

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

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

Sunday 17th	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	Mary Murphy RIP
	Wellbeing of Naz Neeckpayman
	People of the Parish
Monday 18th	St John I, Pope, Martyr
	People of the Parish
Tuesday 19th	St Dunstan, Bishop
	People of the Parish
Wednesday 20th	St Bernardine of Siena, Priest
	People of the Parish
Thursday 21st	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity
	People of the Parish
Friday 22nd	St Rita of Cascia, Religious
	People of the Parish
Saturday 23rd	
	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th	Seventh Sunday of Easter
	Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP
	Wellbeing of Philip Cockle and others who are high risk at these difficult times
	People of the Parish

Pope's May Intention: For Deacons We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol of the entire Church.

St Agatha's Catholic Church and the Parish Office are Closed. 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 Mass on Sunday will be celebrated at 12 noon.

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

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, Kathleen Mary Little, Rosina Jane Brown, James Cullen, Edward Mulcahy, Patrick Gallagher, Maire Dtrulle, Delia Marsella, Mary Smith, John Danzey, John Carrig, Michael Peluso, Mathew Hickey, Anthony Friend, Edna Ward, Bridget Dunne, Dr. Cecil De Lisle Shortt, Nancy Coates, Antonetta Raymond, Maisie Lee. ++ May they rest in Peace +++

LET US REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Let us remember those who have died, those whose anniversaries occur about this time and their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...

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. 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 be 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.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Some 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 .

REVD PETER HOLMES RIP

Sadly Revd. Peter Holmes, who was the vicar of St Peter's Church, Kingston for more than 25 years and founder of The Joel Community Night Shelter, has died after a long and courageous battle with the Covid-19 virus. Peter dedicated his life to God's work and serving the needs of the community, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals. His loss will be felt by many and he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peter's wife and children. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, CYCLE A
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020**

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21 Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Reflection

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.



Family Reflection

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**V. Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.**

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations,**

Through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, RCIA

We are very conscious that 28 of our young people should have been Confirmed in March; we should have had the joy of receiving new adults into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, and 65 children should have made their First Holy Communion the last two weekends. There were also several families planning Baptisms these past few months. Sadly all these Sacraments have had to be deferred indefinitely because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Please be certain that as soon as it's possible to do so, the preparation for these Sacraments will resume and plans will be put in place for them to happen. Naturally, we will continue to follow the government guidelines, closely monitored by the Diocese, and collaborate with them to ensure the safety of all. As of now, there are no new developments regarding the re-opening of our churches.

