



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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CLERGY

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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES (A)
SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020. 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18th	
9.30am	Edward & John Lovekyn RIP
6.30pm	Harmet Terziam RIP
Sunday 19th	
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Peace Sunday	
9.00am	People of the Parish
10.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Lily Bradshaw
Monday 20th	
9.30am	Thanksgiving for safe birth of Latana Pang
Tuesday 21st	
St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 22nd	
9.30am	Kathleen Dooly & Family
Thursday 23rd	
9.30am	Sonia Terziam RIP
Friday 24th	
St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Memorial	
9.30am	Desmond Pearl RIP
Saturday 25th	
The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast	
9.30am	Thanksgiving for the family of Winnie Mozalina.
6.30pm	People of the Parish

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am, 6-6.15pm & at call.
Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12.30pm.
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (1st February 2020) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BETWEEN 10AM & 11AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Ruddy, Frederick Burch, Umberto Milocco, Basil Gurney, Colin Alexander, Bruce Hickman, Eileen Mary Radnor, Peter McChrystal, Susan Prince, Patrick Walsh, Therese Currie, Peter Kearns, May East, Martin McDonagh, Una Reed, Liam Mullane, Mary Brice, Joseph Absalom, Eileen Ryan, James Milburn, James Gerald Torrens, Robert Francis Colclough, Agneta Hill, Mary Shanks, Mary Frances McDonnell, Winifred Gertrude Maton, William Little, Mary Abraham, Micheal Gray, William George Hedger, Thyrsa Colclough, Michael Cullen, Alfred Hall, Agnes Rimmer, Mary Johnson, James Norman, Margaret Heighton, John McParlane, Patric Emerson, John Henry Cowen, Elsie Lilian Boyden, Malcolm Leece, Edward Moore, Agnes Cullen, David Ryan, Frederick Warrington. +++ **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.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19th January 2020

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-34 John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

Reflection

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tessie Bird who died recently, aged 93. Her requiem will take place here on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 9.30am followed by Kingston Cemetery at 11am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Appleby who died on Monday 13th January 2020. Funeral details to follow.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEKEND!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Family Reflection

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

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Change to Parish Office Opening Hours

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With immediate effect the Parish Office will be **closed on Wednesdays**, to allow staff to undertake training and other important work.

The parish office will be open as follows:

Monday: 10am – 3pm

Tuesday: 10am – 3pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 10am – 3pm

Friday: 10am – 3pm

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Missionary Society of St Paul Celebration Day

The Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria UK Region will be holding its annual MSP Day Celebration at St George's Cathedral on **Friday 24th January 2020**, beginning with Mass at **6.30pm** Prompt, followed by a reception in the Amigo Hall.

Everyone is invited; if you wish to attend, please RSVP the Parish Secretary by Monday 20th January 2020.



Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The next Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be in at the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George on **Saturday 1st February 2020**, starting at 10am concluding with Mass at 2.30pm. **Please contact the parish office ASAP for further details.**

2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The materials for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo (Christians Together in Malta) The theme for 2020 is "They showed an unusual kindness", which finds its origins in Acts 27:18 - 28:10.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from the 18th to the 25th January 2020 – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Parish Men's Group

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020** at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm. Please come and bring your friends.

The Group will normally meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except in February when they shall meet on the third Wednesday (19th February) because 26th is Ash Wednesday. In March they will meet as normal on the fourth Wednesday (25th March).



Tea, Coffee and Cake

Tea, coffee and cake will be served in the Cloister after the Sunday 9am Mass on the **last Sunday of each month: 26th January 2020**. Do come and join us to meet and greet others, and our clergy, especially if you are new to the parish. If you attend this Mass and would like to help, please email the parish office.

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next Baptism preparation class is on **Sunday 2nd February 2020**. Please contact the parish secretary to



book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism in the next few months, please complete an application form and join us for this class. *Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a*

baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

"Do whatever he tells you!". To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word. ~ Pope Francis

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER TWO
GOD COMES TO MEET MAN

Part 2 – THE TRANSMISSION OF DIVINE REVELATION

II. The Relationship Between Tradition and Sacred Scripture

One common source. . .

"Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together, and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing, and move towards the same goal." Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age".

. . . two distinct modes of transmission

"Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit."

"and [Holy] Tradition transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It transmits it to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound and spread it abroad by their preaching."

As a result, the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honoured with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence."

Apostolic Tradition and ecclesial traditions

The Tradition here in question comes from the apostles and hands on what they received from Jesus' teaching and example and what they learned from the Holy Spirit. The first generation of Christians did not yet have a written New Testament, and the New Testament itself demonstrates the process of living Tradition.

Tradition is to be distinguished from the various theological, disciplinary, liturgical or devotional traditions, born in the local churches over time. These are the particular forms, adapted to different places and times, in which the great Tradition is expressed. In the light of Tradition, these traditions can be retained, modified or even abandoned under the guidance of the Church's Magisterium.

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Important Upcoming Dates:

Sun 19 th Jan	Peace Sunday
Sun 19 th Jan	FHC Session 2
Thurs 23 rd Jan	Confirmation Session 1
Fri 24 th Jan	St Agatha's Church Youth Club
Fri 24 th Jan	MSP Celebration Day
Sun 26 th Jan	Confirmation Inscription Mass

Offerings

First collection	Gift Aid	£447.50	Loose	£675.26
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£27.00	Loose	£82.98

TOTAL £1232.74

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Peace Sunday – 19th January 2020

Sharing Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message

Every year Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day Message on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This **Sunday, 19th January**, Peace Sunday, we will celebrate 'PEACE AS A JOURNEY OF HOPE: DIALOGUE, RECONCILIATION AND ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION' ~ Pope Francis', World Peace Day message

Crib Offerings

Thank you for all your donations, a total of £172.84 was raised, thank you! 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 for 10 years.

2020 Calendars

A few of the 2020 calendars are still available to purchase at £1 each; please contact the parish office to purchase.

Diocesan Directory

Printing and delivery of the 2020 Diocesan Directory has been delayed. These should be available soon. They will cost £3.00 each.

St Agatha's Feast Day – Wednesday 5th February 2020

Date for your Diary: On this day we will have a special Mass at 7.30pm. There will be no morning Mass on this day. More details to follow soon....

Richard Challoner and Friends Alumni event

Richard Challoner would like to warmly invite past pupils to The Richard Challoner & Friends Alumni event on Saturday 14th March from 3-6pm at Richard Challoner School. A great opportunity to meet up with old friends and have a tour of your much-loved school. Drinks and nibbles will be served. Please register your interest at www.challonerandfriends.com/events/save-the-date



First Holy Communion

FHC Classes continue with children's session 2 on **Sunday 19th January 2020 at 4pm.** A full programme of the sessions can be found on the parish website.

St Agatha's Confirmation 2020

The first candidate session will be on **Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 7.15pm.** The Inquisition Mass will be on **Sunday 26th January 2020 at 6.30pm.** A full programme of the sessions was with the application form and can also be found on the parish website.



St Agatha's Church Youth Club

St Agatha's Church Youth Club is going well, with over 30 children now steadily attending! Youth Club registration forms are available at the back of the church, via our website or ask one of the youth volunteers.



The Youth Club runs every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and is open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! The young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to continuing to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.

We would like to thank the parishioners who have come forward to help. Volunteering is a great opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and get to know the local community. It can also enhance your CV or improve your employment prospects. If you are interested in exploring the possibilities of being a volunteer, please get in touch; please speak with Fr. Anthony, the youth leader or contact the parish office for further details.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 6 March 2020.

Having put the Christmas paraphernalia away, and already there is anecdotal evidence of Easter Eggs in the shops, our minds now turn to Lent – **really!!!!**

For CAFOD, the Lenten campaign is one of their big awareness (and money) drives alongside the Harvest Festival. But let us not wish summer away before it has even arrived. CAFOD's activities are not confined to only two campaigns, the relief agency is involved in many initiatives, often supported by local parish groups. These "initiatives" will see references to sustainability, our common home, or even a zero emissions target. His Holiness Pope Francis is not the first to remind us that we are but temporary custodians of this planet. For more information on CAFOD's activities please go to cafod.org.uk where you will read about items from the climate crises to the plight of refugees. One of the terms, or labels, you might note on the website is "local experts" and one such example is Sister Consilia in Zimbabwe. Please try and take the time to read of Sister Consilia's work in the church porch. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

Church Banners

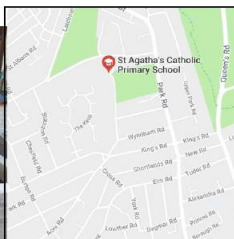
If anyone would be interested in sponsoring the purchase of Seasonal Banners for instance for Lent, Easter or, please contact the Parish Office to discuss further.

Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:

- A Day with Mary
- Street Pastors Kingston Celebration
- Headteacher Recruitment at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School in Mortlake
- Fundraising Volunteer Role at Southwark Archdiocese
- London SW Catholic Social Group
- Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine



ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020



Children born between 01 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are eligible to start nursery at St Agatha's in September 2020

Our open morning for prospective reception class parents is on
Friday 14th February 2020
(9.15am – 9.45am in the Nursery)

Closing date for all applications is
6th March 2020 (tbc)

Find further information, visit our website: www.stagathas.school

- telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons]
- e-mail: office@stagathas.school

The faithful, therefore, must learn the deepest meaning and the value of all creation, as well as its role in the harmonious praise of God. ~

Lumen Gentium, para. 36