

**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](mailto: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 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Kieran Johnson RIP

6.30pm Naime Hernandez RIP

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Racial Justice Sunday**

9am Giovsnni Marenghi – 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday

10.30am Alan & Keith Fraser RIP

6.30pm Rosa Sa-Si-Thorn RIP

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Ss Cyril, Monk, & Methodius,  
Bishop, Feast**

9.30am Matthew Crocker RIP

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Jing Esteban – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Pauline Welham RIP

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Maria McCarthy RIP

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Alfred & Edith Knight RIP

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Evelyn May Jarvis RIP

6.30pm Maria McCarthy 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.

**ACCOMMODATION NEEDED**

A devout family of our parish are urgently seeking accommodation within the parish area, due to their landlord selling the property they are currently renting. Do you have a 2/3-bedroom property available to rent nearby? Do you know some who could help? Please speak with Fr Eugene, or get in touch with the parish secretary, as soon as possible.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

**One in Christ: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Archbishop John Wilson created the Archdiocesan Commission for Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion in 2021, appointing Fr Victor Darlington, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish in Camberwell, as Episcopal Vicar.

The primary purpose of the Commission is to engage with the clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Southwark, stating the key message of God's love for everyone, and that there is no place for racism in our parishes, schools and churches. Highlights in 2021 have included working with Southwark schools to address racism, alongside the Education Commission, and giving presentations to St Thomas Academy Trust in Birmingham and the Education Commission of Westminster Diocese: this is a vision that will be driven further in the years ahead.

All parishes are invited to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday, and in particular, to give thanks for this new Southwark Commission and their work. It is the aim of the Commission to remind everyone of our Christian vocation to follow Jesus' Great Commandment to 'love one another', and to live as one in our diversity.

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend 10am Mass in St George's Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson on Racial Justice Sunday, to celebrate the fact that we are all 'One in Christ'.

View the livestream: <https://youtu.be/62sluHPSbIU>

This Sunday's retiring collection will be for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society. This year's theme is "In the Image and Likeness of God" The theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. Our aim, in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God". To find out more please go to <http://www.carj.org.uk> Please use your gift aid envelopes or the red bucket marked 'Racial Justice Sunday' in the church porch.



## CONFIRMATION 2021/22



There will be an Introduction and Family Meeting for Candidates and their families on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Candidates to arrive for a 7.30pm start and parents to arrive at 8.30pm.

The Confirmation Inscriptio Mass will be on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 6.30pm**: Candidates MUST arrive by 6pm

The first candidate session will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.15pm.

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the following important dates and upcoming sessions.

*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.*



**Group 1**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Session 7 at 2.45pm.

**Group 2**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Session 7 at 4.30pm.

*We would like to remind parents that children need to arrive punctually for the start time of each session please!*

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## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022**, which will be held in the church hall at 2pm, by completing and returning the baptism

application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

*Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism.*

Please note there is currently a waiting list for baptisms, so the earlier you contact the parish office the better!

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## MARRIAGES IN 2022

2022 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.

## +++ LATELY DEAD +++

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Crocker, who died on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 11am. Our condolences to his wife Helen, their children, and their families.

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Atillio Francesco Papaiani, better known as Franco, who died on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022, aged 77. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 3pm. Our condolences to his wife Josephine and son Piero and their families.

**'Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.'**

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## 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.*

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

*Magdlen Saxby, Alice Burgess, Kevin Flynn, Ryan Wrathall, John Wall, Alfred Robert Frederick Brockwell, Michael Higgins, Patrick Howard, John Frank Sewter, Susanna McMahon, Kathleen Brocking, Victoria Tanousis, Ernest James Priest, Fanny Margaret Cork, Morwen Short, Margaret Radley, Georgina Helen Petit, Selene Robinson, Peter Mulvaney, Alicia Coll, Anthony Scott, Edward Cook, Agnes Hope, Alison Weyers, Mary Connell, Charles Hope, Ethel Pyke, Edward Mitchell, Vincenza Marchese, Sheila McCormick, Edwin Reeves, Bridget Fenton, Mary Kathleen Dudley, William Lucas, Bruno Zuffo.*

**+++May They Rest In Peace +++**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C  
Sunday, February 13, 2022

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 6:17,20-26

*Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.*

**Gospel Reflection**

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favoured."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . .

these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

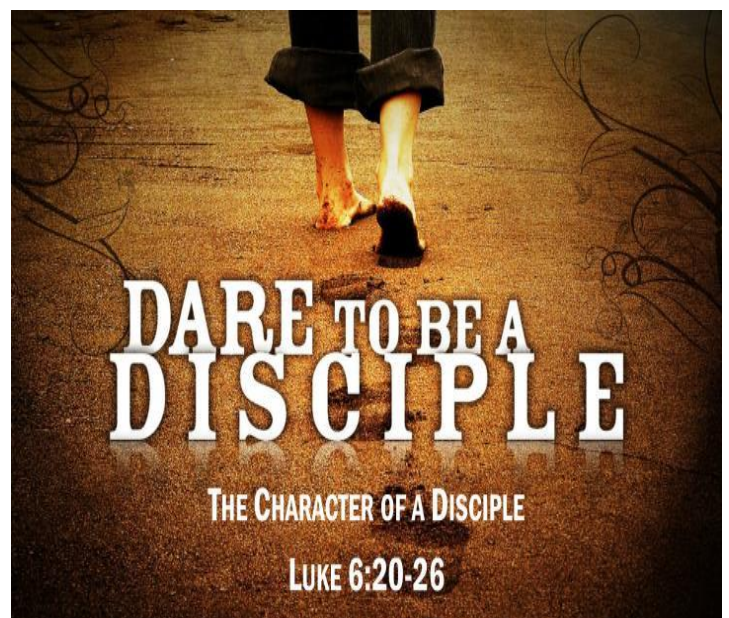
The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

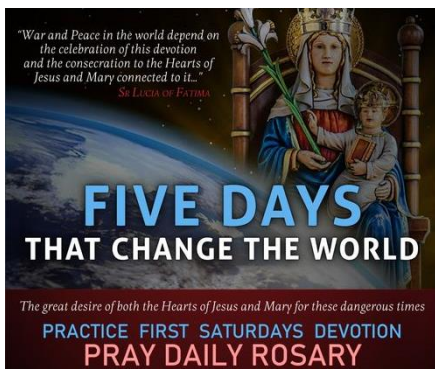
**Family Reflection**

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

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### ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD?

First Saturday approaches: Heaven's Peace Plan – 5 Days that have the potential to change you and bring peace to the World!

Heaven's Peace Plan for the Church, Families and Nations was presented to us through the Messages of Our Lady of Fatima. It is a humble and peaceful plea - to Pray the Rosary daily and to practice monthly the First Saturdays of Reparation.

The Rosary and the First Saturdays are the great desire of both the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for these dangerous times. Heaven is pleading with sinful earth through these requests!

Heaven's Peace Plan is seemingly so simple - so simple most in the Church have missed it!

Sr. Lucia strongly stated in 1939: "War and Peace in the world depend on the celebration of this devotion and the consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary connected to it ..."

Each First Saturday we are asked to:

1. Go to Confession
2. Receive Holy Communion as a Communion of Reparation
3. Pray the Rosary
4. Meditate for 15 minutes on the Rosary Scriptures whilst keeping Our Lady company.

All with the intention of making Reparation for sins so offensive to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

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### CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Again we are invited by CAFOD to live simply on this day, and dedicate any monies saved to help those in need. The retiring collection across all masses of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March will be for CAFOD. Donation envelopes are also available at the back of church.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Walk against Hunger

#### Our new Lent challenge is here!

Something positive this Lent. Challenge yourself to walk 200k this Lent and help stamp out hunger, one step at a time. You can walk, roll, skip or stroll your way to 200k. You can boldly go it alone and take it on 5k a day for 40 days, or you can smash the target all at once as a team.

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to conquer 200k, and help give hunger its marching orders.

Visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> for more information.

### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

*Those who patiently try to sow peace each day, are who artisans of peace, of reconciliation, yes, they are blessed, because they are true children of our Heavenly Father, who sows always and only peace, to the point that he sent his Son into the world as the seed of peace for humanity. ~ Pope Francis*

### St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

#### Admission to Nursery Class September 2022

If your child is born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they are entitled to start Nursery in September 2022. The closing date for Nursery admissions is Friday 4th March 2022.

Please visit: <https://www.stagathas.school/nursery-admissions/> for more information.