St. Agatha's PARJSH Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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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 <u>kingston@rcaos.org.uk</u> 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

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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022	
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	
9.30am	James Corcoran RIP
6.30pm	Intentions for The Crocker Family
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Zoran Popovic RIP
10.30am	Keith & Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Eleanor Margaret Alexander RIP
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	
9.30am	Britz Family Thanksgiving
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial
9.30am	Elpidina Francisco RIP
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation
9.30am	Private Intentions
7pm	People of St. Francis Xavier Parish in
	Owo, Ondo State, Nigeria
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	
9.30am	Gabrielle Esteban Birthday
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	
9.30am	Special Intentions to the Triune God
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
9.30am	Thanksgiving to our Lady of Guadalupe
6.30pm	Marie-Anne & 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
Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12pm.	
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.	
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**

Margaret Creely, Ellen Williams, John Owens, Paul Canton, Edwin Charles Clarke, Fredrick James Ricks, Fr. John Coleman, Mary Francis Cherry, Sister Lucy Staunton, Mary Gentry, Thomas Egan, Margaret King, John McCarthy, Charles Rabbitts, Maureen Patricia McArdle, Mary Farrelly, Hugh Glenn, Amelia Van Den Bosch, Maud Medhurst, Joseph Rocca, Gerald Appleby, Eileen Barber, Joan & Sean O'Connor, Yvonne Thompson, Louis Boribond, Mary Ann Duckett, Adele Morganti, Mary Ellen Lewis, Mother Rita, Hannah McIsaac, Horace Rice, Paul Cantoni. +++May They Rest In Peace ++

# PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022, we join with many Parishes across the world in taking up the annual Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Your donations express solidarity with those most in need. With your support, the whole Church can continue - in the words of Pope Francis - "to walk, to search for, visit, meet, listen to, share with and stop at those most in need". Funds assist projects including emergency help to those in need due to natural disasters, communities impacted by COVID, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. Thank you for your generosity. Last year, the Peter's Pence appeal was largely cancelled due to COVID-19 and your support this year is gratefully received by the Holy See. Please give generously to the Peter's Pence collection or use the red bucket in the church porch.

# BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available classes on:

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 or Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Sunday 18" September 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.

# DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August 2022. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at: www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association Southwark contacts are: Canon Fd Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk and Bishop Paul Hendricks paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C Sunday, June 26, 2022

### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:51-62 Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

#### **Gospel Reflection**

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus' ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow, you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

### **Family Reflection**

Parents are always striving to help their children to set priorities. Children need to learn to finish homework before watching TV or going out to play. They need to know that they have to finish their chores before they can go out with their friends. They need to know that paying attention to curfews for their safety is more important than being popular.

As a family, talk about these examples of setting priorities. Share examples of how you learned to prioritize as you were maturing. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about the importance of making him the number-one priority in our lives.

Read aloud Luke 9:51-62. Talk about how going to Sunday Mass as a family is an important way of keeping God at the centre of our lives. Talk about other ways that the family can make Jesus a priority.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



I say to the Lord "You are my Lord I have no good apart from you" Psalm 16

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - 26 June 2022 (International Day in Support of Victims of Torture) 'We suffer with those who have disappeared, those who have had to flee their homes, and those who have been tortured.' ~ Saint Óscar Romero

## **CARER NEEDED**

A parishioner is looking for a carer for her 80-year-old mother who is frail and has dementia, but is peaceful and slightly forgetful.

The person would need to help with her leg exercises (basic), feed, chat and pop her on the commode, as needed, and when they leave put her into bed. Equipment for transferring to bed/chair/commode provided. Someone who is happy to pray with her would be advantageous. Please email or call the Parish Secretary if you would like to discuss further.