

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](mailto: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 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	<b>Easter Saturday</b>
9.30am	Keith Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Marco Vincenzo Straccialano RIP
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
9am	Desmond Pearl RIP
10.30am	<b>Keith &amp; Alan Fraser RIP</b>
6.30pm	Ronan Barrett
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Mark, Evangelist, Feast</b>
9.30am	Wellbeing of Eileen Caverley
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St George, Patron of England, Solemnity</b>
9.30am	Thanksgiving Intentions
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Olga Machado RIP
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Elpidina Francisco RIP
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Catherine of Siena, Feast</b>
9.30am	Family Thanksgiving Intentions
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Intentions for God's Providence & Protection
6.30pm	Peter Clarke RIP
<b>Morning Prayer:</b>	Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM
<b>Mass Times:</b>	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.

**COLLECTION MAINTENANCE OF OUR CATHEDRAL ST GEORGE:**

This weekend there is a collection for the maintenance of St. Georges Cathedral, Southwark; this collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. Please use your gift aid envelopes or the red bucket in the church porch. Thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle, and Melba De Silva.  
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**

Hannah McCarthy, Caroline Sidaway, Stella Collins, Kenneth Rose, Daniel Paterson, Edward Arthur Kavanagh, Julia Whelan, Ethel Herbert, Anne Overy, George Sargent, Gretta Conway, Charles Edwards, Annie Laing, Percy Wright, Deidre Broadhurst, Michael Geary, Juan Ortiz, Patrick Rice, Margaret Clare Horgan, Walter Rolls Pearce, Bernard Brennan, Patrick Walsh, Guglielmo Dnorato, Angelina King, Patrick Edgecombe, William Rutter, Alexander Wilson, Christina Brennan, Claire Paterson, Mary Bruce, William Vivian, William Purton. +++May They Rest In Peace +++

**PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!**

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**THANK YOU!!**

A Huge Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes, Easter cards, messages and gifts. You have all been so very kind!

Also, a very special thank you to everyone who helped prepare the Church for Easter and helped make all our Holy Week services and Easter Triduum so very special – our church cleaners, our flower arrangers, our readers, sacristans, and our altar servers for their contributions and to everyone who took part in the ceremonies, we thank you.

There are dozens and dozens of people involved in making everything run smoothly at St. Agatha's during these celebratory periods; we thank you one and all.

~ Fr. Francis, Fr. Eugene & Dcn Bob

**CONFIRMATION**



We offer our congratulations to our young adults and adults who are being confirmed by Bishop Paul Hendricks today, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022, here at St Agatha's.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire them as they make their way through life as active members of the Church and help them in discerning their charism and how to put them to use in building up the society.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please note the following important dates.

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.



Remaining timetable for Group 1A and Group 1B  
Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion Group 1A & 1B – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm  
First Reconciliation Group 1A & 1B – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm  
First Communion Mass Group 1A – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 12pm  
First Communion Mass Group 1B – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 12pm

Remaining timetable for Group 2A and Group 2B  
Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion Group 2A & 2B – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm  
First Reconciliation Group 2A & 2B – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm  
First Communion Mass Group 2A – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm  
First Communion Mass Group 2B – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm

**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.

**EASTER READING – 'MY DAY BY DAY'**

There are still copies of the Easter edition of 'My Day by Day', for adults and juniors, available at the back of the Church – they cost £1.00 each. Please put money in the box marked 'My Day by Day'. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for Easter.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS**

A small selection of First holy Communion cards are available to purchase in the Cloister after all Masses or alternatively contact the parish office during opening hours. Cards are just £1 each! Please leave money in box available. Thank you



Second Sunday of Easter, Cycle C  
Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
Sunday, April 24, 2022

### Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

*Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.*

### Gospel Reflection

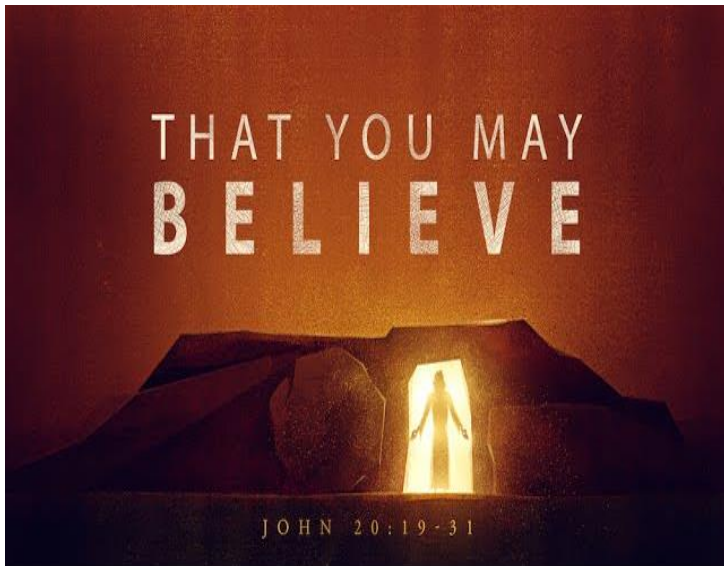
Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.



### Family Reflection

Our family life would no doubt be enhanced if we were able to transform Jesus' greeting into a central feature in our family's interactions. After his Resurrection, "Peace be with you" is the first thing that Jesus says to his disciples. This could be our daily family prayer for one another. In today's Gospel, we also hear that Jesus next breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the forgiveness of sins. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our Baptism, then, invites us to share in the peace that Christ gave to his disciples and commissions us to share that peace of Christ by generously forgiving others as Jesus taught.

As you gather as a family, think about gifts that you might receive together such as a colouring book and crayons, a book and bookmark, or an electronic item and batteries. Observe that Jesus also paired two gifts together in today's Gospel. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Discuss the two gifts Jesus gave to his disciples: peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask: What were the disciples to do with these gifts? (They were sent as Jesus was sent by the Father to forgive sins.) Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Observe that since we also have received these gifts from Christ, we are also sent to be people who forgive others as Jesus taught. Determine an action that your family can do to share peace and forgiveness with one another. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

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### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 24TH APRIL 2022

On the 1st Sunday after Easter the entire Church is called to gather throughout the world to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. From St Maria Faustina's Diary it is clear that this Octave Day on Easter is the day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces - a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith.

#### How to observe the Feast of Mercy

1. Go to confession, preferably before that Sunday
2. Place your complete trust in Jesus
3. Celebrate the Feast
4. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
5. Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy
6. Be merciful to others, through your actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

To properly celebrate this great day, we need to prepare well.

As a Parish we are recommending that everyone make a Novena to The Divine Mercy and pray the Chaplet.

'Jesus instructed St Faustina to write down and make (the Novena & Chaplet) before the Feast of Mercy. It begins on Good Friday' (Diary 1209 - 1229). Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet pamphlets will be available (Cost 50p each).

*In Jesus, God completely committed himself in order to restore hope to the poor, to those who were deprived of dignity, to strangers, to the sick, to captives, and to sinners, whom he welcomed with kindness. In all this, Jesus was the living expression of the Father's mercy. ~ Pope Francis*