

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.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY 2022
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Saturday 22nd	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Mavis Hatchman
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Catherine Halpin
Sunday 23rd 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Wellbeing of Rev Fr Ray Brennan
10.30am	Intentions for Joan & Alex Fraser
6.30pm	Keith Fraser RIP
Monday 24th St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Memorial	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Tuesday 25th The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast	
9.30am	Patricia Corcoran RIP
Wednesday 26th Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Memorial	
9.30am	John Beresford RIP
Thursday 27th	
9.30am	Gerry Quigley RIP
Friday 28th St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Memorial	
9.30am	Thanksgiving for Friends & Family of the McCarthy Family
Saturday 29th	
9.30am	Thanksgiving Intentions
6.30pm	Edith Knight 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.	

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 last week. The responses and feedback will now be sent on to the diocese.



DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES



The Diocese currently have vacancies for a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details

can be found on the Diocesan Website:
<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/get-involved/vacancies/vacancies-in-southwark/>



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL CELEBRATION DAY
Friday 28th January 2022

The Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria, UK region, will be holding its annual MSP day celebration at Most Precious Blood and St Edmund Catholic Church, Edmonton, N9 7EN on Friday 28th January 2022, beginning with Mass at 6.30pm prompt, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Everyone is invited; if you wish to attend, please RSVP.



WELCOME

On Monday 31st January 2022 we will welcome Fr. Francis Olaseni, MSP, to St Agatha's as our new Parish Priest. We know that you will make him feel very welcome when he arrives. Fr Eugene Lugh, MSP, will remain as our Assistant Parish Priest. They will both serve as Chaplains to Kingston Hospital. We offer them our continued prayers and support.

FAREWELL

Fr. Francis Ayogu, MSP, will leave on Monday 31st January 2022 for his new assignment as a Parish Priest. We thank him immensely for his ministry over the past months. Sunday 30th January 2022 will be his last Masses with us; please join us after the 10.30am Mass for tea, coffee and cake, so that we may take the opportunity to say thank you and wish him well. May the Lord reward him and bless his future ministry.

ST AGATHA'S FEAST DAY
Saturday 5th February 2022

We would like to invite everyone along to celebrate with us on this our Feast Day for a special thanksgiving Mass at the 6.30pm Mass. Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the cloister. Please do come along and join us.



PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on **Sunday 23rd January 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. Our subsequent class will be held on **Saturday 26th March 2022**.

Please note there is currently a waiting list for baptisms, whilst we catch up with those that were cancelled this past year, so the earlier you contact the parish office the better!

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
Sunday 30th January 2022
Session 6 at 2.45pm.

Group 2
Sunday 30th January 2022
Session 6 at 4.30pm.

Parents are also required to attend this session.

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

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.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2022 are available to purchase, please email the Parish Office if you would like a copy. They cost £4.00 each.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

An exciting new collaboration between Sycamore, the Southwark Marriage and Family Life Team and the Agency Growing in Faith Together 'GIFT' is a course for engaged and married couples. Explore your faith, enrich your friendship and your love. Four weekly online sessions at 10.30am Saturday mornings, starting February 19th 2022. To register go to <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is usually held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the Old Sacristy or Cloister 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.

We are URGENTLY looking for more people to help as either a session leader or helper to be able to return to our usual children's liturgy schedule in 2022. Please contact the parish office for further information.

PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week at 10 am after Mass. Please stay after Mass for 10/15 mins to pray with fellow parishioners.

THE ROSARY



We pray the Rosary in the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

We are excited to have "Contactless Giving" at St Agatha's!

We are pleased to announce that we can accept cashless donations for the Parish by debit or credit cards from all major cards. You will find our new 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 use your smartphone to donate. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card/phone onto the reader.



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 still like to give your donation to the Parish Collection as cash or cheque, boxes are available at the back of Church. If you would like to give regularly by standing order, please contact the Parish Office.

We thank you for your continued generosity.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, January 23, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

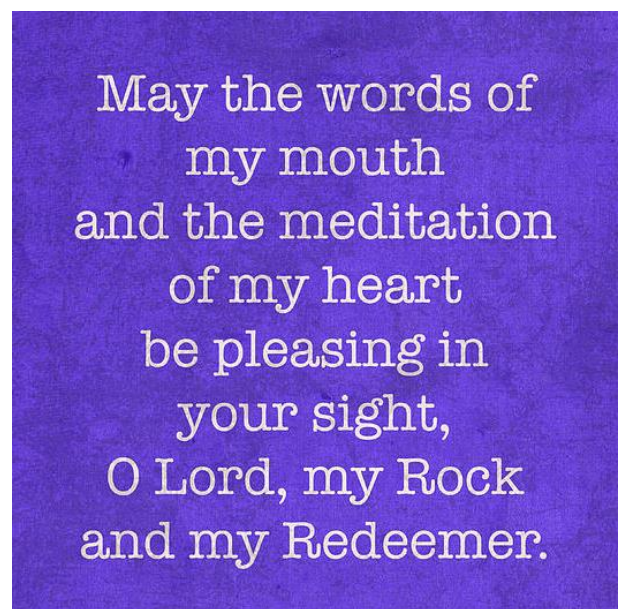
The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

Family Reflection

Jesus was the one sent by God to bring salvation to the world. Jesus announced that mission using the framework we hear in today's Gospel from the prophet Isaiah: glad tidings will be brought to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God in his person—through his life, death, and Resurrection. We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. Jesus also gave us the helper we would need to enable us to participate in his mission. The Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we, the Church, might serve the Kingdom of God.

Gather with your family and suggest that they try to picture the vision that Jesus describes using the words of the prophet Isaiah as you read today's Gospel, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. Think about your neighbourhood, your community. What are the situations and who are the people who most need to see this vision fulfilled? What steps would be necessary to make the vision a reality for them? Make a family commitment to pray for the Kingdom of God and to take a particular action that will address a need you see in your community. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press





**Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Rev. Fr. Richard Harriott**

Father Richard Harriott, born 30 October 1934, died on 22nd December 2021, aged 87. His family lived in Richmond Road, Kingston for several years during his childhood before moving back north. Fr Richard started his ministry here at St Agatha's as an Altar Server! He was ordained to the priesthood on 27th May 1961. He faithfully served the people of Hexham & Newcastle Diocese in the following parishes: Curate: Newcastle: St Anthony of Padua, October 1961 – August 1969. Newcastle: St Mark's, August 1969 – February 1979. Parish Priest: Newcastle: St Teresa's February 1979 – August 1992. Annitsford: St John the Baptist August 1992 – December 2021. Fr Richard was a member of the Northern Brethren Fund. Further details can be found at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/fr-richard-harriott-rip/>



**HEALING
EVENT**

SAT 19TH FEB 2022
10AM - 5PM
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Speakers

Fr Pat Collins CM, Dublin
New Springtime Community
Alice Hall
Sion Community & Unbound
Fr Joseph Edattu VC
Divine Retreat Centre

Praise and Worship
Teaching
Healing testimonies
Prayer ministry
Confession
Eucharistic Healing Service
&
Holy Mass.

"COME TO
me"

MATT 11:28

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC TEAM

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

- † Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colin McCarthy who died on 8th January 2022, aged 63. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 11am. Our condolences to Linda, Partick, Niall, and their families.
- † Please pray for the repose of the soul of Keith Fraser who died on 8th January 2022, aged 56. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 11am. Our condolences to Philomena, Alex and Joan and their families.

'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: Christina Ward, 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

Mary Frances McDonnell, Winifred Gertrude Maton, William Little, Mary Abraham, Micheal Gray, William George Hedger, Thyrza 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, William Westhead, Wilfrid McCabe, Peter Creely, Esgeir Jan Guest, Rose Burrows, Lilian Solomon, Joseph Ennis, Gerald Quigley, Thomas Joseph Byrne, Margaret Barry, Edmundo Marcantonio, Margaret Marks, Frances Mary O'Sullivan, William Dowling, Margaret Dunne, Frederick Scott, Fr Kevin O'Hanlon, William Kelly, Desmond Pearl, Mary Dann, Margaret Murphy, Dinah North, Eleanor Weldon, Edward Smith, Evelyn Bidwell, Frederic William Humm. Helen Cave, Mary Kiely, Charles Miller, Sandra Stiff, Sylvia Mitchell, Dorothy Hall.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

"In its missionary action, the Christian community is called to go out to meet others always proposing and not imposing, giving testimony, sharing real life with people." ~ Pope Francis, Angelus 12 January 2020