

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.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES
SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2022
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Saturday 26th	
9.30am	William Breedon RIP
6.30pm	Patricia Josephine McColgan RIP
Sunday 27th 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9am	The Crocker Family Norah Doherty RIP
10.30am	Anthony Cotmore Patricia Cotmore RIP Matthew Crocker RIP
Confirmation Inscription	
6.30pm	The Crocker Family Rosa Sa-Si-Thorn RIP
Monday 28th	
9.30am	Margaret Quigley & Family RIP
Tuesday 1st St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, Feast	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Jose Camaro
Wednesday 2nd Ash Wednesday	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Paul Corcoran
7.30pm	John McDonagh RIP Thomas Naughton RIP
Thursday 3rd	
9.30am	Arthur Lawrence RIP
Friday 4th	
9.30am	For Peace in the World
Saturday 5th	
9.30am	Evelyn Mary Jarvis RIP
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Philip Cockle
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.	

**St Agatha's Catholic Primary School
Admission to Nursery Class September 2022**

If your child is born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they are entitled to start Nursery in September 2022. The closing date for Nursery admissions is Friday 4th March 2022. Please visit: <https://www.stagathas.school/nursery-admissions/> for more information.

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
Second Collection on
Sunday 27th February 2022**

This Sunday's retiring collection will be for 'The Clergy Support Fund' of the Archdiocese of Southwark, which provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.



In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you!

Ways to donate:

- Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>
- QR Code, scan the code above.
- Telephone Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available or the red bucket in the porch.

**ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday 2nd March 2022**

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

We will be joined by children from St Agatha's School, Years 5 & 6, for the 9.30am Mass.

NURSERY 2022 APPLICATION FORMS

A priest will be available to sign Nursery application forms on Tuesday 1st March 2022 from 3-4pm. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. 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. 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.

LENT READING – ‘MY DAY BY DAY’

There are copies of the Lent edition of ‘My Day by Day’, for adults and juniors, available at the back of the Church – they cost £1.00 each. Please put money in the box marked ‘My Day by Day’. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday mornings after Mass, and at 5.45pm on Sundays, during Lent (from Friday 4th March to Sunday 10th April 2022). This devotion provides an opportunity for us to walk the road to Calvary with Our Blessed Lord.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION DURING LENT

The church will be open on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7.30pm – 8.30pm for Exposition and Adoration. (9th, 16th, 23rd March & 6th April). Everyone is welcome.

SAVING GRACE DIOCESAN ONLINE RETREAT

A retreat for Lent, introduced by Archbishop John Wilson, led by members of the Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience during Lent 2022, beginning on the first Sunday of Lent and ending in Easter week. Drawing on the Old Testament readings for the Sundays of Lent, Saving Grace will explore our shared story as the people of God. Along the way, we will discover how the twists and turns of our own personal stories are also holy ground, where God continues to draw us out of oppression and into freedom, and out of death into life.

The retreat is designed for individuals and is based on a weekly video accompanied by suggested exercises for prayer and reflection. These resources will be available in advance so that the videos can be viewed at any convenient time.

Individuals can join one of the online groups that will be offered on different days of the week and at different times of the day.

For more details and to register follow this link: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>



SYNOD 2021 2023



COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION IN THE PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Synod questionnaire and participated in the meeting.

The responses from the Parish are now available to view on the Parish Website:

<https://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk/synod-2021-2023>

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 Michael Hodgkinson.

Please let the Parish Office know, in writing, if either you or your relatives would like to be mentioned on our sick list.

ILL AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are ill and housebound, our Priests would be happy to visit you, to pray with you, and to bring you Holy Communion in your home, please let us 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.

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

Frederic Whelan, Ronald Macdonald, Charles Crawley, Edit Brown, John McSweeny, Elizabeth Heppel, Mary Ellen White, Bernard Mackey, Kate Goddard, Eugenie Connolly, Mario Porlanti, Sr. Declan Carroll, Eileen Murphy, Tom Costello, Vladas Dankis, William Wiseman, George Bruce, Annie Ashworth, Elfrida Medhurst, John Neilan, Robert Eurell, Angelo Pacitti, Rita Andrew, Joseph Alfred Smith, Agnes Guy, Hilda Davis, John Roycroft, Marjorie Lansley, William McDonagh, John Faith, Cyril Everest, Matthew Patrick O'Connor, Maureen Madden, Zena Kitchen, Elizabeth Agnes Wall, Doradea Marie Grassi, William Joseph McKenzie, Sarah Lewis, James Keeble, Tom Naughton, James Baker, John Christopher Letchworth, Margaret Laverty, George Davis, Kathleen Needham, Sarah Fox, John Fox, Martin Moone.

+++May They Rest In Peace+++

It is the role of the church to gather into itself all that is human in the people's cause and struggle, above all in the cause of the poor. The church identifies with the poor when they demand their legitimate rights. In our country the right they are demanding is hardly more than the right to survive, to escape from misery. ~ Archbishop Óscar Romero and Bishop Arturo Rivera y Damas.

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, February 27, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:39-45

Each tree is known by its yield.

Gospel Reflection

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds, they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

Family Reflection

Jesus' parables in this week's Gospel are a reminder of the importance of continued learning, prayer and reflection, and humility in our discipleship. We shine God's light in the world when we are "lit from within" with God's grace, willing to examine our own conscience and recognize our own need for transformation through Jesus. As busy parents responsible for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual growth, we may sometimes be challenged to find time and energy to care for ourselves and attend to our own spiritual growth. Yet doing so can improve our family relationships and help us guide our children in their faith. We can be reminded of the simple safety instruction we hear when flying: to put on our own "spiritual" oxygen mask before helping others.

Gather as a family and spend some time discussing ideas about what it means to be a good disciple. What do we need to learn? How are we to act? How do we treat others? Read aloud today's Gospel. Discuss what Jesus means when he asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Talk about how we might be tempted to focus on one another's shortcomings without noticing our own and how this might lead to conflict. Point out that part of being a good disciple is focusing on our own behaviour. As a family, share ideas for responding as a disciple when you are upset with another family member's words or actions. (For example, taking a cooling off break before talking to the person or praying for help to see if our actions contributed to the conflict and we need to apologize.) Pray that you will grow together in your discipleship and pray the Lord's Prayer.

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CONFIRMATION 2021/22

The Confirmation Inscrption Mass will be on **Sunday 27th February 2022 at 6.30pm:** Candidates **MUST** arrive by 6pm. The first candidate session will be on **Monday 28th February 2022 at 7.15pm.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the following important dates and upcoming sessions.

Please remember that there are two groups this year completing their FHC, so please make sure you take note of the relevant dates for your child's group.



Group 1

Sunday 27th February

Session 7 at 2.45pm.

Group 2

Sunday 27th February

Session 7 at 4.30pm.

We would like to remind parents that children need to arrive punctually for the start time of each session please!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on **Saturday 26th March 2022**, which will be held in the church hall at 2pm, by completing and returning the

baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism.

Please note there is currently a waiting list for baptisms, so the earlier you contact the parish office the better!

MARRIAGES IN 2022

2022 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.

Luke 6:39-45



What Do You Produce?

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18 Jesus teaches that almsgiving, prayer, and fasting should be done in secret.

Gospel Reflection

Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. Each year, the readings for Ash Wednesday are the same. They call us to a change of heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them.

The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. (In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.") The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we "[t]urn away from sin and [are] faithful to the gospel," words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.

Today's reading is part of the Sermon on the Mount. In the sermon, Jesus warns his followers against acting for the sake of appearance. When Jesus' disciples give alms, pray, and fast, they are to do so in such a way that only God, who sees the heart and knows what is hidden, will know. Although our Lectionary reading omits the Lord's Prayer, we can recall that Matthew presents that prayer as a model for the disciples' prayer (Matthew 6:9-15).

Family Reflection

The season of Lent presents families with an opportunity to examine our family life and to re-commit ourselves to the Christian practices of almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. Each of us is invited to do these things as individuals, but we can also do one or more actions as a family. Ash Wednesday is a good time for families to pray together and to plan the family's Lenten practices.

Gather as a family and read today's Gospel, Matthew 6:1-6,16-18. Remind yourselves that Jesus expected that his disciples would give alms, pray, and fast and that he gave instructions that when we do those things, they should not be done for show. Determine one way that your family will give alms during Lent to share what you have with people in need. Decide upon one way that your family will pray together during Lent and choose one thing that your family will give up during Lent as a reminder of your love for God. Agree to encourage one another in whatever Lenten promises each has made individually. Pray together that God will bless your family's Lenten promises by praying together today's psalm, Psalm 51, and/or praying the Lord's Prayer.

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CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 11th March 2022.

Again we are invited by CAFOD to live simply on this day, and dedicate any monies saved to help those in need. The retiring collection across all masses of Sunday 13th March will be for CAFOD. Donation envelopes are also available at the back of church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Walk against Hunger

Our new Lent challenge is here!

Something positive this Lent. Challenge yourself to walk 200k this Lent and help stamp out hunger, one step at a time. You can walk, roll, skip or stroll your way to 200k. You can boldly go it alone and take it on 5k a day for 40 days, or you can smash the target all at once as a team.

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to conquer 200k, and help give hunger its marching orders.

Visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> for more information.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14th March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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