

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 28TH AUGUST 2022

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

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| Saturday 27th | St Monica, Memorial |
| 9.30am | Private Intentions |
| 6.30pm | Ananda Batuwitage RIP |
| Sunday 28th | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am | Elpidina Francisco RIP |
| 10.30am | Keith & Alan Fraser RIP |
| 6.30pm | Zoran Popovic RIP |
| Monday 29th | The Passion of St John the Baptist, Memorial |
| 9.30am | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday 30th | Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs, Memorial |
| 9.30am | Wellbeing & Recovery of Mohan Perera |
| Wednesday 31st | |
| 9.30am | Rev. Fr. Allan Collins RIP |
| Thursday 1st | |
| 9.30am | Erwin Gorczynski RIP |
| Friday 2nd | |
| 9.30am | Private Intentions |
| Saturday 3rd | St Gregory the Great, Pope, Memorial |
| 9.30am | Keith Fraser RIP |
| 6.30pm | Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras RIP |

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

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| Sunday 4th | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am | Zoran Popovic RIP |
| 10.30am | Sarah Nolan RIP |
| 6.30pm | Louisa Giles RIP |
| Monday 5th | |
| 9.30am | Mabel Patrick RIP |
| Tuesday 6th | |
| 9.30am | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday 7th | |
| 9.30am | Zoran Popovic RIP |
| Thursday 8th | Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast |
| 9.30am | Britz Family Thanksgiving |
| Friday 9th | |
| 9.30am | Alice & Jing Wedding Anniversary |
| Saturday 10th | |
| 9.30am | Seamus Dooley RIP |
| 6.30pm | Ailish Connolly 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
 Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30
Baptisms: Sundays – By previous arrangement.
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

PARISH OFFICE

Please remember that Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from *Monday 29th August until Monday 5th September (Parish Office fully reopens Tuesday 6th September 2022)*. Therefore, the parish office will be closed. Fr Eugene will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only please. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk. For any other matters please wait until the parish office re-opens. Many thanks for your co-operation.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY – PARENTS DISCUSSION!

**Sunday 18th September 2022,
 after the 10.30 Family Mass**

Children's Liturgy is usually held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Family Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the where the Liturgy takes place. They return to join the full congregation at the offertory. Any work they have done is brought up during the offertory as their gift to God and the Community.

Children's Liturgy is run by the parents/adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day.

Please come along on the 18th September and meet some of our current leaders to have a chat about how you can help as either a session leader or helper, to enable us to return to our usual children's liturgy schedule. Refreshments will be available.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a particular date or time which you want a Mass said, it is vital that you let the parish office know ahead of time and as soon as possible. For Anniversary Masses, with a particular date, please try to give at least four weeks' notice to avoid disappointment.

You are very welcome to book any Mass intentions in advance. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting last-minute Mass Intentions; if no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date.

Mass intentions envelopes are available at the back of the church. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details. Please complete a Mass offering envelope in the church porch and either drop it in the intentions box, also located in the church porch, hand it to a parish priest or post through the presbytery letterbox.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class on: **Sunday 18th 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.



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:

- Friday 23rd September between 2 – 4pm, at the Presbytery.
- 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 now 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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

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.

If you fall into any of these categories please speak with the Parish Priests for further information, or contact the Parish Secretary to register your interest. The course is expected to start in October 2022.



++ LATELY DEAD++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edmund Burke, who died on 13th August 2022. His requiem will take place on Thursday 8th 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

Constance Mary Brewster, Mary Ellen O'Connor, Marguerite Guest, Mary Metochis, Ernest Woodhams, Thomas Turnbull, Zofia Jaroszynska, Margaret Boyden, John Fenton, Barry Hodges, Stephen O'Dwyer, Clara Dracas, Herbert Duckett, Charles Cutmore, Louisa Strong, Montague Davis-Brown, Mary Ann Keenan, Marie Louise Rogerson, Rachel Liddy, Antonio Amor, Cesare Orindi, Bernard Fenton, Ellen Mary Cook, Patrick Francis Sheehy, Antoinette Osborne, Maureen Garrow-Fisher, Walter Williams, Jane Thompson, William Dracas, John Patrick Hanrahan, James Ryan, Robert Strong, Francis Rorke, Joseph Connolly, Bill Carr, Charles Forey, Bernardo Martini, Thomas Kearns, Anne Doherty, Monica Lamb, Mabel Dickinson, Anna McDonagh, Vincent McNulty, Beatrice Barker, Andrew Marshall, Guilhermina Fernandes, Tullie Di Vito, Bridget Breen, Emily Ellen Geal, Dorothy Whelan, Ellen Gadd, Frank Andrews, Constance O'Neill, Ken Woolger, Nellie Flynn. **+++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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

Sunday 11th September 2022 is Education Sunday and we will have a retiring collection will be for the Catholic Education Service (CES). CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Governments', sharing the aims of high academic standards for all and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

The majority of people living on our planet profess to be believers. This should spur religions to dialogue among themselves for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity. ~ Pope Francis.

World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation is celebrated on 1st September

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, August 28, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1,7-14 When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Gospel Reflection

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

Family Reflection

Parents and children often enter into "negotiations" over how much allowance is to be earned at certain ages. Typically, when a child seeks an increase in allowance, parents will attach an increase in chores and responsibilities for them to better earn the increase. Talk about what kind of allowance you received as a child and what kind of responsibilities your parents expected of you to earn your allowance.

Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about doing good deeds for others and expecting nothing in return. Read aloud Luke 14:1,7-14. Ask your children how they would feel if you told them to take on more chores without ever expecting another raise in allowance. Emphasize that Jesus teaches us that it is our duty as his followers to take care of the needs of others and to do so without expecting repayment. Discuss what other types of rewards we can find when doing good things for others.

Point out that we sometimes fall into the trap of wanting too many things and that, in the Our Father, we pray for "our daily bread," meaning that we pray for only that which we really need in life. Conclude this time together by praying aloud the Our Father.

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, September 4, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33 Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

Gospel Reflection

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

Family Reflection

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favourite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



STEP INTO THE GAP PROGRAMME, FOR 18-30-YEAR-OLDS

CAFOD believes in equipping and inspiring young Adults to be able to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a full-time year of volunteering in a UK placement, with immersive and interactive experiences of learning about global justice. CAFOD, in partnership with their UK placements, offers the exciting opportunity to spend a fully funded year volunteering in a retreat centre or school chaplaincy, where you will work alongside the Catholic community and others to bring about a more just world. It is a great chance to develop a range of skills and gain work experience within the context of your faith. For more information, please contact Arianne at youngleadership@cafod.org.uk or go to:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-young-people/CAFOD-Gap-year>

**ST TITUS BRANDSMA, MARTYR FOR A FREE PRESS –
A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES**

Catholic journalist Amanda C Dickie will speak about this exceptional new Saint, who was canonised by Pope Francis recently and is so relevant to our own time. The talk will take place in Alexander House (The Parish Hall for St. Raphael's Church, Portsmouth Road, Kingston) on Sunday 11th September at 6.00pm.



The Dutch Carmelites' opposition to Nazi propaganda cost him his life in Dachau concentration camp. A journalist and broadcaster, pioneer ecumenist, university professor and Carmelite mystic his outreach to people of faith and none is inspirational - even in the Nazi prison camps.

"To win the world for Christ, one must have the courage to come in conflict with it ! His words resonate clearly for us today.



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CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs> for further information. Modules begin 13 September

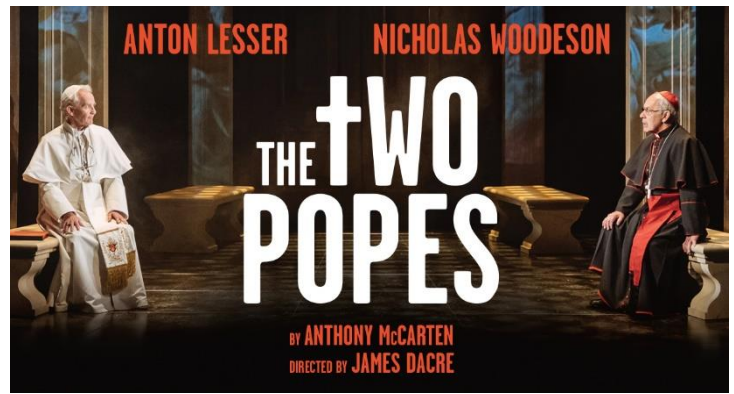
Craigmyle Lecture 2022
Monday 19th September 2022
Lecture at 6.30pm (Doors at 6pm).

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.co.uk) 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/craigmyle-lecture-with-baroness-hollins)

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.



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THE TWO POPES

9TH – 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022 AT THE ROSE THEATRE, KINGSTON

★★★★ 'A compelling new play. McCarten has a gift for creating intimate dramas.' – *Sunday Times*

From the writer of the Academy Award-winning *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Darkest Hour* and *The Theory of Everything* comes the play that sparked a major motion picture.

Nine years ago, Pope Benedict XVI stunned the world by resigning, the first Pope in 700 years to do so. What drove this archconservative to break with sacred tradition and make way for a former tango club bouncer and football-loving reformer with the common touch, to become Pope Francis? Starring **Anton Lesser** (*Game of Thrones*, *The Crown*, *Endeavour*) and **Nicholas Woodeson** (*Baptiste*, *The Death of Stalin*, *The Danish Girl*) this gripping and entertaining new play from **Anthony McCarten** premiered at Royal & Derngate, Northampton in 2019 and was adapted into the multi-award-winning film for which McCarten was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay at the Academy, Golden Globe, and BAFTA Awards.

The Two Popes is a fascinating and humorous story that shines a light into one of the world's most secretive institutions. At its heart lies a timeless question: in moments of crisis, should we follow the rules or our conscience?

We have received a special discount for all parishioners: Save £10 on Premium, Band A and Band B tickets for any performance of The Two Popes with the code POPES10. You can use the code at checkout when booking online, or quote it in person or over the phone.

Web: <https://rosetheatre.org/whats-on/the-two-popes>

Box office number: 020 8174 0090

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE – UPCOMING EVENTS

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

Do you have an average-to-good marriage and are looking to improve it further? Then this half-day online course can help. Saturday 3rd September 2022; 9am-1pm. (There is no group sharing.) More details from Carole on 07983 524727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Aimed at engaged and married couples alike, this free online Sycamore course consists of four hour-long sessions enabling you to explore your faith together and enrich your relationship. It runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning 6th September 2022 and continuing on the 13th, 20th and 27th. To register click on this link: [Growing in Faith Together – Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://www.rcaos.org.uk/growing-in-faith-together)

RESTORED LIVES

Struggling after the breakdown of a significant relationship either now or in the past? This eight-session online course is for you. It runs for consecutive Monday evenings from 7-9.30pm starting Monday 3rd October 2022 More details available at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/restored-lives-32666416387>

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

Recently bereaved? Emotions out of control? Feeling at a loss? This weekend is for those who are in mourning. A time for you. A space for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2022. More details please call: 01622 717272

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

If you have suffered a divorce or separation, this residential weekend will help you heal. It is being held from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th October 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. More details please call: 01322 838415 or email johnbrotherton@gmail.com