



**St. Agatha's
PARISH**

Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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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 kington@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 14TH AUGUST 2022

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, CYCLE C

Saturday 13th

9.30am Nina & Joseph Fernandes
Golden Wedding Anniversary

6.30pm Reenie Pelpola RIP

Sunday 14th **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity**

9am Viola O'Connor RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Naime Hernandez RIP

Monday 15th

9.30am Beverly Uy RIP

Tuesday 16th

9.30am Wellbeing & Recovery of Mohan Perera

Wednesday 17th

9.30am Wellbeing & Recovery of Teresa Dooley

Thursday 18th

9.30am Zoran Popovic RIP

Friday 19th

9.30am Maria McCarthy RIP

Saturday 20th **St Bernard, Abbot, Memorial**

9.30am Beverly Uy RIP

6.30pm Vincenzo Straccialano 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

Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

Baptisms: Sundays – By previous arrangement.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

This Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation, kept this year on the nearest Sunday, reminds us that our Lady was taken as a complete person, body and soul to the glory of heaven and thus, she holds out to us, by the grace of Almighty God, our own hope of heaven at the conclusion of our earthly journey of faith. Masses will be celebrated at the usual Sunday times.

PARISH MUSICIANS

The musicians of the Parish will be taking their traditional and well-earned break for the month of August. This means that our hymns during Mass may not be accompanied by musical instruments.



We would like to say a huge thank you to them all for everything they do throughout the year for the parish!

We are still in need of more musicians to join us when the music resume in September! If you would like to play the organ or the piano and would like to take a turn on Saturdays, at the 6.30pm Mass, or on Sunday mornings at either the 9am or 10.30am, Family Mass, or would be interested in joining the Folk Choir at the Sunday 6.30pm Mass, please contact the Parish Secretary, thank you.

PARISH OFFICE

Please remember that Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave on the dates below during the summer break, therefore the parish office will be closed on these days, in addition to Wednesdays.

Fr Eugene will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only please.

For non-urgent enquiries please email kington@rcaos.org.uk. For any other matters please wait until the parish office re-opens.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

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Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August,

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August,

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
(Parish Office fully reopens Tuesday 6th September 2022).

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES

We will be placing our annual order for next year's Gift-Aid Envelopes this month. If you no longer require the envelopes, please kindly let the Parish Office know so that we can update your details and thus help us prevent over ordering of the envelopes. Thank you.



## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

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

**Forms must be completed and returned**

**IN PERSON ONLY**

**at one of the following sessions:**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

We have a few free spaces for Mass intentions over the next few weeks. If you would like to have a Mass offered for yourself or your loved ones, 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

If you have a particular date or time which you want a Mass said, ***it is very important that you let the parish office know ahead of time and as soon as possible.*** You are very welcome to book your Mass intentions in advance. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting late 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.

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.

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday, August 14, 2022

### Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

### Gospel Reflection

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life.

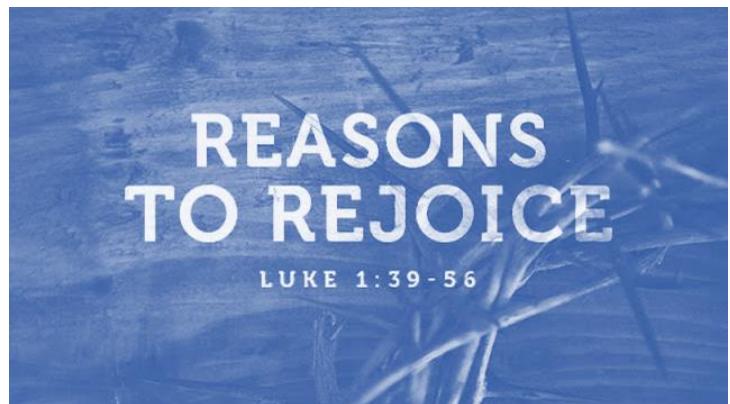
Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

### Family Reflection

In today's Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary recognize the work that God is doing through them. With eyes of faith they see the power and salvation of God breaking through into their lives and into the world.

Gather as a family and talk about what you know about Mary and her being a model of faith. Recall that we are celebrating a holy day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we remember that God took Mary to heaven, body and soul. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:39-56. In this reading we hear Mary's song of praise to God, the Magnificat. Invite each person in the family to write or draw one or more ways in which they see God working in your family life and in our world today. Use these prayers of thanksgiving to create your family's song of praise to God. Conclude by praying together this song of praise.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers." — St. Maximilian Kolbe

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. For further information and latest news, please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support.  
Celeste and Sarah, CAFOD Community  
Participation Coordinators in Southwark.



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#### 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

#### DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY Senior Press Officer

Salary: £41,000

Location: London/Home-based

Contract: Full Time

Closing date: Sunday 28 August 2022

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<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vacancy-senior-press-officer/>



#### ++ LATELY DEAD++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beverly Uy, who died on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Her requiem will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 3.15pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.  
+++ 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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

Vincent Fucco, Josephine Teresa Ferritto, Francis Duckett, Bernard O'Neill, Marmaduke Valentine Smith, Annie Grealish, Bernard Joseph Bull, Cyril Francis Harriott, Mary Agnes Matkin, Bridget Crosby, Harry Walter, Sidney Selleck, Christina & Joshua Gordon, Dorothy Mercer, Alfred Godfrey, Mary Lewendon, William Walsh, Bridie Mapstone, Roger Edward Cubitt, David Brayshaw, Henry McArdle, Tessa Pitts, Thomas Flaherty, Wilfrid William Hayward, Josephine Carroll, Ann Power, Giuseppe Sammarco, Libera Ricci Strafino, Marie Louise Crunelle, William Fry, Marion Sim, Eileen Porter, Bridget Barlow, Bill Marsh, Andrew de Quidt.

+++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.

"Before, by yourself, you couldn't. Now, you've turned to our Lady, and with her, how easy!" ~ St.

Josemaria Escriva