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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

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 22 ND MAY 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	
Saturday 21 st	
9.30am	Rev Fr Gerry O'Brien RIP
6.30pm	Intentions for Crocker Family
Sunday 22 nd	6 th Sunday of Easter
9am	Robin Angus RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing of Marie Chlebeckova
6.30pm	Samer Botros & Salwa Solaqa
Monday 23 rd	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Tuesday 24th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Rev Fr Ray Brennan
Wednesday 25 th	St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Memorial
9.30am	Keith Fraser RIP
Thursday 26 th	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity
9.30am	James Corcoran RIP
7.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
Friday 27 th	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Feast
9.30am	Patricia Corcoran RIP
Saturday 28 th	
9.30am	Elpidina Francisco RIP
6.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
Morning Prayer:	Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM

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

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

Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12pm. Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

INDUCTION OF FR FRANCIS OLASENI, MSP

Fr Francis will be formally inducted as our Parish Priest, by Bishop Paul Hendricks, on Friday 10th June 2022 at 7pm. parishioners are invited to this joyful occasion.

A reception will take place following the ceremony in the Cloister, A light buffet is kindly being provided by Peppe's. Everyone is welcome.

OFFERTORY & COLLECTION

This weekend the collection will resume being taken at the usual time during Mass and brought up with the Offertory.

The offerings boxes will still be available at the back of the church.

If any parishioner would like to assist at weekend masses with offertory collections, please email the parish office.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

We can accept cashless donations for the Parish by debit or credit cards from all major cards. You will find our contactless handsets at the back of the church (on each side, beside



the votive candles). Just use your contactless debit or credit card or you can insert your card into the keypad where you can authorise your donation using your card's PIN.

You can also register for Gift-Aid and you will only have to do this the first time you donate. NB. You will need register even if you are already registered as a Gift-Aider with the parish.

If you would like to give regularly by standing order, please contact the Parish Office.

We thank you for your continued generosity.

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Monday 30th May returning on Monday 6th June 2022, therefore the parish office will be closed.



Please call only the presbytery in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry during this time. For nonenquiries please urgent kingston@rcaos.org.uk and Karin will respond upon her return.





Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C Sunday, May 22, 2022

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reflection

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.



Family Reflection

Parents are always helping their children prepare for something, whether that consists of getting ready for school, preparing for an exam, or making preparations to go on vacation. In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his Passion, death, and Resurrection. He promises his Holy Spirit, gives them the gift of his peace, and tells them not to be troubled.

As a family, talk about the kinds of events that you have prepared for together; surgeries, funerals, vacations, and first days of school are some examples. Talk about why it is important to prepare for important events in our lives. Then read aloud this Sunday's Gospel: John 14:23-29. Talk about how Jesus prepared his disciples for his Death and Resurrection and how he wanted them to be prepared for what would happen so that they would be able to believe.

Talk about how, as a family, you can prepare for Pentecost (only 2 weeks away), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

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

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 9th July 2022 at St George's Cathedral. You need to book within the next two weeks and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation Archbishop John. Children from grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details please email: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

YOUR MARRIAGE: TIME FOR A SERVICE?

In the same way your car needs servicing to continue to run efficiently, so your marriage too will benefit from a 'service'. That's what Building A Better Marriage' is, a half-day online course taking place from 9am till 1pm on June 11th 2022. It is designed for couples married years or decades with average-to-good marriages. Booking is essential. More details please contact: 07983 524 727.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which started on 10th April, are ready for collection from the church porch.

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

Rosina Jane Brown, James Cullen, Edward Mulcahy, Patrick Gallagher, Maire Dutrulle, 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, Hylda Watkins, Judith Robinson, Cpl. Thomas Farry, Edith Turnham, John Conway, Frederic Neve, Harry Fugner, Mary Golden.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

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.



"A food system based upon responsibility, justice, peace and unity of the human family".

Pope Francis' message to the UN Secretary General.

Fix The Food System.

CAFOD's latest campaign tells us that the food system is broken. 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! For more information on CAFOD's campaign - Fix Food System, please go www.cafod.org.uk/food

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you so much for your generosity this Lent Fast Day, and special thanks to those who took part in the Walk Against Hunger. All your efforts really make a difference, and in fact, with your help, we were able to raise over £300,000 to help those struggling with hunger. We also deeply appreciate your contribution to our Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, and your continued support for the people affected by the war. We've raised over £2.7 million for the Appeal so far. You can read about how the funds are being used by Caritas and other CAFOD Partners on our Ukraine news webpage. Thank you again!

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.



DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese currently have the following vacancies. More details can also be found on the Diocesan Website:

https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/getinvolved/vacancies/vacancies-in-southwark/

Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education

This is initially a 12-month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position which requires someone with considerable previous secretarial experience and excellent organisational skills. Must be very self-motivated.

Diocesan Central Services Administrator

Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full-time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as covering reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience and be very adaptable to changing priorities.

Parish Secretary St Osmund's, Barnes

Experienced parish secretary needed on a part-time basis for busy parish in Barnes. Must have previous parish secretarial experience and a good working knowledge of the Catholic church.

We can aspire to a world that provides land, housing and work for all. This is the true path of peace, not the senseless and myopic strategy of sowing fear and mistrust in the face of outside threats. ~ Fratelli tutti, para. 127