

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 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.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Saturday 19th

9.30am Evelyn May Jarvis RIP

6.30pm Maria McCarthy RIP

Sunday 20th 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am James Corcoran RIP

10.30am Alan & Keith Fraser RIP

6.30pm Rosa Sa-Si-Thorn RIP

Monday 21st

9.30am Keith Fraser RIP

Tuesday 22nd The Chair of St Peter, Apostle, Feast

Reginald Boxall RIP

9.30am Marie Boxall RIP

Michael Boxall RIP

Wednesday 23rd St Polycarp, Bishop, Memorial

9.30am Dorothy Hall RIP

Thursday 24th

9.30am Thomas Joseph Galligan RIP

Friday 25th

9.30am Wellbeing of Simon Corcoran

Saturday 26th

9.30am William Breedon RIP

6.30pm Patricia Josephine McColgan RIP

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM

Mass Times: Saturday: 09:30, 18:30

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

Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12pm.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A devout family of our parish are urgently seeking accommodation within the parish area, due to their landlord selling the property they are currently renting. Do you have a 2/3-bedroom property available to rent nearby? Do you know some who could help? Please speak with Fr Eugene, or get in touch with the parish secretary, as soon as possible.

**SAVING GRACE
DIOCESAN ONLINE RETREAT**

A retreat for Lent, introduced by Archbishop John Wilson, led by members of the Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience during Lent 2022, beginning on the first Sunday of Lent and ending in Easter week. Drawing on the Old Testament readings for the Sundays of Lent, Saving Grace will explore our shared story as the people of God. Along the way, we will discover how the twists and turns of our own personal stories are also holy ground, where God continues to draw us out of oppression and into freedom, and out of death into life.

The retreat is designed for individuals and is based on a weekly video accompanied by suggested exercises for prayer and reflection. These resources will be available in advance so that the videos can be viewed at any convenient time.

Individuals can join one of the online groups that will be offered on different days of the week and at different times of the day.

For more details and to register follow this link: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Second Collection on

Sunday 27th February 2022

Next Sundays retiring collection will be for 'The Clergy Support Fund' of the Archdiocese of Southwark, which provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you!

Ways to donate:

- Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>
- QR Code, scan the code above.
- Telephone Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available at the back of church.



CONFIRMATION 2021/22



There will be an Introduction and Family Meeting for Candidates and their families on Monday 21st February 2022. Candidates to arrive for a 7.30pm start and parents to arrive at

8.30pm.

The Confirmation Inscripton Mass will be on **Sunday 27th February 2022 at 6.30pm**: Candidates MUST arrive by 6pm

The first candidate session will be on Monday 28th February 2022 at 7.15pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the following important dates and upcoming sessions.

Please remember that there are two groups this year completing their FHC, so please make sure you take note of the relevant dates for your child's group.



Group 1	Group 2
Sunday 27th February	Sunday 27th February
Session 7 at 2.45pm.	Session 7 at 4.30pm.

We would like to remind parents that children need to arrive punctually for the start time of each session please!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on **Saturday 26th March 2022**, which will be held in the church hall at 2pm, by completing and returning the

baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism.

Please note there is currently a waiting list for baptisms, so the earlier you contact the parish office the better!

MARRIAGES IN 2022

2022 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.

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 Michael Hodgkinson.

Please let the Parish Office know, in writing, if either you or your relatives would like to be mentioned on our sick list.

ILL AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are ill and housebound, our Priests would be happy to visit you, to pray with you, and to bring you Holy Communion in your home, please let us 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.

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

Edwin Reeves, Bridget Fenton, Mary Kathleen Dudley, William Lucas, Bruno Zuffo, Bernard McArdle, Mary West, George Alexander, Thomas McCormack, Charles Waddell, Mervyn Woolger, Ursula Nolan, Julia Turner, Nestor Paralta, Maria Onorato, Michael Whelan, Giovanna Capaldi, Mary Ellen O'Donoghue, John Mclaughlin Sim, Josephine Flynn, Kathleen Law, James Brooks, John Connell, Susan Thomas, Rose Pullen, Jorge Potier, Frederic Whelan, Ronald Macdonald, Charles Crawley, Edit Brown, John McSweeny, Elizabeth Heppel, Mary Ellen White. +++May They Rest In Peace +++

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST:

BEREAVEMENT WEEKEND

18th -20th March 2022

Mourning the loss of a loved one? Trying to cope with feelings out of control? If so, this retreat is for you. It runs from Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March 2022, at Aylesford Priory. The Marriage and Family Life Commission offer this weekend for those who have been bereaved. It takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life, and its aim is to help those who have suffered the loss of a loved one to begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance.

Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for the person enquiring. To book or find out more information contact Elizabeth Partridge: Telephone 01303 670880 or Email: mflgac@rcaos.org.uk

SYNOD 2021 2023

COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION IN THE PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Synod questionnaire and participated in the meeting.

The responses from the Parish are now available to view on the Parish Website:

<https://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk/synod-2021-2023>



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, February 20, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38 Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

Gospel Reflection

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behaviour of his followers with the behaviour of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behaviour desired with the behaviour of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

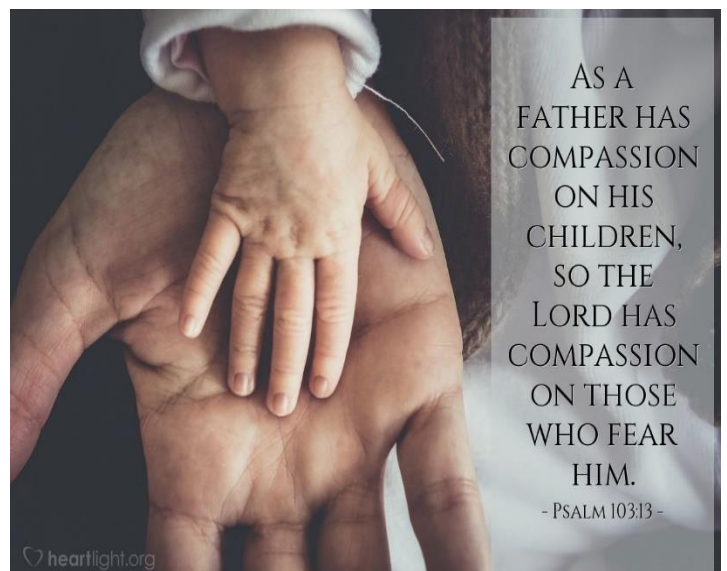


Family Reflection

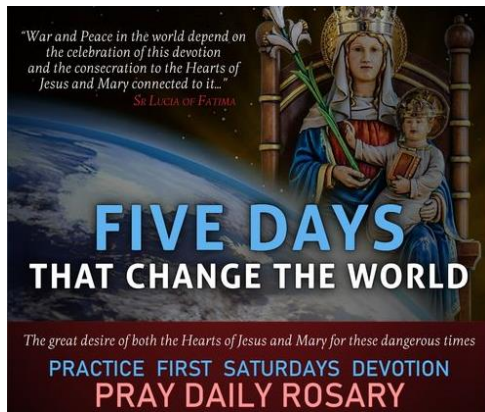
It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully. But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We can probably all recall a family meal in which such behaviour was not observed. Yet we probably chose to sit through the meal anyway. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what we parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

As you gather as a family, identify some things that family members are expected to do each day (prepare meals, go to school or work; complete homework assignments, complete household chores, behave appropriately at school, at work and at home; and so on). Discuss whether it is easy to live up to these expectations. Why or why not? Then discuss the meaning of the phrase "go the extra mile" and what it would mean to go the extra mile in the expectations you identified. Introduce today's Gospel: In today's Gospel reading, Jesus describes how we are to act toward one another. What he says may sound like what we mean by the phrase "going the extra mile." Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:27-38. Discuss whether the actions Jesus describes are easy and consider why we might act in these ways if they seem difficult. Observe that today's Gospel challenges us to make choices based on God's standard; God loves us all the time by going the extra mile for us. During a time of quiet reflection, invite each family member to choose an action for the week in which he or she will go the "extra mile" for the family. Conclude in prayer by praying together St. Ignatius's Prayer for Generosity.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



PLEASE SEE THE PARISH NOTICE BOARD FOR SOME JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGION



ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD?

First Saturday approaches: Heaven's Peace Plan – 5 Days that have the potential to change you and bring peace to the World!

Heaven's Peace Plan for the Church, Families and Nations was presented to us through the Messages of Our Lady of Fatima. It is a humble and peaceful plea - to Pray the Rosary daily and to practice monthly the First Saturdays of Reparation.

The Rosary and the First Saturdays are the great desire of both the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for these dangerous times. Heaven is pleading with sinful earth through these requests!

Heaven's Peace Plan is seemingly so simple - so simple most in the Church have missed it!

Sr. Lucia strongly stated in 1939: "War and Peace in the world depend on the celebration of this devotion and the consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary connected to it ..."

Each First Saturday we are asked to:

1. Go to Confession
2. Receive Holy Communion as a Communion of Reparation
3. Pray the Rosary
4. Meditate for 15 minutes on the Rosary Scriptures whilst keeping Our Lady company.

All with the intention of making Reparation for sins so offensive to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

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CAFOD
Just one world

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 11th March 2022.

Again we are invited by CAFOD to live simply on this day, and dedicate any monies saved to help those in need. The retiring collection across all masses of Sunday 13th March will be for CAFOD. Donation envelopes are also available at the back of church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Walk against Hunger

Our new Lent challenge is here!

Something positive this Lent. Challenge yourself to walk 200k this Lent and help stamp out hunger, one step at a time. You can walk, roll, skip or stroll your way to 200k. You can boldly go it alone and take it on 5k a day for 40 days, or you can smash the target all at once as a team.

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to conquer 200k, and help give hunger its marching orders.

Visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> for more information.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14th March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Admission to Nursery Class September 2022

If your child is born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they are entitled to start Nursery in September 2022. The closing date for Nursery admissions is Friday 4th March 2022.

Please visit: <https://www.stagathas.school/nursery-admissions/> for more information.

God is not indifferent. He does not look away from our human pain. The God of mercy responds and takes care of the poor, of those who cry out in desperation. God listens and intervenes in order to save, raising men able to hear the groan of suffering and to work in favour of the oppressed. ~

Pope Francis