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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES (A)

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2020. 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 25th	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast
9.30am	Thanksgiving for the family of Winnie Mozalina.
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am	Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
6.30pm	Gerry Quigley RIP
Monday 27th	
9.30am	Mr & Mrs Soloman
Tuesday 28th	
9.30am	Requiem Mass – Tessie Bird
Wednesday 29th	
9.30am	Edith Knight RIP
Thursday 30th	
9.30am	John Beresford RIP
10.45am	Requiem Mass – Pat Appleby
Friday 31st	
9.30am	Frances Jarvis RIP
Saturday 1st	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Jenny & Frankie Pyburn
6.30pm	John Davis RIP

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
 Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
 Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am, 6-6.15pm & at call.
 Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12.30pm.
 Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (1st February 2020) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BETWEEN 10AM & 11AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: John Sewter, Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.

ANNIVERSARIES

Elsie Lilian Boyden, Malcolm Leëce, Edward Moore, Agnes Cullen, David Ryan, Frederick Warrington, William Westhead, Wilfrid McCabe, Peter Creely, Esgeir Jan Guest, Rose Burrows, Lilian Solomon, Joseph Ennis, Gerald Quigley, Thomas Joseph Byrne, Margaret Barry, Edmundo Marcantonio, Margaret Marks, Frances Mary O'Sullivan, William Dowling, Margaret Dunne, Frederick Scott, Fr Kevin O'Hanlon, William Kelly, Desmond Pearl, Mary Dann, Margaret Murphy, Dinah North, Eleanor Weldon, Edward Smith, Evelyn Bidwell, Frederic William Humm. Helen Cave, Mary Kiely, Charles Miller, Sandra Stiff, Sylvia Mitchell, Dorothy Hall, William Brenninkmeyer, Patrick Nunez, Bridget Egan, Joseph Galligan, Maude Mansfield, Margarete Hards, Luigi Mezzetta, Frank Mifsud, Johannes Kortenray, Ann Cunningham, Marilyn Celia Tinenti, +++ **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.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE A
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples. (shorter form Matthew 4:12-17)

Reflection

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tessie Bird who died recently, aged 93. Her requiem will take place here on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 9.30am followed by Kingston Cemetery at 11am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Appleby who died on Monday 13th January 2020. Her requiem will take place here on Thursday 30th January 2020 at 10.45am followed by Kingston Cemetery at 12.20pm.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEKEND!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Family Reflection

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In Matthew 8:14-15 for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. Matthew 20:20-28 relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honour in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?

Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next Baptism preparation class is on next **Sunday, 2nd February 2020**. Please contact the parish secretary to



book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism in the next few months, please complete an application form and join us for this class. *Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for a*

baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Change to Parish Office Opening Hours

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With immediate effect the Parish Office will be **closed on Wednesdays**, to allow staff to undertake training and other important work.

The parish office will be open as follows:

Monday: 10am – 3pm

Tuesday: 10am – 3pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 10am – 3pm

Friday: 10am – 3pm

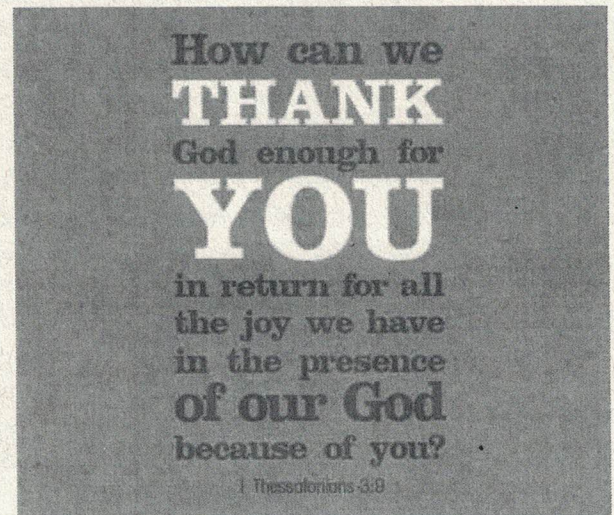
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Tea, Coffee and Cake

Tea, coffee and cake will be served in the Cloister after the **9am Mass this Sunday, 26th January 2020**. Do come and join us to meet and greet others, and our clergy, especially if you are new to the parish. If you would like to occasionally help, please email the parish office.

St Agatha's Feast Day – Wednesday 5th February 2020

There will be no morning Mass on this day. We would like to invite everyone along to celebrate with us on this our Feast Day to a special thanksgiving Mass in the evening at 7.30pm. Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the cloister. Please do come along and join us.



"The God Who Speaks" – Year of the Word 2020

To mark the special Year of the Word Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on Saturday 27th June. Please see leaflets and noticeboard for more details. If you would like to attend, please contact the Parish Secretary.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER TWO
GOD COMES TO MEET MAN

Part 2 – THE TRANSMISSION OF DIVINE REVELATION

III. Christ Jesus -- "Mediator and Fullness of All Revelation"

God has said everything in his Word

"In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son." Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect and unsurpassable Word. In him he has said everything; there will be no other word than this one. St. John of the Cross, among others, commented strikingly on Hebrews 1:1-2:

In giving us his Son, his only Word (for he possesses no other), he spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word - and he has no more to say. . . because what he spoke before to the prophets in parts, he has now spoken all at once by giving us the All Who is His Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behaviour but also of offending him, by not fixing his eyes entirely upon Christ and by living with the desire for some other novelty.

There will be no further Revelation

"The Christian economy, therefore, since it is the new and definitive Covenant, will never pass away; and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ."28 Yet even if Revelation is already complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.

Throughout the ages, there have been so-called "private" revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history. Guided by the Magisterium of the Church, the sensus fidelium knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his saints to the Church.

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So you also must be ready,
because the Son of Man
will come at an hour
when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:44

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sun 26 th Jan	FHC Session 3
Sun 26 th Jan	Confirmation Inscription Mass
Thurs 30 th Jan	Confirmation Session 2
Fri 31 st Jan	St Agatha's Church Youth Club
Sat 1 st Feb	Commissioning Day for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sun 2 nd Feb	Baptism Preparation Class

Offerings

First collection	Gift Aid	£480.00	Loose	£609.87
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£17.00	Loose	£123.58
TOTAL		£1230.45		

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

2020 Calendars

A few of the 2020 calendars are still available to purchase at £1 each; please contact the parish office to purchase.

Diocesan Directory

Printing and delivery of the 2020 Diocesan Directory has been delayed. These should be available soon. They will cost £3.00 each.

St Agatha's Feast Day – Wednesday 5th February 2020

Date for your Diary: On this day we will have a special Mass at 7.30pm. There will be no morning Mass on this day.

Richard Challoner and Friends Alumni event

Richard Challoner would like to warmly invite past pupils to The Richard Challoner & Friends Alumni event on **Saturday 14th March from 3-6pm** at Richard Challoner School. A great opportunity to meet up with old friends and have a tour of your much-loved school. Drinks and nibbles will be served. Please register your interest at www.challonerandfriends.com/events/save-the-date

**St Agatha's Feast Day – Wednesday 5th February 2020
Whole School Mass**

The School are delighted that Bishop Paul Hendricks will be celebrating Mass for the whole school on St Agatha's Feast Day. The Mass will also mark the start of their 125th Anniversary celebrations. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass that will take place at the later time of 1.30pm.

We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace. ~ Pope Francis



First Holy Communion

FHC Classes continue with children's session 3 on **Sunday 26th January 2020 at 4pm**. Children's Session 4 will be on Sunday 9th February 2020. A full programme of the sessions can be found on the parish website.

St Agatha's Confirmation 2020

The Confirmation Inquisition Mass will be on **Sunday 26th January 2020 at 6.30pm**. The next candidate session will be on **Thursday 30th January 2020 at 7.15pm**. A full programme of the sessions can be found on the parish website.



St Agatha's Church Youth Club

St Agatha's Church Youth Club is going well, with over 30 children now steadily attending! Youth Club registration forms are available at the back of the church, via our website or ask one of the youth volunteers.



The Youth Club runs every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and is open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music,

arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! The young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to continuing to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.

We would like to thank the parishioners who have come forward to help. Volunteering is a great opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and get to know the local community. It can also enhance your CV or improve your employment prospects. If you are interested in exploring the possibilities of being a volunteer, please get in touch; please speak with Fr. Anthony, the youth leader or contact the parish office for further details.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 6 March 2020.

Having put the Christmas paraphernalia away, and already there is anecdotal evidence of Easter Eggs in the shops, our minds now turn to Lent – **really!!!!**

For CAFOD, the Lenten campaign is one of their big awareness (and money) drives alongside the Harvest Festival. But let us not wish summer away before it has even arrived. CAFOD's activities are not confined to only two campaigns, the relief agency is involved in many initiatives, often supported by local parish groups. These "initiatives" will see references to sustainability, our common home, or even a zero emissions target. His Holiness Pope Francis is not the first to remind us that we are but temporary custodians of this planet. For more information on CAFOD's activities please go to cafod.org.uk where you will read about items from the climate crises to the plight of refugees. One of the terms, or labels, you might note on the website is "local experts" and one such example is Sister Consilia in Zimbabwe. Please try and take the time to read of Sister Consilia's work in the church porch. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

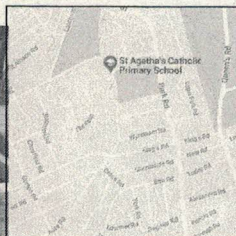
Church Banners

If anyone would be interested in sponsoring the purchase of Seasonal Banners for instance for Lent, Easter or, please contact the Parish Office to discuss further.

Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:

- A Day with Mary
- Street Pastors Kingston Celebration
- Headteacher Recruitment at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School in Mortlake
- Fundraising Volunteer Role at Southwark Archdiocese
- London SW Catholic Social Group
- Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

ST AGATHA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020



Children born between 01 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are eligible to start nursery at St Agatha's in September 2020

Our open morning for prospective reception class parents is on
Friday 14th February 2020
(9.15am – 9.45am in the Nursery)

Closing date for all applications is
6th March 2020 (tbc)

Find further information, visit our website: www.stagathas.school

- telephone: 020 8546 3879 [ask for Sharon Parsons]
- e-mail: office@stagathas.school

"If the Church stays silent in the face of what is happening, what difference would it make if no church were ever opened again?"

~ Blessed Franz Jägerstätter O.F.S.,

Martyr

Holocaust Memorial Day (UK) 27th Jan