

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish office will not be staffed during this lockdown. The best way to contact us is by email. All enquiries and non-urgent matters, including mass intentions, please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk Fr Anthony or Fr Ebuka will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only on 020 8546 4633.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

**SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2020
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, (A)**

Saturday 14th	Veronica Peters and Angel Peters RIP
Sunday 15th	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor Special intentions for Madeline Dorothy Bather & Family Teresa & Luigi Pozella RIP William Curtin RIP Patricia Corcoran RIP
Monday 16th	Patricia Corcoran RIP
Tuesday 17th	Patricia Corcoran RIP
Wednesday 18th	Timothy Sven Bather RIP
Thursday 19th	Wellbeing & Recovery of Edward Doyle
Friday 20th	Wellbeing & Recovery of Edward Doyle
Saturday 21st	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial Wellbeing & Recovery of Edward Doyle

Private Prayer: 09:00 – 10.00 AM
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

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

Ellen Sheehy, Joseph Thomas Dudley, Mary McGuinness, Catherine Buck, Aloysius Martin, Johanna Sheehan, Ann Marie Kirby, Suzanne Gilbert, William Curtin, Katherine Cutmore, Patricia Ruddy, William MacBride, Shirley Constable, Silvio Antonio De Bellis, Martha Bridget O'Kane, Dora Dombre, Denis Healy, Charles Little, Imelda Mary Filose, Paul Plantin, Felix Marks, Jean Nicoll, Madeline Plantin, Liam Mulvihill, Noel Heighton, Charles William Squires, Ronald Gordon Stone, James Heppel, Thomas McGarry, Rita Butler, Margaret Jennings, Charles Laing, Lucy Daubney, Michael Joseph Heelan, Kathleen Carter, Mary Thomas, William Yates, Beryl Hale, Margaret Donohoe, Alan Humberstone, Peter Harford.
++May they rest in Peace ++

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.

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 15 November 2020 to be the fourth World Day of the Poor. In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis draws on the Old Testament Book of Sirach, which calls us to 'stretch forth your hand to the poor' (Sir 7:32). We are reminded that 'prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable.'

When a system fails to feed the poor, it is time to look out for one that does. ~ Archbishop Frederick Keating of Liverpool (1921 – 1928)
World Day of the Poor (15 November)

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Corcoran who died on Sunday 8th November 2020. Her requiem will take place here at St Agatha's.
++ 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.' ++

November – Month of All Souls

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation for the Masses inside the envelope. Envelopes can be left in the 'Mass Request Box', posted at the Presbytery or please hand it to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Ebuka. Alternatively, please email the names to the parish email and we will place them in the basket.

School Application Form Signing

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic School. Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign. A priest will be available to sign school application forms after the lockdown has finished, please see the website and newsletter for updates.

COLD!! We have to keep open the windows and doors to allow as much ventilation as possible to keep you safe – so please bear with us and find those winter jumpers and coats so that you can keep yourself warm when visiting the church. Thank you for your understanding.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.....

The Church is closed for public masses until 2nd December 2020 in line with the latest government COVID-19 restrictions.

Dear Parishioners, following the Prime Minister's address to the Nation concerning Coronavirus and the closure of all shops selling non-essentials goods and other premises including places of worship, our Archbishop has sadly mandated the closure of all the Churches in Southwark Archdiocese. There will be no public masses or other services (aside from funerals) in the Church from Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December. The intentions during this period will still be offered by the priests' in their private daily Masses. Please post any Mass Intention envelopes through the presbytery door, or email via the parish email address kingston@rcaos.org.uk

Live Streaming of the 10.30am Sunday Mass, will continue from our website home page and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/agatha.kingston.92>

A Statement from the President and Vice President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales concerning the Church's position on the National Lockdown can be read on our website.

Our Church will be open for Private Prayer from Thursday 5th Nov to Wednesday 2nd Dec 2020 from 9am to 10am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, as follows:

Saturday 14 th Nov	Tuesday 17 th Nov	Thursday 19 th Nov
Saturday 21 st Nov	Tuesday 24 th Nov	Thursday 26 th Nov
Saturday 28 th Nov	Tuesday 1 st Dec	

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during these times.

Further days and times may still be announced.... Please check the website regularly for updated information. Please note: there may also be last minute changes, depending on availability of stewards.

Please ensure you observe the rules regarding face masks, NHS Track and Trace, social distancing, use sanitising gel on entering and leaving, and please follow the instructions of the church stewards on duty.

We are very grateful for all the volunteer stewards who help to keep the church open; without stewards we cannot open the church for private prayer.

If investments in banks fall, it is a tragedy, and people say, 'What are we going to do?' but if people die of hunger, have nothing to eat or suffer from poor health, that's nothing.

POPE FRANCIS



Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the new year, please register for our next class (date to be confirmed) by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. If you have already attended a class earlier this year please email the parish office to advise and arrange a date for your child's baptism.



First Holy Communion 2021

Thank you to all parents/carers for returning the FHC application forms for 2021. Sadly, due to the current government restrictions the parents meeting and inscription Mass are not permitted to go ahead. An email will be sent to everyone who submitted an application advising of this and we will continue to update you as we have more details.



St Agatha's Confirmation 2021

Applications and details for our next year's Confirmation will now be available in December. Please check the website and newsletter for updates.

Marriages in 2021

2021 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.



Mass Intentions

Fr Anthony and Fr Ebuka will continue to offer daily Masses. Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church porch and can be left in the corresponding 'Mass Request Box' or posted at the Presbytery. Alternatively, please email the Parish office. When requesting a Mass, please CLEARLY indicate the NAME and INTENTION and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass said, it is imperative that give the parish office plenty of notice to avoid disappointment; we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If no date is specified the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date. If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details.

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE A
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Family Reflection

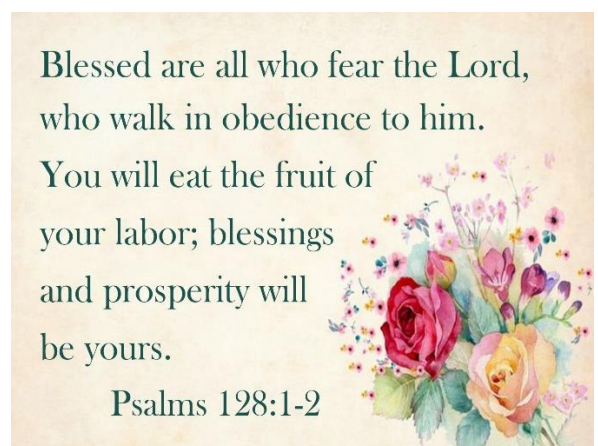
In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

Say: In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



FACE-COVERINGS/MASKS

Face coverings/masks are mandatory in all Places of Worship. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. If you attend Mass from this date onwards, please ensure that you have a face-covering/mask with you and to put it on before you enter the Church. Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion (please see below).



There are some exceptions to this rule, and who needs to wear a covering, details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/facecoverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-yourown/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-makeyour-own#when-you-do-not-need-to-wear-a-face-covering>

CAFOD – Faith into action: Building a better world after the pandemic

All our welcome to join CAFOD for a day of online discussion and workshops later this month as it focuses on Faith into Action: Building a better world after the pandemic. You can book a place for the event on Saturday 14 November, 11am to 4pm.



How can we build a better world after the pandemic - one where we respond to Pope Francis's call and ensure plans for recovering from the crisis tackle poverty, inequality and the climate emergency? Gather online to reflect on what changes we want to see after the coronavirus crisis in participatory sessions led by practical theologian Sam Ewell and climate campaigners from around the world. Look at how we can turn Pope Francis's most recent call to action into a reality, learning about his new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. And hear from CAFOD's Director of Advocacy Neil Thorns on the crucial global talks the UK is hosting next year and discuss the practical steps we need to take to rebuild our common home. Book your place at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-into-action>

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee (DEC) to help millions of people whose lives are at risk as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at <https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus> to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

A big thanks to all those who are managing to support the parish financially through the different means of financial offerings and contributions during these difficult times.

Like many charities, our church is funded entirely by your donations and while we continue to serve the community using new technology, our church still needs to be insured and maintained. We are doing our best to save money but, although our heating expenses may have been reduced, we still have to pay contributions to the diocese, salaries and other various expenses.

Without our usual weekly collections during the months of lockdown there has been a significant impact on the parish finances and we would greatly appreciate your donations to enable us to continue without financial concern after the current situation is over.

If you would like to support St Agatha's Church please go to the 'support us' page on the parish website for our gift aid and standing order forms. Alternatively, the church's bank details for making regular standing orders or one-off bank transfers directly are:

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020/21

Our Gift Aid envelopes for 2020/21 which commenced in April, are available to collect from the church entrance. However, if you would prefer to have your envelopes posted/hand delivered, please email the parish office quoting your gift aid number and we will endeavour to get them to you as soon as possible.

If you do still give to the Church by weekly envelopes, we really encourage you to switch to weekly or monthly standing orders from your bank. A bank mandate form can be downloaded from the 'support us' page of the Parish website. For 2nd collections you can make individual online payments to the same account quoting your Gift Aid number and the cause to which you are giving. Parishioners who do not belong to the Gift Aid scheme can give to the Church by online transfer from their bank; please, kindly add the reference NGA (Non-Gift Aid)