

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish office will not be staffed during this lockdown. The best way to contact us is by email. All enquiries and non-urgent matters, including mass intentions, please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk Fr Anthony or Fr Ebuka will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only on 020 8546 4633.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A)

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| Saturday 21st | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial Wellbeing & Recovery of Edward Doyle |
| Sunday 22nd | The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King National Youth Sunday Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP Wellbeing of Edward Doyle Viola O'Connor 99 th Birthday Special Intentions for the Fraser Family |
| Monday 23rd | Wellbeing & recovery of Maura Hickey |
| Tuesday 24th | Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial Wellbeing of Merlyn, Keith & Alan Fraser Colin & Jeanette Wedding Anniversary |
| Wednesday 25th | Gerry Quigley RIP |
| Thursday 26th | Sarah Cronin RIP |
| Friday 27th | Hugh, Sarah, Sheelagh Townson |
| Saturday 28th | Holy Souls |
| Private Prayer: 09:00 – 10.00 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Jennings, Charles Laing, Lucy Daubney, Michael Joseph Heelan, Kathleen Carter, Mary Thomas, William Yates, Beryl Hale, Margaret Donohoe, Alan Humberstone, Peter Harford, Kathleen Goddard, John Doyle, Joseph Marks, Charles Bergin, Lorna Mainwaring, Alice Wimbush, Monica Verhoven, Margaret Murphy, Beatrice Margaret Walter, Percy Lamb, Margaret Wiseman, Catherine Cullen, Edward Arendse, James Wiseman, Annie Varney, Frank Staffieri, Bernard Connellan, Lauren Eve O'Connor, Marie Avery, Madeleine Plantin, Margaret Kelly, Sarah Cronin, Edith Stimson, Ellen Metcalf, Mary Braby, William Howson, William McBride, Derrick Wright, Kitty Shier, Fr. Eugene O'Sullivan, Fr. Donagh O'Brien, Josephine Heaney, Edgar Thomas, Cynthia Marsh, Elizabeth Ryan. ++May they rest in Peace ++

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.

National Youth Sunday

On Sunday 22nd November, the Feast of Christ the King, Churches in England and Wales celebrate National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Together'. Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically as we were, we are united together in prayer. This weekend especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish. Follow @NationalYouthSunday and for more information, please go to www.nationalyouthsunday.com

Lately Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Corcoran who died on Sunday 8th November 2020. Her requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Tuesday 1st December at 12pm. If you would like to attend, due to the restrictions on numbers attending, please contact the family directly, or parish office by email.

++ 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.' ++

November – Month of All Souls

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation for the Masses inside the envelope. Envelopes can be left in the 'Mass Request Box', posted at the Presbytery or please hand it to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Ebuka. Alternatively, please email the names to the parish email and we will place them in the basket.

School Application Form Signing

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic School. Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign. A priest will be available to sign school application forms after the lockdown has finished, please see the website and newsletter for updates.

COLD!! We have to keep open the windows and doors to allow as much ventilation as possible to keep you safe – so please bear with us and find those winter jumpers and coats so that you can keep yourself warm when visiting the church. Thank you for your understanding.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE.....

The Church is closed for public masses until 2nd December 2020, in line with the latest government COVID-19 restrictions.

Dear Parishioners, following the Prime Minister's address to the Nation concerning Coronavirus and the closure of all shops selling non-essentials goods and other premises including places of worship, our Archbishop has sadly mandated the closure of all the Churches in Southwark Archdiocese. There will be no public masses or other services (aside from funerals) in the Church from Thursday 5th November until Wednesday 2nd December. The intentions during this period will still be offered by the priests' in their private daily Masses. Please post any Mass Intention envelopes through the presbytery door, or email via the parish email address kingston@rcaos.org.uk

Live Streaming of the 10.30am Sunday Mass, will continue from our website home page and Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/agatha.kingston.92>

A Statement from the President and Vice President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales concerning the Church's position on the National Lockdown can be read on our website.

Our Church will be open for Private Prayer from Thursday 5th Nov to Wednesday 2nd Dec 2020 from 9am to 10am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, as follows:

Saturday 21st Nov Tuesday 24th Nov Thursday 26th Nov
Saturday 28th Nov Tuesday 1st Dec

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during these times.

Further days and times may still be announced.... Please check the website regularly for updated information. Please note: there may also be last minute changes, depending on availability of stewards.

Please ensure you observe the rules regarding face masks, NHS Track and Trace, social distancing, use sanitising gel on entering and leaving, and please follow the instructions of the church stewards on duty.

We are very grateful for all the volunteer stewards who help to keep the church open; without stewards we cannot open the church for private prayer.

Mary was able to turn a stable into a home for Jesus, with poor swaddling clothes and an abundance of love. ... She is the woman whose heart was pierced by a sword and who understands all our pain. As mother of all, she is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the birth pangs of justice.

~ Evangelii Gaudium, para 286

Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the new year, please register for our next class (date to be confirmed) by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. If you have already attended a class earlier this year please email the parish office to advise and arrange a date for your child's baptism.



First Holy Communion 2021

Thank you to all parents/carers for returning the FHC application forms for 2021. Sadly, due to the current government restrictions the parents meeting and inscription Mass are not permitted to go ahead. An email has been sent to everyone who submitted an application advising of this and we will continue to update you as we have more details.



St Agatha's Confirmation 2021

Applications and details for our next year's Confirmation will now be available in December. Please check the website and newsletter for updates.

Marriages in 2021

2021 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.



Mass Intentions

Fr Anthony and Fr Ebuka will continue to offer daily Masses. Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church porch and can be left in the corresponding 'Mass Request Box' or posted at the Presbytery. Alternatively, please email the Parish office. When requesting a Mass, please CLEARLY indicate the NAME and INTENTION and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass said, it is imperative that give the parish office plenty of notice to avoid disappointment; we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If no date is specified the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date. If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details.

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

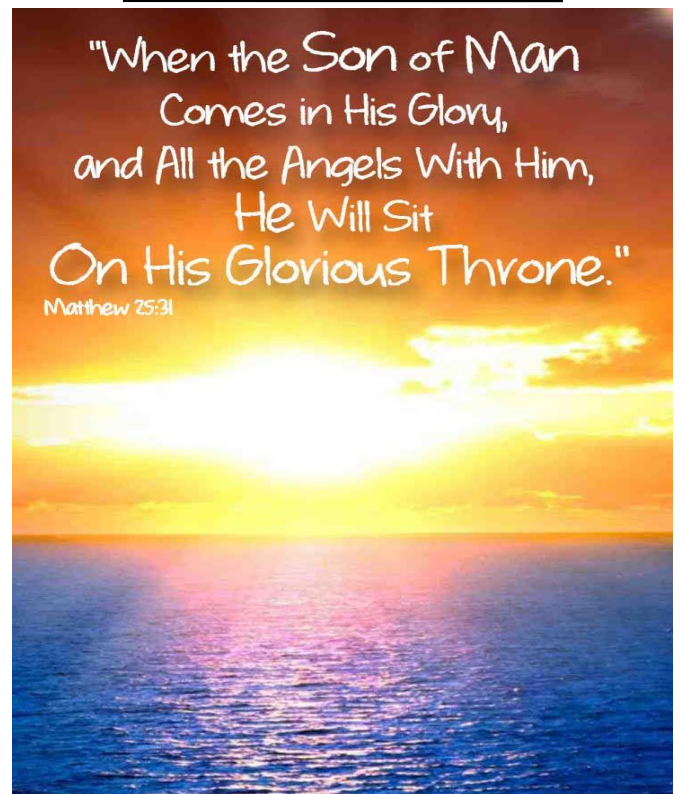


Family Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



Act of Love:

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Amen.

FACE-COVERINGS/MASKS

Face coverings/masks are mandatory in all Places of Worship. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. If you attend Mass from this date onwards, please ensure that you have a face-covering/mask with you and to put it on before you enter the Church. Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion (please see below).



There are some exceptions to this rule, and who needs to wear a covering, details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/facecoverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-yourown/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-makeyour-own#when-you-do-not-need-to-wear-a-face-covering>

CAFOD. SURVIVE - REBUILD - HEAL.



October's Harvest Festival was just one of many activities lost to the impact of COVID-19. CAFOD's Family Fast Day call of "Survive-Rebuild-Heal" is still relevant some six weeks on to so many communities around the world. In the face of this pandemic, the work of CAFOD and her sister agencies continue. Details of this work can be viewed at www.cafod.org.uk where under the heading of 'campaign' we learn how to send 'messages to the brave', 'climate and energy' and 'cancelling the debt'. Further to the above we see how the Philippines, already struggling with the impact of Coronavirus, has just been hit by two massive typhoons in as many weeks. The second, Typhoon Vanco, is thought to be one of the strongest storms in the world this year. CAFOD through her sister agencies are already reacting to this emergency but they need our help. If you are able to support any of CAFOD's activities, or just wish for more information, please go to cafod.org.uk in the first instance.

Christmas is coming! But how can you find unusual charity presents for your friends and family that make a difference to people living in poverty? Buying a World Gift is the perfect solution. World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families living in poverty across the world. Gifts that change lives and bring happiness! Order by 16 December for free delivery in time for Christmas! For each gift you buy this Christmas, you'll receive a beautiful gift card to pass on to your loved one. More information can be found at: www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

A big thanks to all those who are managing to support the parish financially through the different means of financial offerings and contributions during these difficult times.

Like many charities, our church is funded entirely by your donations and while we continue to serve the community using new technology, our church still needs to be insured and maintained. We are doing our best to save money but, we still have to pay contributions to the diocese, salaries and other various expenses.

Without our usual weekly collections during the months of lockdown there has been a significant impact on the parish finances and we would greatly appreciate your donations to enable us to continue without financial concern after the current situation is over.

If you would like to support St Agatha's Church please go to the 'support us' page on the parish website for our gift aid and standing order forms. Alternatively, the church's bank details for making regular standing orders or one-off bank transfers directly are:

Our account details are as follows:

**Please pay: National Westminster, Kingston Marketplace
For the credit of: St Agatha's Roman Catholic Church**

**Bank details: Account number: 10317821
Sort code: 60-60-02**

**Please ensure you make the reference (that will appear on our Bank Statement) "your name" followed by "offertory".
We thank you for your continued generosity.**

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020/21

Our Gift Aid envelopes for 2020/21 which commenced in April, are available to collect from the church entrance. However, if you would prefer to have your envelopes posted/hand delivered, please email the parish office quoting your gift aid number and we will endeavour to get them to you as soon as possible.

If you do still give to the Church by weekly envelopes, we really encourage you to switch to weekly or monthly standing orders from your bank. A bank mandate form can be downloaded from the 'support us' page of the Parish website. For 2nd collections you can make individual online payments to the same account quoting your Gift Aid number and the cause to which you are giving. Parishioners who do not belong to the Gift Aid scheme can give to the Church by online transfer from their bank; please, kindly add the reference NGA (Non-Gift Aid)

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God. ~ Pope Francis