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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

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 29 TH MAY 2022	
	/ENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
Saturday 28 th	
9.30am	Elpidina Francisco RIP
6.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
Sunday 29th	7 th Sunday of Easter
·	World Communications Sunday
9am	John Stanley May RIP
10.30am	Cyril & Frances Jarvis RIP
6.30pm	Arthur Lawrence RIP
Monday 30 th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 31 st	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
	Mary, Feast
9.30am	Zoran Popovic RIP
Wednesday 1 st	St Justin, Martyr, Memorial
9.30am	Rev Fr Albert Jenner RIP
Thursday 2 nd	
9.30am	Fanny Margaret Cook RIP
Friday 3 rd	Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions,
	Martyrs, Memorial
9.30am	Sheila McCormick RIP
	SUNDAY 5 TH JUNE 2022
	PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)
Saturday 4 th	1 2.11 2003 1 30 113 11 (0)
9.30am	Rev Fr Gerry O'Brien RIP
6.30pm	Zoran Popovic RIP
Sunday 5 th	Pentecost Sunday
9am	Ann Macpherson RIP
10.30am	Cyril & Frances Jarvis RIP
6.30pm	Ref Fr Casper Lutz RIP
Monday 6 th	Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial
9.30am	Thomas Gerard Luson RIP
Tuesday 7 th	
9.30am	Caroline Baskell RIP
Wednesday 8 th	
9.30am	Zoran Popovic RIP
Thursday 9 th	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast
9.30am	Marie-Anne Xiberras RIP
Friday 10 th	WIGHT AIRTE AIRTE AIRTE
	Carolina Hankins PIP
9.30am	Caroline Hopkins RIP
Saturday 11 th	St Barnabas, Apostle, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
6.30pm	Anne Hall 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.

INDUCTION OF FR FRANCIS OLASENI, MSP

Fr Francis will be formally inducted as our Parish Priest, by Bishop Paul Hendricks, on Friday 10th June 2022 at 7pm. All parishioners are invited to this joyful occasion. Please RSVP by Friday 27th May 2022 to: kingstonevents@rcaos.org.uk Please include number of guests attending.

A reception will take place following the ceremony in the Cloister, A light buffet is kindly being provided by Peppe's. Everyone is welcome.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY 'Listening with the ear of the heart'



is Sunday, 29th May 2022, Communications Day and there will be a collection. Donations help with the Catholic Communications Network which works to promote the Church's and the Bishops' message in the local, regional, national and international mass

World Communications Day focuses on the theme of listening and emphasises the urgency of putting the person at the centre of information. As Pope Francis emphasised, there is "no good journalism without the ability to listen'." This was all the more evident during the pandemic and now as the tragic war wages on in Ukraine. If you would like to read the Pope's message about this day please go to: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/worldcommunications-day/

Please use your gift aid envelops or the red bucket in the church porch. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Monday 30th May 2022 returning on Monday 6th June 2022, therefore the parish office will be closed.



Please only call the presbytery in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry during this time. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk and Karin will respond upon her return.





Seventh Sunday of Easter, Cycle C Sunday, May 29, 2022

Gospel Reading

Gospel

John 17:20-26 Jesus prays for his disciples.



CALLED TO GLORY

A reflection of Psalm 96:1-2, 6-7, 9.

This Sunday occurs during the great novena of prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost. The liturgy of this in between period continues to celebrate the Ascension as well as looking expectantly towards Pentecost.

The Psalm was for the enthronement of a King. It supplies us with the language of prayer to celebrate the glory of the risen, victorious Lord.

The Lord is King... as Paul put it, Jesus has triumphed over all his enemies, and the last one to be destroyed was death.

Let earth rejoice, thee many coastlands be glad... the power of the Holy Spirit would send out the disciples to bring the news of Jesus to all nations.

His throne is justice and right... as Jesus was vindicated in his glorification, so will the faithful be vindicated by sharing in his glory. Todays reading from the Apocalypse is about the vindication of those who proved faithful in all the trials and persecutions of the writer's day.

The skies proclaim his justice, all peoples see his glory... at the martyrdom of Stephen, the heavens opened wide and there he saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. The priestly prayer of Jesus is an intercession on our behalf: 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me'.

Jesus alone is Lord, far above all spirits, above any ideologies or idols that might be worshipped. May the Holy Spirit raise us up to be worthy of our calling.

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday - Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press



SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Returning to Mass at Pentecost – the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have released a statement about Returning to Mass at Pentecost – copies are available in the Church porch.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

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

Sunday 26th June 2022 or 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.

<u>Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class</u> before a child's baptism.

OFFERTORY & COLLECTION

Collections have resumed being taken at the usual time during Mass and brought up with the Offertory.

The offerings boxes will still be available at the back of the church.

If any parishioner would like to assist at weekend masses with offertory collections, please email the parish office.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

We can accept cashless donations for the Parish

by debit or credit cards from all major cards. You will find our contactless handsets at the back of the church (on each side, beside the votive candles). Just use your contactless debit or

credit card or you can insert your card into the keypad where you can authorise your donation using your card's PIN.

You can also register for Gift-Aid and you will only have to do this the first time you donate. NB. You will need register even if you are already registered as a Gift-Aider with the parish.

If you would like to give regularly by standing order, please contact the Parish Office.

We thank you for your continued generosity.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray by asking the Heavenly Father not for "my" but for "our" daily bread. Thus, he desired every person to feel co- responsible for his brothers so that no one would want for what he needs in order to live. The earth's produce forms a gift which God has destined "for the entire human family".

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 12 November 2006

Pentecost Sunday, Cycle C Sunday, June 5, 2022

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23 Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reflection

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

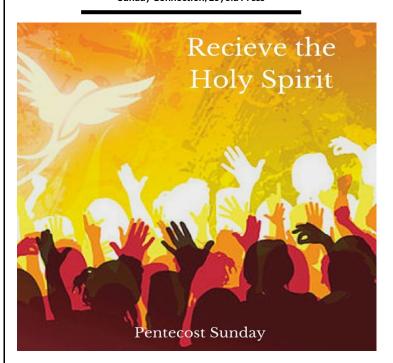
This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Family Reflection

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and we learn to accept forgiveness. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting all to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting upon the concern and how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's psalm, or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the sign of peace.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press







"A food system based upon responsibility, justice, peace and unity of the human family". ~ Pope Francis' message to the UN Secretary General.

Fix The Food System.

CAFOD's latest campaign tells us that the food system is broken. 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! For more information on CAFOD's campaign - Fix The Food System, please www.cafod.org.uk/food

60th Anniversary of CAFOD Thanksgiving Mass

Over 60 years ago a group of creative, compassionate women from the National Board of Catholic Women, the Catholic Women's League and the Union of Catholic Mothers reached out in solidarity to women in Domenica with the very first Family Fast Day. A couple of years later in 1962, CAFOD was created by the Bishops of England & Wales.

Much has changed in the world, but what has thankfully been a constant is the creativity and compassion of volunteers as the driving force of CAFOD in England and Wales. You are a part of the rich legacy of our founding mothers and this year is one of thanksgiving for all our volunteers past and present.

On Friday 10th June 2022 CAFOD will be holding a Thanksgiving Mass in St George's Cathedral in London, Lambeth Road SE1 7HY, Southwark Diocese at 12.30pm. They would be delighted if you could join them for Mass and light refreshments afterwards. Please can you RSVP by 3 June to jfox@cafod.org.uk.

If you prefer not to travel, please do join them online: https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/60-Anniversary

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which started on 10th April, are ready for collection from the church porch.

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

Cherubina Fe'. Father Thomas McElhone. Martin Connell, Anne Brooks, Maria Wright, Clare Cox, Mary Woods, Charles Hewson, Bernard Emerson, Margaret Dunne, John Elliott, James Wiseman, Elizabeth Roberts, Charles Rogerson, Alice Webb, Emma Frazer, Barry Copaldas, John Kennedy, Mary Eileen Moden, Margaret 'Clare' Horgan, Thomas Price, Father John Cremin, Francis Culligan, Francis Lamb, Amy Florence Webb, Thomas Muldoon, Sheila Margaret Atkinson, Leonard Cowdery, Mary Roath, Elenora Alexander, Donald Bird, Stephen Carrig, Kay Williams, Nora Willgoss, Henry Egan, Joseph McDonagh and Mary Brewer, Michael Bourke, Christopher Gray, Patrick Anthony Jarret, Modesta Divito, Sean McConvey, Rowland Stimson, Mary Ellen Lewis, Marisa Davies, Mother Brigid Taylor, John Trelfer, Denis Carpey, James Lamb, Anne Pettifer, Beatrice Heaton-Harris, Norah Chilton, Stella Patterson.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a particular date or time which you want a Mass said, it is very important that you let the parish office know ahead of time and as soon as possible. You are very welcome to book your Mass intentions in advance. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting late 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.