

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 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 21ST AUGUST 2022

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

Saturday 20th	St Bernard, Abbot, Memorial
9.30am	Beverly Uy RIP
6.30pm	Vincenzo Straccialano RIP
Sunday 21st	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Zoran Popovic RIP
10.30am	Baby Aerith Sky Zafaralla RIP
6.30pm	Kevin Paul Ines RIP
Monday 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial
9.30am	Personal Intentions
Tuesday 23rd	
9.30am	Antonietta Quintal RIP
Wednesday 24th	St Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast
9.30am	Zoran Popovic RIP
Thursday 25th	
9.30am	Private intentions
Friday 26th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 27th	St Monica, Memorial
9.30am	Private Intentions
6.30pm	Ananda Batuwitige 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 Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
Baptisms:	Sundays – By previous arrangement.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TRIPP

Although Bishop Tripp is officially retired, he still continues to say Mass every morning, and each week he offers an intention for a parish of Southwark.

On Friday 19th August he said Mass for the Parish of St Agatha and he asked us to rely this to you, our parishioners. He prayed that the parish and its people remain strong and resilient and that we continue to grow and keep well.

We thank Bishop Tripp for his kind thoughts and prayers for our Parish, and we wish him well also.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

We will be placing our annual order for next year's Gift-Aid Envelopes next week. If you no longer require the envelopes, please kindly let the Parish Office know so that we can update your details and thus help us prevent over ordering of the envelopes. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE

Please remember that Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave on the dates below during the summer break, therefore the parish office will be closed on these days, in addition to Wednesdays. Fr Eugene will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only please.

For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk. For any other matters please wait until the parish office re-opens. Many thanks for your co-operation.

*Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:
 Monday 22nd August,
 Monday 29th August until Monday 5th September
 (Parish Office fully reopens Tuesday 6th September 2022).*



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY – PARENTS DISCUSSION!
 Sunday 18th September 2022,
 after the 10.30 Family Mass**

Children's Liturgy is usually held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Family Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the where the Liturgy takes place. They return to join the full congregation at the offertory. Any work they have done is brought up during the offertory as their gift to God and the Community.

Children's Liturgy is run by the parents/adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day.

Please come along on the 18th September and meet some of our current leaders to have a chat about how you can help as either a session leader or helper, to enable us to return to our usual children's liturgy schedule. Refreshments will be available.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class on: **Sunday 18th September 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23



Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion are now available from the church porch, or the parish office during office hours.

This sacrament is normally offered to baptised children when they reach Year 3. However, a decision has been taken to change this to Year 4. Therefore, we will only be accepting applications from those who are in Year 4 or above from September 2022.

Forms must be completed and returned IN PERSON ONLY at one of the following sessions:

- Friday 23rd September between 2pm – 4pm, at the Presbytery.
- Saturday 24th September between 5.45pm – 6.15pm, in the Cloister.
- Sunday 25th September after 10.30am Mass, in the Cloister.

Please remember to bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Late applications will not be accepted.

CONFIRMATION 2022/23



Registration forms for our next Confirmation programme are now available from the church porch, or the parish office during office hours.

Forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than:

Friday 30th September 2022.

Late applications will not be accepted.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

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.

If you fall into any of these categories please speak with the Parish Priests for further information, or contact the Parish Secretary to register your interest.

The course is expected to start in October 2022.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have a few free spaces for Mass intentions over the next few weeks. If you would like to have a Mass offered for yourself or your loved ones, please complete a Mass offering envelope in the church porch and either drop it in the intentions box, also located in the church porch, hand it to a parish priest or post through the presbytery letterbox

If you have a particular date or time 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 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 date.

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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, August 21, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30

People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the

Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

Family Reflection

Families take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. As a family, recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year—birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Next, challenge each individual to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated.

Emphasize that these days are intended to express appreciation in a special way but are not meant to replace the appreciation that we should always show. Point out how, at times, families can take one another for granted. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about some people who took something for granted and paid a price. Read aloud Luke 13:22-30. Explain that, in this story, some people took it for granted that they could enter the house whenever they wanted, but the master locked the gate and would not let them in after hours. Point out that Jesus was warning his listeners not to assume that they will have eternal life in heaven and not to take this invitation for granted.

As a family, commit to showing appreciation for one another in the days ahead, striving to not take for granted any of the many things that family members do in their roles as parents and children.

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CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Salary: £41,000

Location: London/Home-based

Contract: Full Time

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May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service, be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and slavery. May this divine power, by its meekness, take away the hardness of heart of so many men and women immersed in worldliness and indifference, the globalization of indifference. May his redeeming strength transform arms into ploughshares, destruction into creativity, hatred into love and tenderness. Then we will be able to cry out with joy: "Our eyes have seen your salvation". ~ Pope Francis (International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its abolition is observed each year on 23 August)

++ LATELY DEAD++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beverly Uy, who died on 11th August 2022. Her requiem will take place on Friday 26th August 2022 at 3.15pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Edmund Burke, who died on 13th August 2022. His requiem will take place on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 11am. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

+++ 'Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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

Marie Louise Crunelle, William Fry, Marion Sim, Eileen Porter, Bridget Barlow, Bill Marsh, Andrew de Quidt, Brendan Cornelius Lucy, Marco Vincenzo Straccialano, Rev. Fr. Gerry O'Brien, Rose Cusiack, Hilda Wells, Helen O'Leary, Marie Louise Fox, Christopher Doyle, Bridget Costello, Peggy Doreen Spong, Sabina Rocca, Charles Williams, Ada Maria Browne, James Shanahan, Edward Thomas Burton, Mabel Patrick, Matthew O'Connor, Maria Capaldi, Margaret Humberstone. Ronald Darnell, Laura Mary Gryspeerdt, William Robert Fewings, Fr. Denis Callan, Constance Mary Brewster.

+++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.