

**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](mailto: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. Thank You.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES**

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, C**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> St Teresa of Jesus Virgin, Memorial**

9.30am Holy Souls

6.30pm Zoran Popovic RIP

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9am Wellbeing of Sophie Bevan

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Addie Arendse

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> St Ignatius of Antioch, Memorial**

9.30am Audrey Weir RIP

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> St Luke, Evangelist, Feast**

9.30am Zoran Popovic RIP

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Maria McCarthy RIP

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Jimmy, Joanna, Chris & Rosie

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

9.30am Holy Souls

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Joseph & Irene Coll 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 (Vigil Mass)

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

**Baptisms:** Sundays at 12pm, By previous arrangement.

**Marriages:** Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES**

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022. There will be a short service in the chapel at Surbiton cemetery at 2.00pm, followed by blessing of graves. Also, a short service in the chapel at Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm followed by blessing of graves. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels.)

**ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF KINGSTON DEANERY**

A Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of Kingston Deanery will be held here at St. Agatha's on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 12pm. Everyone is welcome. Mass will be followed by refreshments.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

The retiring collection last weekend was for CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal. A total of £379.64 was collected. A huge thank you to everyone for contributing.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and there will be the annual collection in aid of MISSIO, the churches' official organ for support of foreign missions. The collection goes entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. They work with local bishops to ensure all the monies are distributed equitably and justly on a basis of need.

Donation envelopes are available in the church porch, or leave pop any spare change in the red bucket that will be available.

Further details are at <https://missio.org.uk>

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE**

*We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6.30pm in the church hall for everyone that wishes to enrol in the RCIA course. Everyone is welcome, please come along.*

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.

**TALK BY LUCY UNDERWOOD-HEALY**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in Alexander House, the parish hall of St. Raphael's Church in Surbiton, there will be a talk by Lucy Underwood-Healy on her novel, 'The Guest of Night', and how she came to write it. Lucy is a Catholic historian and novelist. She will have books available on the night for purchase at a small discount. Alternatively, it can be purchased online through Amazon.



## ST AGATHA'S PARISH CENSUS

**Please don't forget to pick up a copy of the Parish Census form and return on your next visit to the church. Thank you to everyone who has already completed and returned their form.**

It has been some years since our parish has conducted a formal census. While the parish office receives registration forms for new parishioners and receives some notifications from families who are reporting that they are moving, we still know that some families are no longer active members or families have undergone changes: new addresses, deaths, births and children becoming adults and leaving home; that have not been recorded. Having an accurate count of our members is important to our parish community.

This information is also vital for our stewardship efforts, communicating information and events, helping groups and ministries and most importantly, for ensuring the availability and access to the sacraments.

We begin the process of formally collecting and updating our parish census during the month of October. We ask each family to please complete a census form. The form can be found on the website (currently in a downloadable PDF format) or paper copies are available in the Church Porch.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete your Census Form.

Completed forms can be posted in the census box at the back of the church, or returned to the Parish Office, by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Thank you.

## OCTOBER DEVOTION: THE HOLY ROSARY

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of the Rosary, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession, the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings. During October, we invite everyone to pray your rosary. We especially encourage families to pray the rosary together. As a parish we shall dedicate Sunday Evenings to Pray the Rosary together. Never mind if you're a bit rusty, or if it's been a while since you last prayed your rosary. It's never too late to begin again; come let us experience the power of the rosary. **We will start at 6pm every Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

**Would you be able to lead on any of the above dates? Please email the Parish Secretary at: [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk) with your details. Thank you.**

## THE ROSARY



We pray the Rosary in the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.

## PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week at 10 am after Mass. Please stay after Mass for 10/15 mins to pray with fellow parishioners.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

Applications for next year's First Holy Communion Programme are now closed. There will be a parent meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm. The Inscription Mass is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the 10.30am Mass. All children **MUST** attend the Mass.



## CONFIRMATION 2022/23

Registration for our next Confirmation programme is now closed. An email update will be sent in a few weeks' time.



## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next class to be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 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 to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism, and it is recommended that Godparents also attend.

## MARRIAGES IN 2023

2023 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.

*When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened*

*because God did not take care of him or her. It has*

*happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that*

*person what he or she needed. ~ Saint Teresa of Kolkata*

*World Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on 17<sup>th</sup> October*

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C  
Sunday, October 16, 2022

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 18:1-8 Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.*

### Gospel Reflection

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

### Family Reflection

Children nag because it works. Parents, like the judge in the parable, often get worn down by the persistence of their children asking for things large and small. Nagging is not a positive trait, to be sure. The confidence and the persistence behind this behaviour, however, confidence in the goodness of the giver and the tenacity to stay in the relationship, are traits worth emulating in our relationship with God.

Read together Luke 18:1-8. Talk about appropriate ways to make needs and desires known to one another and to God in prayer. Recall that God wants to answer our prayers. As a family, offer your needs as prayers of petition to God.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



### ++ LATELY DEAD++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey Jean Weir who died recently. Her Funeral Service will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 11am. 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

Marion Mitchell, Leslie Abernethy, Joan Groser, Anne Flagg, Agnes Mary A'Hern, Irene Hanysek, Mary Alice Charlesworth, Emily Jones, Marie Maxwell-Arnot, Mary Moore, Elizabeth (Betty) Pryce, Bridget Culbert, Henry Joseph Winn, Joseph Kennedy, Keith Doolan, Christine Lepech-Bayram, Wilfrid Henry, Peter Hayward, Charles McDonald, Alfred Watson, Luigi Vago, Ada Mary, Constance Brassington, Mary Coulter, Donald Holton, Donald McDonald, Francis Bernard Page, Christina Norris, Patrick McDonagh, Horace Jelf, Beatrice Hughes, Bridget Pilgrim, Patric Treacy, Robert Flynn, Ian Wilson, John Walsh, Belinda McDonagh, Ted McMahon, Antonio Marshall, Agnes Rose Young, Mabel Gibbs, Sylvia Morling, Mary Cecilia Pope, James Carmody, Gerald Gaskin.

+++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.



Psalm 121

*From Where Does My Help Come?*

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