

**CLERGY**

Fr. Anthony Oleh, MSP — Parish Priest  
Fr. Ebuka Umekachikelu, MSP – Assistant Priest  
Rev. Robert Beresford — Deacon

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](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

**MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD (A)**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord**

Wellbeing of Arthur Lawrence

Birthday Intentions for Mary Frostick

Abbie O'Brien RIP

McGinty Family RIP

Frank & Rose Killy RIP

People of the Parish

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

People of the Parish

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

People of the Parish

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

People of the Parish

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

People of the Parish

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity**

Gerry Quigley RIP

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary**

People of the Parish

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Fathers of the Parish

Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

Special Intention for Merlyn Fraser

Sydney George Alexander RIP

Bill Drea RIP

Priests & Parishioners of the Parish

People of the Parish

**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**

*Robert Stimson, Sylvia Lewis, Ernest Hopkins, Mary O'Flynn, Mary Keefe, Alexander Cameron, Kevin Heighton, Lilly Brain, Anne Cullen, Ethel Mary Duckett, Norah Wiseman, Vincent Rogan, William 'Billy' Kilkenny, Gregory Serna, Rose Patricia Smith, Larry Drinkwater, Bridget (Bridie) Flynn, Keith Finn, Anthony Borg, Kathleen Peacock, Laurence Mussi, Bernard O'Neill, Nora Smyth, Kathleen Margaret Humphreys, Thomas Sheehan, James Anderson, Mary Bridget Clarke, Sarah McLynn, Mary McKeon, Ian Hamilton, Kenneth Powell, Dave Hope, Margaret Begley, Joseph Smyth, Charles O'Donoghue.*

**++ May they rest in Peace ++**

**LET US REMEMBER**

Let us remember those who have died recently, 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.

*Our world is being torn apart by wars and violence. ... Let everyone admire how you care for one another and how you encourage and accompany one another. ~ Evangelii Gaudium para.99*

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...**

**RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

*As you may be aware the government has announced that Churches may reopen for private prayer (no services) from Monday 15th June. However, before this can happen there is a huge amount of work that has to be done, not least of which is a 'Risk Assessment' which must be approved by the Area Bishop, which is aimed at protecting everyone. Archbishop John has issued detailed guidelines to be strictly followed throughout the diocese. Preparations are taking place here at St Agatha's to prepare our church, but we need your help if we are actually to re-open.*

*HELP NEEDED: One of the requirements is that we must have two stewards in the church at the times the church is open, to show people what to do, where they can sit and how to keep themselves and others safe. We will only be allowed to re-open if we have enough volunteers. In order to enable this, we are asking for volunteers to go on a rota; if you are in good health, with no underlying health issues, are under 70 and not shielding anyone vulnerable at home (NB not those classed as "vulnerable" to Covid-19), please consider doing this for one or two hours a week. If you are able to help, please email [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk) with the following information:*

- Your contact details (name, email address and phone number).
- What day (Monday – Sunday) and time (morning, afternoon or evening) you can help.
- Any particular day of the week you can commit to. It would be easier if people could generally commit to the same slot each week (but not essential).

*Once we have a list of volunteers, we will contact you to arrange a rota. Please do get in touch as soon as possible. Instructions and PPE equipment will be provided. Those of you with current DBS clearance are particularly needed. This is a serious task, and all the measures being put in place will need to be adhered to at all times, but it will also be a joyful time, welcoming people back to the real presence of Our Lord.*

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](mailto: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.

The sacrament of reconciliation will 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.

**MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD, CYCLE A  
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020**

**Gospel Reading**

*John 6:51-58 Jesus says, "I am the living bread."*

**Reflection**

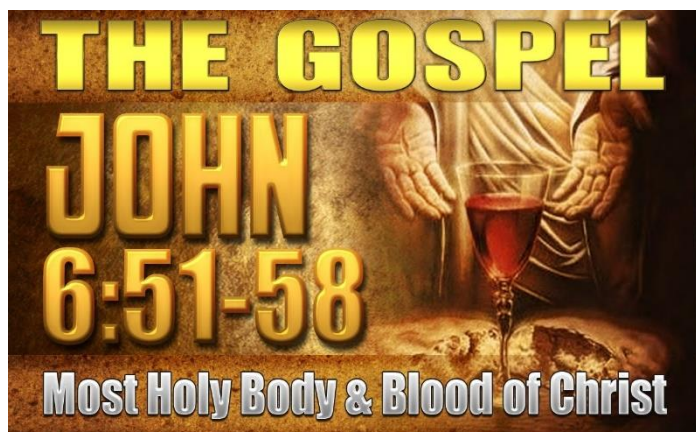
This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.



**Family Reflection**

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If there are family photos taken on this occasion, bring them out and share them together. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos that they have of their First Communion. Then read together today's Gospel, John 6:51-58. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he calls himself the "living bread." Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today's Gospel—those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain forever connected to him. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**

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.**

**CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal**

Coronavirus is affecting every country we work in. The poorest and excluded are most vulnerable. CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities across the world, your essential support will help families survive. Please visit this link to find out more about CAFOD's response and donate whatever you can to our appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>. CAFOD Thank you for your ongoing support.