

CLERGY

Fr. Anthony Oleh, MSP — Parish Priest
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The Parish office will not be staffed until further notice. The best way to contact us is by email.

Fr Anthony is available in case of an emergency or a pressing enquiry on 020 8546 4633. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2020
EASTER SUNDAY (A)**

Saturday 11th	Holy Saturday Millicent Mary Laing RIP
Sunday 12th	Easter Sunday Rev Fr Gerry O'Brien Wellbeing of David Rattray People of the Parish
Monday 13th	Easter Monday People of the Parish
Tuesday 14th	Easter Tuesday People of the Parish
Wednesday 15th	Easter Wednesday People of the Parish
Thursday 16th	Easter Thursday People of the Parish
Friday 17th	Easter Friday People of the Parish
Saturday 18th	Easter Saturday People of the Parish
Sunday 19th	Second Sunday of Easter Caroline & Bertram Woodhouse-Currie RIP Montague Laing RIP The Late Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith RIP People of the Parish

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.

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

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

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,

+++ 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.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...

Our 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 and will be livestreamed from a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/agatha.kingston.92> and our website. A leaflet has been provided by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales: When Mass cannot be celebrated publicly. Please see our website.

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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 .

When all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.

~ Evangelii Gaudium

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
CYCLE A
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020**

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9 Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

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."

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It wasn't nails that held him to the cross but his love for you and me. ~ Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love, and joy. ~ Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just three days apart. ~ 1 cross + 3 nails = 4given. ~ He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, and by his wounds we are healed. ~ It's not about the bunny, it's about the Lamb. ~ Jesus didn't say "I am finished." He said, "It is finished." He was just getting started. ~ All Anonymous