



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.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Saturday 12th

9.30am Evelyn Mary Jarvis RIP
6.30pm Wellbeing & Recovery of
Catherine Halpin

Sunday 13th 2nd Sunday of Lent

9am The Crocker Family
10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm Rosa Sa-Si-Thorn RIP

Monday 14th

9.30am Christina Ward RIP

Tuesday 15th

9.30am Zoran Popovic RIP

Wednesday 16th

9.30am Patricia Cotmore RIP

Thursday 17th St Patrick, Bishop, Feast

9.30am Zoran Popovic RIP

Friday 18th

9.30am Zoran Popovic RIP

Saturday 19th St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

9.30am Evelyn Mary 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.



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.



CAFOD LENTEN COLLECTION

This weekend's retiring collection, after all Masses, will be for CAFOD. Please use the envelopes available or the red bucket in the church porch. The special envelopes for this collection enable tax payers to gift-aid their donations. Or you can donate online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>. Thank you for your continued support to CAFOD

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday mornings after Mass, and at 5.45pm on Sundays, during Lent (from Friday 4th March to Sunday 10th April 2022). This devotion provides an opportunity for us to walk the road to Calvary with Our Blessed Lord.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION DURING LENT

The church will be open on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7.30pm – 8.30pm for Exposition and Adoration. (16th, 23rd March & 6th April). Everyone is welcome.

EASTER SPRING CLEAN

SAVE THE DATE

This year our dedicated Easter Spring Cleaning morning will be on Saturday 2nd April 2022, from 10am. There are a variety of tasks that need to be taken care of and we hope that both male and female parishioners will be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help us. A sign-up sheet will be available, nearer the time, in the church porch for volunteers to sign up or please email the parish office. (Even if you can only spare an hour or two, Fathers would really appreciate!) refreshments and all cleaning products will be provided.



PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

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SAVING GRACE DIOCESAN ONLINE RETREAT

A retreat for Lent, introduced by Archbishop John Wilson, led by members of the Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience during Lent 2022, beginning on the first Sunday of Lent and ending in Easter week. Drawing on the Old Testament readings for the Sundays of Lent, Saving Grace will explore our shared story as the people of God. Along the way, we will discover how the twists and turns of our own personal stories are also holy ground, where God continues to draw us out of oppression and into freedom, and out of death into life.

The retreat is designed for individuals and is based on a weekly video accompanied by suggested exercises for prayer and reflection. These resources will be available in advance so that the videos can be viewed at any convenient time.

Individuals can join one of the online groups that will be offered on different days of the week and at different times of the day.

For more details and to register follow this link:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>



††† LATELY DEAD †††

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Zoran Popovic who died on Saturday 5th March 2022.

His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's, further details to follow.

Our condolences to Natasha and their 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 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

Daniel Cremin, Richard de Kerckhove, Josephine May, Edith Anne Connellan, Forbes Stimson, Ann Elizabeth Harding, Agnes Hall, Winifred O'Connor, Timothy Malone, Alphonse Schembri, Gerry Byrne, Herbert Lewis, Thomas Francis Mulcahy, Mary Pickard, Rita Da Silva, Aaron Bennett, Mary Chisholm, Virginio Anghileri, Anne Lally, Frederic Leo Strawson, John McSorley, Robert Thomas Amon Kotej, Patricia Scott, Maria Winifred Taylor, Alfred Shoppee, Charles Kaufman, Mary Letitia Lally, William Kitchen, Joseph William Kilkenny, Valentine Percival Hafner, Patrick Cremin, Bernadette Teresa Clarke.

+++May They Rest In Peace+++

Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle C
Sunday, March 13, 2022

Gospel Reading

*Luke 9:28b-36 Jesus is transfigured
in the presence of Peter, John, and James.*

Gospel Reflection

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion.

We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

Family Reflection

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, “Listen to him.” The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on?

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, and CD players. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus.

CONFIRMATION 2021/22

The next candidate session will be on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7.15pm.



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 20th March
Session 8 at 2.45pm.

Group 2
Sunday 20th March
Session 8 at 4.30pm.

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on **Saturday 26th 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!

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.



STELLA MARIS
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On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on 23 March at 7.30pm to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

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The Governing Body of St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, Thames Ditton, is looking to appoint a dynamic, forward-thinking headteacher to start in September 2022. If you would like further information, please email clerk@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk or alternatively please go to: <https://www.eteach.com/job/headteacher-1216606> for further details and to apply.

The closing date for applications is March 24th 2022.

Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence. ~

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, para 259