

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. Thank You.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

Saturday 24th	Our Lady of Walsingham, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
6.30pm	Thanksgiving to Triune God for Gifts & Intentions Received
Sunday 25th	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Zoran Popovic RIP
10.30am	Eliane Patton RIP
6.30pm	Enrique Marqueses RIP
Monday 26th	
9.30am	Sean Morton RIP
Tuesday 27th	St Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial
9.30am	Steve Warrell Clare RIP
Wednesday 28th	
9.30am	Elpidina Francisco RIP
Thursday 29th	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Feast
9.30am	James & Kathleen Boyle RIP
Friday 30th	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 1st	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Memorial
9.30am	Archbishop Peter Amigo RIP
6.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
Exposition:	Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer:	Monday to Saturday 9am.
Confessions:	Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.
Morning Prayer:	Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM
Mass Times:	Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
Baptisms:	Sundays – By previous arrangement.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

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 this weekend:

- Saturday 24th September between 5.45 – 6.15pm, in the Cloister.
- Sunday 25th September 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 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 30th September 2022.

Late applications will not be accepted.



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic Secondary 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 secondary school application forms on **Thursday 6th October 2022 between 2pm and 4pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery.

Please ensure that you complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please also bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates. Applications will not be signed without proof of Baptism.

The deadline for applications for admission in September 2023 is 31st October 2022.

Further details can be found on the Secondary School's websites.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next class to be held on Sunday 6th November 2022. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm.

Please complete and return the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

Parents must to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism, and it is recommended that Godparents also attend.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 20th October 2022 at 6.30pm in the church hall for everyone that wishes to enrol in the RCIA course. Everyone is welcome, please come along.

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.



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.

MARRIAGES IN 2023

2023 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.



**The LORD gives sight to the blind,
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
The LORD loves the righteous.**



**The LORD reigns forever, Your God, O Zion,
For all generations. Praise the LORD.**

Psalms 146:7-10

ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2023



Children born between 01 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2023

Our open mornings for prospective reception class parents are at 9.30am on the following dates:

NEW DATE ADDED - Friday 23rd September

Friday 7th October

Monday 31st October

Wednesday 16th November

BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED, PLEASE ARRIVE AT 9.30

Closing date for all applications is - 15th January 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, September 25, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

Gospel Reflection

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

Family Reflection

Talk with your children about some of the things that they have that can be shared with others. Ask your children to describe a time when they had to share something that they had. Ask if this was easy or difficult and why. Talk about some of ways in which your family shares your possessions. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 16:19-31. Consider together some reasons why the rich man may not have shared his riches with the poor man, Lazarus. Identify some reasons why we might share our possessions with others. Make a commitment as a family to do something this week in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

++ LATELY DEAD++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Arendse, who died on 29th August 2022. His requiem will be held on Monday 26th September 2022 at 11am. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

+++ 'Eternal rest grant to him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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 Cockle, 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.

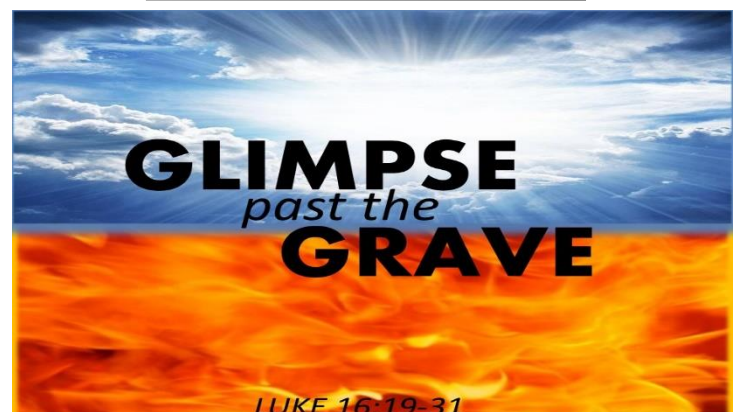
ANNIVERSARIES

Ellen Prince, Angela Young, Carlo Booth, Annie Margaritae Ruddy, Andrew Sharkey, John East, Maria Reddy, Christopher Mann, Gordon Williams, Joseph Behan, Tom Kavanagh, Dorothy Maurice, Edith Stimson, Cyril Dyer, Robert Laurent, Edith Mary Crowley, Blanche Sinteff, Eileen Mckenzie, Henry Rooke-Ley, John Mahoney, Eliza Burrell, Francis William Hardy, Albert Fell, Charles Cullen, Jack Davis, Nora Leek, William Francis Cahill, Josephine Tompsett, Isabel Rodrigues, Gelardo Rossi, Mildred Bull, Dennis Short, Nellie Cannon, Right Rev. Peter Emmanuel Amigo, Michael Cleary, Eileen Sotiriades, Shirley Priest, Patrick Gallagher.

+++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.



DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal

Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. A third of the country is now underwater (that's an area almost the size of Great Britain). Your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected.



Scan the QR code to donate or donate online at:
<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Pakistan-floods-appeal>

**CAFOD Family Fast Day
Friday 7th October 2022**

By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. You can donate on the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelopes available in the church porch. Please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

**Craigmyle Lecture 2022
Monday 28th November 2022**

Lecture at 6.30pm (Doors at 6pm).

The Catholic Union Lecture with Baroness Hollins on 19th September has been postponed and rescheduled for Monday 28th November 2022. There is no need to reregister, but if you are no longer able to attend it would be very helpful if you were to cancel your registration.

Baroness Hollins will deliver the annual Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on 'Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe –

Insights from the Vatican' at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed. All welcome, free to attend and followed by a Drinks Reception. You can register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or with the Catholic Union office at info@catholicunion.org.uk or on 020 87491321. Further details available at: [Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture with Baroness Hollins](https://www.catholicunion.org.uk/lectures/craigmyle-lecture-with-baroness-hollins)

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Sheila Hollins is a crossbench life peer and is a former President of both the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the British Medical Association. In 2014 she was appointed by Pope Francis as a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. She is also a Vice-President of the Catholic Union of Great Britain. You can read a Profile of Baroness Hollins in the August edition of the Catholic Herald. The lecture is named for Lord Craigmyle (1923-1998), a former President of the Catholic Union.



**VISIT OF ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS
TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL
19TH -20TH OCTOBER 2022**



This September and October the UK will welcome the relics of St Bernadette, which will travel from the Upper Basilica in Lourdes to every Diocese in England and Wales, including the Archdiocese of Southwark. The invitation to host the relics was issued by the Shrine of Lourdes to the Bishops of England and Wales, and as part of this special tour, they will spend two days, between 19th and 20th October 2022, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

Further details are available at:
<https://rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/events/visit-of-st-bernadette-s-relics-to-st-george-s-cathedral-19th-20th-october-2022/>

Book your place at:
<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#southwark-dioecese>

**COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE**

The Catholic Education Service are looking for a Communications Manager to join them and help champion the work of Catholic education.

Salary: £41,000. Contract: Full Time – Hybrid Working. Closing date for applications: 9am, 3rd October 2022

Interview date: 10th October 2022

The Catholic Education Service (CES) is appointing a Communications Manager to deliver a proactive and reactive communications strategy, including responding to press enquiries and managing the external messaging for the Catholic Education Service (CES). Working with education journalists, Directors of Education and Government you will champion the work of over 2000 Catholic schools, colleges, nurseries, and universities to external audiences. We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual with an outstanding track record of delivering communications strategies and an interest in education. The role will blend working at the offices of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX, a short walk from Victoria Station in Central London, and working from home.

Further details are available at:
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/ces-communications-manager/>

The true worth of the different countries of our world is measured by their ability to think not simply as a country but also as part of the larger human family. ~ Pope Francis

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees, 25 September 2022