#### 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 <a href="kingston@rcaos.org.uk">kingston@rcaos.org.uk</a> 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 15 <sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	St Matthias, Apostle, Feast
9.30am	Brenda Maher RIP
6.30pm	Teresa & Luigi Pozella RIP
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
9am	Zoran Popovic RIP
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Guidance for GCSE Exams
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Simon Stock, Priest, Memorial
9.30am	Leonette Camara RIP
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Day of Prayer for the Victims &
	Survivors of Abuse
9.30am	Favale Delfina
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	
9.30am	Keith Fraser RIP
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	
9.30am	Maria McCarthy RIP
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	
9.30am	Zoran Popovic RIP
Saturday 21st	
9.30am	Rev Fr Gerry O'Brien RIP
6.30pm	Crocker Family
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
Mass Times:	Saturday: 09:30, 18:30
Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30	
Rantisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12pm	

Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12pm. Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

# INDUCTION OF FR FRANCIS OLASENI, MSP

Fr Francis will be formally inducted as our Parish Priest, by Bishop Paul Hendricks, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7pm. All parishioners are invited to this joyful occasion.

A reception will take place following the ceremony in the Cloister, A light buffet is kindly being provided by Peppe's. Everyone is welcome.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**

We would like to offer our congratulations to our 92 young people who received their First Holy Communion here at St Agatha's over the last couple of weekends. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire them as



they make their way through life as active members of the Church.

#### **OFFERTORY & COLLECTION**

Over the next couple of weekends, the collection will resume being taken at the usual time during Mass and brought up with the Offertory.

The offerings boxes will still be available at the back of the church.

If any parishioner would like to assist at weekend masses with offertory collections, please email the parish office.

#### **CONTACTLESS GIVING**

We can accept cashless donations for the Parish by debit or credit cards from all major cards. You will find our contactless handsets at the back of the church (on each side, beside



the votive candles). Just use your contactless debit or credit card or you can insert your card into the keypad where you can authorise your donation using your card's PIN.

You can also register for Gift-Aid and you will only have to do this the first time you donate. NB. You will need register even if you are already registered as a Gift-Aider with the parish.

If you would like to give regularly by standing order, please contact the Parish Office.

We thank you for your continued generosity.





## Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C Sunday, May 15, 2022

## **Gospel Reading**

John 13:31-33a,34-35 Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

## **Gospel Reflection**

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.



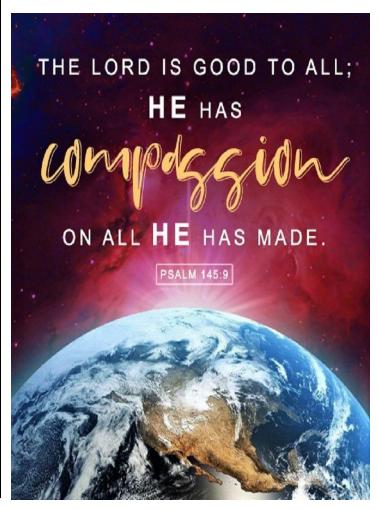
## **Family Reflection**

Is love the first word your family members use to describe their interactions? Love is difficult. Jesus' sacrifice for us is an example of this. Yet because of love, the glory of God is fully revealed in Jesus. God's glory is revealed in us when we act as the Body of Christ, as individuals and as a community. In the love we have for one another—difficult, challenging, sacrificial love—we find Jesus.

Choose one or two occasions when your family was together during the week. Describe the family's interactions from an outsider's perspective. When is it less difficult to show love to family members? When is it more difficult? When love is difficult, what do we do?

Jesus didn't just tell us to love one another. He showed us how to love one another. In what ways did Jesus show us how to love? (in his acts of healing and forgiving; at the Last Supper as he washed his disciples' feet; in the gift of the Eucharist; through his death on the Cross)

**Sunday Connection, Loyola Press** 



#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on <u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</u>, 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!

## ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on **Saturday 9**th **July 2022** at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details please email:

mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

## YOUR MARRIAGE: TIME FOR A SERVICE?

In the same way your car needs servicing to continue to run efficiently, so your marriage too will benefit from a 'service'. That's what Building A Better Marriage' is, a half-day online course taking place from 9am till 1pm on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2022. It is designed for couples married years or decades with average-to-good marriages. Booking is essential. More details please contact: 07983 524 727.

#### A DAY WITH MARY

There will be a Day with Mary on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at St Joseph's Church, Roehampton, starting at 9.30am.

A Day with Mary is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic Church or shrine. It emphasizes Worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Theological Instructions, Hymns and periods of rest with refreshments.

For more details see the posters on the church notice board or visit: <a href="https://www.adaywithmary.org">https://www.adaywithmary.org</a>

#### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which started on 10th April, are ready for collection from the church porch.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle, and Melba De Silva.

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**

Joyce Huntingford, Nora Conlon, David Walsh, Mary Oldknow, Rita Allen, Florence Busby, Maria Persechino, Salvatore Menale, Thomas Sheehy, James McCabe, Patricia Mulley, Flora Smith, Kenneth Albert Peacock, Michael Humphries, Eileen Renner, John Chandler, Elisabeth Lamb, Leslie Wiseman, Amelia Neve, Ann Sewell-Knight, John Kissane, Eleanor Condron, Elizabeth Brannelly, Eleanor McLeod, Maria McCarthy, Kathleen Mary Little, Rosina Jane Brown, James Cullen, Edward Mulcahy, Patrick Gallagher.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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.

Mass intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church. 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.



"A food system based upon responsibility, justice, peace and unity of the human family". ~ Pope Francis' message to the UN Secretary General.

## Fix The Food System.

CAFOD's latest campaign tells us that the food system is broken. 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces sufficient food to feed everyone. A third of the food produced is wasted.

For more information on CAFOD's campaign - Fix The Food System, please go to:

www.cafod.org.uk/food CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

#### THAMES VALLEY ART EXHIBITION



Members of Thames Valley Art Society will be exhibiting recent work in a Spring exhibition at All Saint's Church, Kingston (opposite John Lewis).

The exhibition is open from Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022:

10am to 4pm Weekdays

11.30am to 4pm Sunday

Closes at 3pm on 21st May.

Members will be showing a rich variety of recent work from locally inspired views to abstract conceptual pieces. All works are for sale including unframed pictures and cards. Our very own resident artist Bob Meecham's work will be exhibited.

There is a friendly cafe in the church so you can enjoy the artwork with a coffee!



#### **DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES**

The Diocese currently have the following vacancies. More details can also be found on the Diocesan Website:

https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/getinvolved/vacancies/vacancies-in-southwark/

## Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education

This is initially a 12-month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position which requires someone with considerable previous secretarial experience and excellent organisational skills. Must be very self-motivated.

**Diocesan Central Services Administrator** 

Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full-time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as covering reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities.

Parish Secretary St Osmund's, Barnes

Experienced parish secretary needed on a part-time basis for busy parish in Barnes. Must have previous parish secretarial experience and a good working knowledge of the Catholic church.

"Let us ask the Lord for the grace that a new wave of love for our neighbour may sweep over this poor world."

~ Venerable Pope John Paul I