

**CLERGY**

Rev. Fr. Francis Olaseni, MSP – Parish Priest & Hospital Chaplain  
Rev. Fr. Peter Akor, MSP – Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain  
Rev. Robert Beresford – Deacon

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 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Mr John Devaiah RIP  
6.30pm Vincenzo Straccialano RIP

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9am Diana Mary Carter RIP  
10.30am Pauline Welham RIP  
6.30pm John Allen RIP

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Maria McCarthy RIP

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Thomas Joseph Galligan RIP

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

9.30am James Corcoran RIP

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9.30am Holy Souls

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9.30am Wellbeing of Eileen Caverley

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

9.30am Patricia Corcoran RIP  
4pm *Christingle Service*  
6.30pm Natalino Evangelista RIP  
11pm Vincent Arendse RIP

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity**

9am Mary Walsh RIP  
10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP  
6.30pm No Mass

**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 12pm, By previous arrangement.

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

**ADORATION & RECONCILIATION  
DURING ADVENT**

On Wednesday Evening (21<sup>st</sup>) the church will be open from 7.30 – 8.30pm for Adoration and Reconciliation. Everyone is welcome. Reconciliation is also available after every Mass during the advent period.



**CHRISTINGLE 2022!!**

Our amazing Christingle Service is held on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Everyone is welcome. This Service is a special Church Service that is held for children during Advent and celebrates Christ, who is the Light of the World.



Dates and times for your diary:

- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Dress and Lines Allocation, after 10.30am Mass.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 – Dress Rehearsal in the church, 10am – 1pm.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 – Christingle Making, 10am in the church hall.
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Christingle Service at 4pm.



**SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION  
GROUP THIS CHRISTMAS.**

Thank you again for all your generous support so far. We hope to provide another delivery this next week, so we kindly ask that you bring along any items before Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This should allow the Dons Team time to allocate the donated items to their intended recipients in time for a Christmas parcel. Please be as generous as you can and please remember "tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables and tinned fruit". We will continue with our collection box in the New Year. Thank you.



### ADVENT READING - 'MY DAY BY DAY'

There are still a few copies available of the Advent edition of 'My Day by Day' at the back of the Church, they cost £1 each (Please put money in the box marked Newspapers or the small donations box available.) This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during advent and is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas. A junior version is also available.

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Our Advent and Christmas programme is available in the church porch and online at: [www.stagathaschurch.org.uk](http://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk)

### CHRISTMAS CARDS, GIFTS AND CALENDARS

A selection of Christmas Cards, gifts and 2023 calendars are available to purchase in the Cloister after all Masses or alternatively contact the parish office during opening hours.

### MIDNIGHT MASS

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is at 11pm. It will be preceded by carols from 10.30pm.



### CRIB OFFERINGS

At the request of Archbishop John Wilson, this year's Crib Offerings will go to The Friends of the Holy Land (FHL). The Friends of the Holy Land have been giving hope and providing practical help to the most vulnerable Christians in and around Bethlehem since 2009. For further details please visit:

<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to make a Christmas Offering to our Clergy at this special time of the year. please leave the envelopes in the box in the porch. Thank you.

### PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023, therefore the parish office will be closed. Please only call the Presbytery in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry during this time. For non-urgent enquiries please email [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk) and Karin will respond upon her return.



Please ensure all Mass Requests for the Christmas and New Year period, Baptism Applications and any other enquiries are submitted before Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 otherwise they will not be attended to until the office reopens. Thank you.

### MASS INTENTIONS

It is again a very busy time for Mass requests and Masses can be booked weeks in advance, so, if you have a particular date or time on 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 are sorry but 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 Mass.

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. Please note any Mass requests submitted after Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December will not be allocated until after 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Thank you.

Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, ... willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him. ~ Saint Clare of Assisi

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Cycle A  
Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

*An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.*

**Gospel Reflection**

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfilment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

**LET THE LORD ENTER,  
HE IS KING OF GLORY**

**PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**

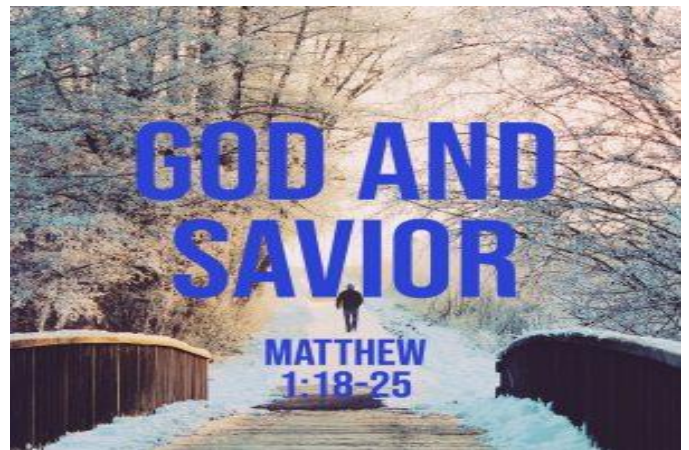
**Family Reflection**

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God.

Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



**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**

Ada Laing, Margaret Reagan, Manuelina Fernandes, Ronald Mills, Hermann Hartjes, John Lemmon, Dan Geaney, Julian Harrison, Karl Heinz Benkert, James McHugh, Maria Teresa Grassi, May Young, Henry Edward Clarke, Patrick Nash, Una Conway, Mollie Flynn, Margaret Kennedy, Bridget McCleane, Curtis Conrad Oesterreicher, John King, Martin Coughlan, Ernest William Evans, Evelyn Golding, Lilian Mary Duckett, Dominico Ferritto, Mary Anne Mullen, Rev. Fr. Richard Harriott, David McDonald, William Christopher Game, Natalino Evangelista, Bernard McArdle, Barbara McArdle, Margaret Brennan, William Albert Robinson, John Cullinane, Maud Adams, Percy Smith, Alice Rigby, Richard Browne,  
+++May They Rest In Peace +++



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- Clever self-watering garden £20
- Women refugees empowered £52
- Life changing loan £200

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Make sure to order by 20<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon and choose Express delivery to ensure your loved ones can enjoy their gifts at Christmas!

**CAFOD a thank you for your continued support.**

### ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2023

Children born between 01 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2023. The final open morning for prospective reception class parents is at 9.30am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED, PLEASE ARRIVE AT 9.30. Closing date for all applications is - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Find further information: visit the website: [www.stagathas.school](http://www.stagathas.school) / telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons] / e-mail: [office@stagathas.school](mailto:office@stagathas.school)



**"Learning together in God's love"**



**CAROL SERVICE AT OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH**  
4pm this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome to join!  
Ewell Road, Tolworth, KT6 7DG