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**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

Sunday 24th	Seventh Sunday of Easter
	Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP
	Wellbeing of Philip Cockle and others who are high risk at these difficult times
	People of the Parish
Monday 25th	St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Memorial
	People of the Parish
Tuesday 26th	St Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial
	People of the Parish
Wednesday 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Feast
	People of the Parish
Thursday 28th	
	People of the Parish
Friday 29th	St Paul VI, Pope, Memorial
	People of the Parish
Saturday 30th	
	People of the Parish
Sunday 31st	Pentecost Sunday
	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
	Father Thomas McElborne RIP
	People of the Parish

Pope's May Intention: For Deacons We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol of the entire Church.

St Agatha's Catholic Church and the Parish Office are Closed. Masses will continue to be celebrated each day WITHOUT A PUBLIC CONGREGATION, so you will still be able to book Mass Intentions. Please post any Mass Intention envelopes through the presbytery door, or email via the parish email address kingston@rcaos.org.uk Mass on Sunday will be celebrated at 12 noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be still be available but only on request, please contact Father by phone or email first.

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

Bridget Dunne, Dr. Cecil De Lisle Shortt, Nancy Coates, Antonetta Raymond, Maisie Lee, Hylde Watkins, Judith Robinson, Cpl. Thomas Farry, Edith Turnham, John Conway, Frederic Neve, Harry Fugner, Mary Golden, Cherubina Fe', Father Thomas McElhone, Martin Connell, Anne Brooks, Maria Wright, Clare Cox.
++ May they rest in Peace +++

LET US REMEMBER ALL WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Let us remember those who have died, those whose anniversaries occur about this time and their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...

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Our website will continue to be updated to help parishioners with their personal and family worship during this difficult time - please check on a regular basis.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS


Some people have asked how they can continue to give their offerings to the parish. If you are able to, please either make an electronic transfer or set up a standing order to the Parish Bank account. (Forms are also available on the parish website).

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 .



ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK
MAY Devotions
Archbishop John Wilson at St George's Cathedral
A Scripture Rosary The Mysteries of Light 27 May 2020 • 7 pm
Join us in prayer on **The Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury** co-patron of The Archdiocese of Southwark
<https://bit.ly/363JX7>

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, CYCLE A
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020**

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11a

Jesus prays for his disciples.

Reflection

Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

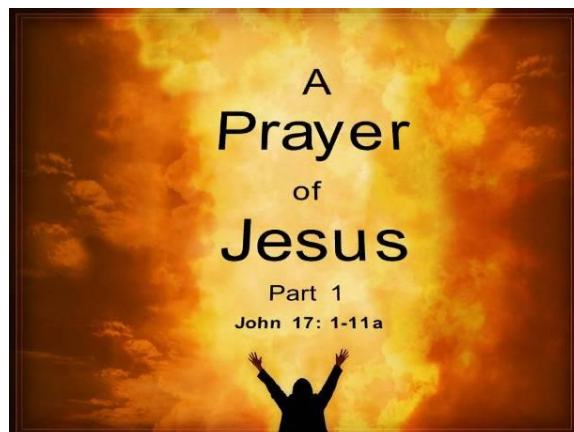


Family Reflection

In today's Gospel we glimpse Jesus' prayer for his disciples. If we read further in John's Gospel, we find that Jesus prayed for his disciples' protection from the evil one. Jesus also prayed for all those who would have faith in him because of the disciples' teaching. That means that Jesus prayed for us as well, even before his death on the cross. Our faith tells us that Jesus continues to intercede for us at the Father's right hand.

Gather together as a family and think about the tradition of praying for other people. Who do you pray for? What do you ask for in your prayers? In today's Gospel we find an example of Jesus' prayer to the Father. Read together today's Gospel, John 17:1-11a. Think about Jesus' prayer for his disciples. We know that Jesus continues to intercede for us at the Father's right hand. What might Jesus' prayer be for you and your family? Conclude by praying together in thanks for the great love that Jesus shows you. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us.
~ Pope Francis

BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, RCIA

We are very conscious that 28 of our young people should have been Confirmed in March; we should have had the joy of receiving new adults into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, and 65 children should have made their First Holy Communion the last two weekends. There were also several families planning Baptisms these past few months. Sadly all these Sacraments have had to be deferred indefinitely because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Please be certain that as soon as it's possible to do so, the preparation for these Sacraments will resume and plans will be put in place for them to happen. Naturally, we will continue to follow the government guidelines, closely monitored by the Diocese, and collaborate with them to ensure the safety of all. As of now, there are no new developments regarding the re-opening of our churches.

