

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 OCTOBER 2020 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, (A)

Saturday 24 th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Fred, Mary, Jo Davidson & Family
6.30pm	John Davis RIP
Sunday 25 th 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	Tina & Angelo Piccirillo RIP Donica (Donna) Lopez RIP
10.30am	People of the Parish of St Agatha's Church, in the Sicilian town of Caltanissetta.
6.30pm	Wellbeing & Recovery of Philip Cockle
Monday 26 th	
9.30am	Wellbeing & Healing of Elena Ferraris
Tuesday 27 th	
9.30am	Margaret Solomon RIP
Wednesday 28 th Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Thursday 29 th	
9.30am	Linda McDonagh RIP
Friday 30 th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Noel Roycroft
Saturday 31 st	
9.30am	Patricia Cotmore RIP
6.30pm	Marco Vincenzo Straccialano RIP Margaret McGahey-Atherton RIP

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2020 ALL SAINTS, (A)

Sunday 1 st All Saints	
9am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
10.30am	Michael Allaway RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 2 nd Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Souls	
9.30am	Tony Pearce RIP
Tuesday 3 rd	
9.30am	Mabel Patrick RIP
Wednesday 4 th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial	
9.30am	William Beresford RIP
Thursday 5 th	
9.30am	Bernard Fenton RIP
Friday 6 th	
9.30am	Thanksgiving for the Makala Family
Saturday 7 th	
9.30am	Seamus Dooley RIP
6.30pm	Marie-Ann & Edward Xiberras RIP

Morning Prayer:

Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM

Mass Times:

Saturday: 09:30, 18:30

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

Monday to Friday: 09:30

Confirmation

We offer our congratulations to our 23 young adults who were confirmed here at St Agatha's last weekend by Fr. Anthony. 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 parish community.



British Summer Time Ends – Clocks Go Back

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour in the early hours of this **Sunday, 25th October 2020**; Masses on that Sunday will therefore be one hour later than they would otherwise have been.

Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Monday 26th October to Monday 4th November, therefore the parish office will be closed**. Fr Anthony will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk

Special Thanks

We would like to say a very special thank you to the parishioners who have very kindly given a generous donation to the parish funds over the past few months. Without our usual weekly collections during the months of lockdown there was a significant impact on the parish finances. We would greatly appreciate any donations.

Ecclesiastical Education Sunday 8th November 2020

The Priest Training Fund, known as the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, pays for men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark. It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying 'Yes' to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have 8 men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark.

This year we have Priest Training Fund gift aid envelopes available. You can also donate online via:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html

(select Priest Training Fund) or by scanning the QR code (right). Please be generous today and keep our seminarians, and priests, in your prayers. Thank you.



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

Helen Parker, Patrick Cremin(Jr), Hilda Lynch, Florence Healey, Harriet Taylor, John Williams, Michael Conway, Giacanta Berre, Joseph Reilly, John James Smith, Henry Robert Stimson, Eugenie Marie Connolly, Josef Andruskeiwicz, Margaret Solomon, Maria Josephine McCarthy, Thomas John Metcalf, Dr. Christopher Petit, James Flood, Maurice Marshall, Bridget Mary Flagg, Raymond Childs, Edgar Oliveira, Agnes Runnings, Colman Canavan, Charles Cummins, Frank Metcalf, Michael Kenny, James Moran, Robert Mosely, Margaret Jordan, John Fannon, Ernest Herd, Katie Sullivan, John O'Connor, William Regan, Joan Egan, Frederic Corden, Daniel Kelly, Kathleen Pollard, John Masters, Roy Palmer, Tom Grey, Phillipe Sinteff, Francis John Browne, Annie Kennedy, Paula Lewis, Albert Welham, Mark Brasier, Barbara Beard, Gladys Browne, Anne Mary Cordier, Letitia Browne, Edward Xiberras, Jimmy Moran, John Davis, Frederic Coundley, Thomas Bush, Patrick Sheehy, Jimmy Gerrity, Jose Serna, Peter Marron, Peter Hardy, George Killingbeck, Lina De Kerckhove, Cyril Thompson, Monique Nguyen, Harriet Alexander, Sydney Rhodes, Enid Waller, Frederick Hubble. ++**May they rest in Peace** ++

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Ronald Finley aka 'Ron the Scrap', who died recently, aged 92 Years. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's.

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

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.

November – Month of All Souls

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation for the Masses inside the envelope. Envelopes can be left in the 'Mass Request Box' or posted at the Presbytery. Alternatively, please hand it to Fr. Anthony or Fr. Ebuka.

Annual Blessing of Graves

The annual blessing of graves will take place on **Sunday 8th November**. There will not be any services in the chapels this year. More details to follow soon.....



Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the upcoming months, please register for our next class (date to be confirmed) by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. If you have already attended a class earlier this year please call the parish office to discuss and arrange a date for your child's baptism.



First Holy Communion 2021

Registration forms and details for our next year's FHC are now available on the website or in the church porch. Copies were also sent home within the Year3 book bags. Please ensure you read all the instructions very carefully. Completed forms must be returned to the parish office no later than Friday 30th October 2020.



St Agatha's Confirmation 2021

Applications and details for our next year's Confirmation will be available in November. Please check the website and newsletter for updates.

Marriages in 2021

2021 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.



Consider Bringing Your Sunday Missal to Mass

As part of the safety measures as we resume Mass with a congregation, Mass Books are not being provided and, for environmental reasons, we will not supply single-use Mass Sheets. If you would like to consider purchasing your own Sunday Missal, there are a couple of options at: <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk> – the Redemptorists Sunday Missal "Your Sunday Missal" or <https://www.ctsbooks.org/returning-to-mass/> – CTS Sunday Missal. Both priced at around £20.

Mass Intentions

Fr Anthony and Fr Ebuka continue to offer daily Masses. Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church porch and can be left in the corresponding 'Mass Request Box' or posted at the Presbytery. Alternatively, please email the Parish office. When requesting a Mass, please CLEARLY indicate the NAME and INTENTION and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass said, it is imperative that give the parish office plenty of notice to avoid disappointment; we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If no date is specified the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date. If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details or call the parish office during office hours.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE A
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40 – The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel that was read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

Family Reflection

Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbours by showing everyday acts of love, generosity, and kindness—our own expressions of our love for God. These acts, small and large, are the expression of what Jesus identified as the two greatest commandments: love God and love neighbour.

Make a poster together as a family. Write the words 'Love God' in the centre of the poster and write the words 'Love Neighbour' near each of the four sides of the poster. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40. Talk about how Jesus taught us that our love for God is revealed in the love that we show to other people. On the poster, use pictures and words to show some of the ways that your family shows their love for other people. Pray together that your family will continue to express your love for God by loving others. Pray the Act of Love.

**ALL SAINTS DAY, CYCLE A
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

Gospel Reading

*Matthew 5:1-12
Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.*

Gospel Reflection

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

Family Reflection

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favourite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus.

FACE-COVERINGS/MASKS

Face coverings/masks are mandatory in all Places of Worship. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet. If you attend Mass from this date onwards, please ensure that you have a face-covering/mask with you and to put it on before you enter the Church. Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion (please see below).



There are some exceptions to this rule, and who needs to wear a covering, details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/facecoverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#when-you-do-not-need-to-wear-a-face-covering>

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020/21

Our Gift Aid envelopes for 2020/21 which commenced in April, are available to collect from the church entrance. However, if you would prefer to have your envelopes posted/hand delivered, please email the parish office quoting you gift aid number and we will endeavour to get them to you as soon as possible.

If you do still give to the Church by weekly envelopes, we really encourage you to switch to weekly or monthly standing orders from your bank. A bank mandate form can be downloaded from the 'support us' page of the Parish website. For 2nd collections you can make individual online payments to the same account quoting your Gift Aid number and the cause to which you are giving. Parishioners who do not belong to the Gift Aid scheme can give to the Church by online transfer from their bank; please, kindly add the reference NGA (Non-Gift Aid)

The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation.

It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary". Pope Benedict XVI, Basilica of Saint Mary Major 3 May '08.

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OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

A big thanks to all those who are managing to support the parish financially through the different means of financial offerings and contributions during these difficult times.

Like many charities, our church is funded entirely by your donations and while we continue to serve the community using new technology, our church still needs to be insured and maintained. We are doing our best to save money but, although our heating expenses may have been reduced, we still have to pay contributions to the diocese, salaries and other various expenses.

Without our usual weekly collections during the months of lockdown there has been a significant impact on the parish finances and we would greatly appreciate your donations to enable us to continue without financial concern after the current situation is over.

If you would like to support St Agatha's Church please go to the 'support us' page on the parish website for our gift aid and standing order forms. Alternatively, the church's bank details for making regular standing orders or one-off bank transfers directly are:

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.



O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask forgiveness of all whom I have injured. Amen

We cannot remain spectators before the suffering of so many people who are worn out by hunger, violence, and injustice. ... If I do not draw near to that man, to that woman, to that child, to that old man or that old woman who is suffering, I do not draw near to God. ~ Pope Francis