://www.catholicunion.org.uk/craigmyle-lecture-with-baroness-hollins)

Sheila Hollins is a crossbench life peer and is a former President of both the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the British Medical Association. In 2014 she was appointed by Pope Francis as a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. She is also a Vice-President of the Catholic Union of Great Britain. You can read a Profile of Baroness Hollins in the August edition of the Catholic Herald. The lecture is named for Lord Craigmyle (1923-1998), a former President of the Catholic Union.



Public Engagement by Catholics for the Common Good



THE TWO POPES

9TH – 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022 AT THE ROSE THEATRE, KINGSTON

★★★★ 'A compelling new play. McCarten has a gift for creating intimate dramas.' – *Sunday Times*

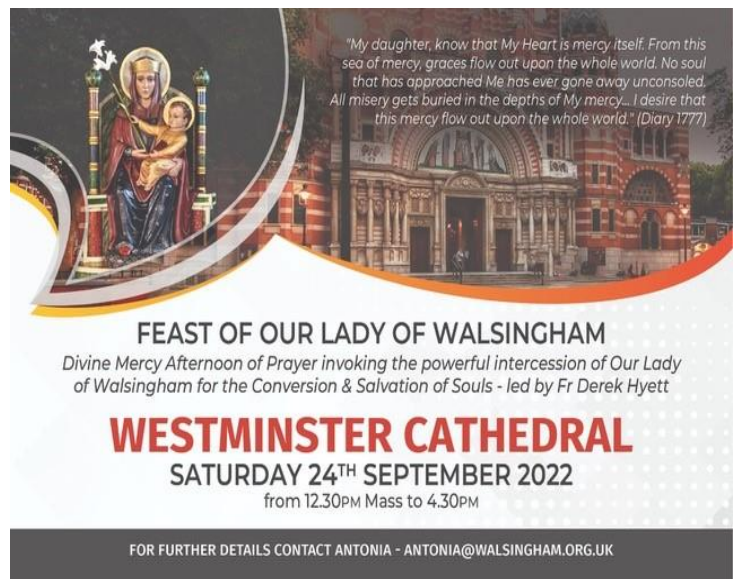
From the writer of the Academy Award-winning *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Darkest Hour* and *The Theory of Everything* comes the play that sparked a major motion picture.

The Two Popes is a fascinating and humorous story that shines a light into one of the world's most secretive institutions. At its heart lies a timeless question: in moments of crisis, should we follow the rules or our conscience?

We have received a special discount for all parishioners: Save £10 on Premium, Band A and Band B tickets for any performance of *The Two Popes* with the code **POPES10**. You can use the code at checkout when booking online, or quote it in person or over the phone.

Web: <https://rosetheatre.org/whats-on/the-two-popes>

Box office number: 020 8174 0090



"My daughter, know that My Heart is mercy itself. From this sea of mercy, graces flow out upon the whole world. No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away unconsolated. All misery gets buried in the depths of My mercy... I desire that this mercy flow out upon the whole world." (Diary 1777)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
Divine Mercy Afternoon of Prayer invoking the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham for the Conversion & Salvation of Souls - led by Fr Derek Hyett

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL
SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022
from 12.30PM Mass to 4.30PM

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT ANTONIA - ANTONIA@WALSINGHAM.ORG.UK

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE – UPCOMING EVENTS

RESTORED LIVES

Struggling after the breakdown of a significant relationship either now or in the past? This eight-session online course is for you. It runs for consecutive Monday evenings from 7-9.30pm starting Monday 3rd October 2022 More details available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/restored-lives-32666416387>

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

Recently bereaved? Emotions out of control? Feeling at a loss? This weekend is for those who are in mourning. A time for you. A space for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2022. More details please call: 01622 717272

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

If you have suffered a divorce or separation, this residential weekend will help you heal. It is being held from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th October 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. More details please call: 01322 838415 or email johnbrotherton@gmail.com