

CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Francis Olaseni, MSP – Parish Priest & Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Fr. Eugene Terngohol Lugh, MSP – Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain
Rev. Robert Beresford – Deacon

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. Thank You.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

Saturday 23rd St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe, Feast

9.30am Private Intentions

6.30pm Birthday Intentions for Darryl Pearl

Sunday 24th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Zoran Popovic RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm The Chantry of St Mary Magdalene

Monday 25th St James, Apostle, Feast

9.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 26th Ss Joachim & Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial

9.30am Wellbeing of Teresa Dooley

Wednesday 27th

9.30am John & Margaret Finn RIP

Thursday 28th

9.30am Elpidina Francisco RIP

Friday 29th St Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Memorial

9.30am Zoran Popovic RIP

Saturday 30th

9.30am Charles Laing RIP

6.30pm Kevin Bradley RIP

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM

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

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

Baptisms: Sundays – By previous arrangement.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We have a couple of devout parishioners who are currently seeking accommodation to rent nearby, within the parish area:

- ① A young woman is looking for one bedroom, preferably with a private bathroom/shower.
- ② A Kingston University female student is looking for a room to rent, preferably within a family home setting, and would be happy to assist with errands and babysitting if needed.

Please get in touch with the parish secretary on 020 8546 4633 as soon as possible if you can help and to discuss further.



COMBONI MISSION APPEAL

Sunday 24th July 2022

This weekend we will be joined by Father Louis Kouevi, MCCJ, who will be doing a mission appeal at all the Sunday Masses for the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus. We will have a retiring collection after all masses. Please also use the red bucket available in the church porch.

For more information about the Comboni Missions, please visit: <https://comboni.org/>
Fr Louis is a Comboni Father, and at present assistant priest at St Joseph's Parish, Roehampton. His home country is Togo where he served for six years and he served for fifteen years in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We know that you will make him feel very welcome.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

For all those on holiday over the coming weeks we hope that you have a refreshing and relaxing time. To all of you who will be travelling on holiday we pray that you have a safe and comfortable journey, a happy and harmonious break and a safe return. For those visiting families, may it be moments to cherish and for those going on pilgrimage over the summer period, please keep the parish in your prayers. If you are holidaying in England or Wales, you can find the mass times local to you by going online [HERE](#). Please remember that many parishes in rural areas rely on visitor's offerings during the summer to keep their churches open through the year.

May God be with you all over this period. Pray for God's protection and safety for all families wherever they may be. God Bless you all.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021.

In 2022, the celebration will fall on Sunday 24th July, the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). We are encouraged to visit the elderly who are most alone at home or in the residences where they are guests. The Holy Father's full message is available here: [World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#)



[A PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY](#)

GRANDPARENTS PASSING ON THE FAITH

What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which can help anchor our grandchildren's faith? Four online sessions starting Wednesday 3rd August running from 7:30 to 9pm will give you the answer. For more details please contact Lisette at mflse@rcaos.org.uk



It is very important to bring together the wisdom of the elderly and the enthusiasm of the young. The encounter between grandparents and grandchildren is key, especially in this moment of economic and social crisis that humanity is undergoing.
- Pope Francis

MOVE FOR BISHOP PAUL HENDRICKS

We have been informed that our South-West Area Bishop, Paul Hendricks, is moving to be Bishop of the Kent Area. The Episcopal Vicar for Kent, Mgr. Canon John O'Toole has now retired through ill health. Please remember him in prayers.

Archbishop John has appointed an Episcopal Vicar for our Area, the current Dean of Croydon, Fr Gerard Bradley. We congratulate and welcome him in this role.

We thank Bishop Paul for his support and involvement in our parish and send our good wishes to him for the future.

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave on the dates below during the summer break, therefore the parish office will be closed. Our Parish Priests will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only please. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk. For any other matters please wait until the parish office re-opens.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

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Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

(Parish Office fully reopens Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022)

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a set of rites, or ceremonies, designed to introduce and prepare non baptised adults into becoming full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation, namely, Baptism, (or Reception if already Baptised), Confirmation and Holy Eucharist (The Body and Blood of Christ).



It is also for baptised Christians of other churches who take a similar, but unique path through the rites where they will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Baptised Adult Catholics seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation, and possibly the Holy Eucharist if not already received, can also join this programme. It can also be a good experience for full members of the Catholic Church who may not have practised their faith for a number of years, or for those who wish to more fully understand and deepen their faith.

If you fall into any of these categories please speak with the Parish Priests for further information, or contact the Parish Secretary to register your interest.

The course is expected to start in October 2022.

*'When money, instead of man, is at the centre of the system, when money becomes an idol, men and women are reduced to simple instruments of a social and economic system, which is characterised, better yet dominated, by profound inequalities. So we discard whatever is not useful to this logic; it is this attitude that discards children and older people, and is now affecting the young' ~ Pope Francis.*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C  
Sunday, July 24, 2022

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 11:1-13*

*Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.*

**Gospel Reflection**

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First, he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

**Family Reflection**

When someone in our family is going through a hard time, we can't just sit by and watch. We try to do everything we can to let him or her know that he or she is not alone. Sometimes we even try to find a special gift for him or her—something that will help that person to understand how important he or she is to us. Talk about times in your family when this has happened.

Like a good father, God saw that his children needed help. He decided to offer his beloved children a special gift to reveal his love. What did God give us? Not a thing, but a person—the Father's beloved Son, Jesus. Jesus, in turn, taught us to approach God as we would approach a loving father. He gave us the words of a prayer that we call the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer.

Read aloud Luke 11:1-13. Talk about how Jesus teaches us to be persistent in prayer. Think of times when family members were persistent about something until they were able to achieve a goal or receive what they sought. Talk about what it means to be persistent in prayer. Help your children understand that prayer is not like sitting on Santa Claus's lap, asking for what we want until we get it. Emphasize that prayer is a way of striving to recognize how God is reaching out to us in love and responding by presenting him with our needs.

Conclude this time together by joining hands and praying the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion are now available from the church porch, or the parish office during office hours.



*This sacrament is normally offered to baptised children when they reach Year 3. However, a decision has been taken to change this to Year 4. Therefore, we will only be accepting applications from those who are in Year 4 or above from September 2022.*

*If your child has not already been baptised, we will arrange baptism with you at a suitable time whilst your child undertakes the course.*

### Forms must be completed and returned

#### IN PERSON ONLY

#### at one of the following sessions:

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 between 2pm and 4pm, at the Presbytery.
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 between 5.45pm and 6.15pm in the Cloister.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 after 10.30am Mass, in the Cloister.

Please remember to bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

## CONFIRMATION 2022/23

Registration forms for our next Confirmation programme are now available from the church porch, or the parish office during office hours.



Forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than:

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

## DIOCESAN APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising and Gift Aid team in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard whilst working within a hardworking and passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent, please find out more by visiting:



<https://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship>

## LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margarita Siese (Peggy) who died recently. Her requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 at 1.30pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.  
++ 'Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May they rest in peace. Amen.' ++

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cogle, 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

Mary Mackey, Mary Smith, George Dyke, Viola Mary O'Connor, Teresa Konrath, Agnes Egan, Elsie Doris Dowling, Colin James Hughes, Louisa Evans, Michael Halloran, Leonard Matthews, Christopher Robin O'Connor, William Goddard, Lucy Jane Chandler, Joseph Henry Wright, David McSorley, John Carr, Vidamantas Kavaliauskas, Lilian Gardner, Margaret Finn, Janet Nolan, Margaret Marley, Maureen McArdle, Maria Theresia Atkinson, Tom Farrelly, Baby Milo Patrick O'Reilly, Marcella Massey Hill, Mary Kate Walsh, Thomas Stapleton, Matthew Power, Kathleen Harmsworth, Bridget Anderson.

++++May They Rest In Peace ++++

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are sick and/or housebound, our Priests would be happy to visit you, to pray with you, and to bring you Holy Communion in your home, please do let the Parish Office 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.

**On the Day I called,  
You Answered Me,  
O Lord**

**Psalm 138:1-3,6-8**

