

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 30TH OCTOBER 2022

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, C

Saturday 29th

9.30am Holy Souls

6.30pm Vincenzo & Eric RIP

Sunday 30th 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Carla Long RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Wellbeing of Monty Perera

Monday 31st

9.30am Patricia Cotmore RIP

Tuesday 1st All Saints, Solemnity

9.30am *Whole School Mass*

Jack & Mary Roycroft RIP

7.30pm Private Intentions

Wednesday 2nd Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls

9.30am Mary Egan RIP

Thursday 3rd

9.30am Private Intentions

Friday 4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial

9.30am William Beresford RIP

Saturday 5th

9.30am Sonia Simic RIP

6.30pm Mary Colledge 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 (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

Baptisms: Sundays at 12pm, By previous arrangement.

Marriages: Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2022

The retiring collection last weekend was for World Mission Sunday. A total of £244.38 was collected. A huge thank you to everyone for contributing.

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November 2022. Therefore, the Parish Office will be closed, and will reopen on Monday 7th November 2022 at 10am. 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. For any other matters please wait until the parish office re-opens. Many thanks for your co-operation.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

All Altar Servers are asked to come along to a brief training session on Saturday 5th November 2022 at 5pm. The session will last approximately an hour and parents of under 18s are asked to please remain in the church during the training. If you would like to join our brilliant team of Altar Servers at St Agatha's, please do come along and join them; we especially welcome those who have earlier this year completed their First Holy Communion.

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL APPEAL
SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2022**

Next weekend we will have our annual Mission appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP) at all Masses. Your prayers, material and financial support are most needed for:



- The training of 120 MSP seminarians studying to become priests, it takes an average of £1,100.00 to support each student in the seminary for one year and this is becoming an increasingly difficult task for the society.
- To help sustain some challenging missions like Malawi, Chad, South Sudan and agriculture and water projects.

MSP priests serve in more than 20 countries; Fr. Francis and Fr. Eugene are among the MSPs currently serving in the UK.

The Missionaries of St Paul are committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and the wonderful works of the Father in the Holy Spirit, but they cannot do this alone, they need your help.

We will have a retiring collection; envelopes are available in the church porch, which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation, please pick one up and return it next week. Thank You.

For further information about the Missionary Society of St Paul, please visit: <https://www.mspfathers.co.uk/>

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS – CLOCKS GO BACK!

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour in the early hours of this **Sunday, 30th October 2022**; Masses will therefore be one hour later than they would otherwise have been.



ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two masses: **9.30am**, when we will be joined by children from St Agatha's School, and at **7.30pm**.

ALL SOULS – WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2022

Mass To Remember: on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at the 9.30am Mass we will remember those in parish who have died since 1st November 2021. The names of those in our register, will be read out during the Mass.

If a member of your family passed away during the last 12 months and their requiem was held outside of our parish and you wish for them to be added to the list, please email their full name and date of death to the Parish Office at kingston@rcaos.org.uk



ST AGATHA'S PARISH CENSUS

Please don't forget to pick up a copy of the Parish Census form and return on your next visit to the church. Thank you to everyone who has already completed and returned their form.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete your Census Form.

Completed forms can be posted in the census box at the back of the church, or returned to the Parish Office, by Monday 31st October 2022. Thank you.

OCTOBER DEVOTION: THE HOLY ROSARY

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of the Rosary, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession, the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings. During October, we invite everyone to pray your rosary. We especially encourage families to pray the rosary together. As a parish we shall dedicate Sunday Evenings to Pray the Rosary together. Never mind if you're a bit rusty, or if it's been a while since you last prayed your rosary. It's never too late to begin again; come let us experience the power of the rosary. **We will start at 5.30pm on Sunday 30th October 2022.** We are all encouraged to make this a date with Mary.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation inside the envelope. Please hand it to Father or place it in the basket at the altar throughout the month of November.

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

ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 6th November 2022. There will be a short service in the chapel at Surbiton cemetery at 2.00pm, followed by blessing of graves. Also, a short service in the chapel at Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm followed by blessing of graves. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels.)

ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF KINGSTON DEANERY

A Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of Kingston Deanery will be held here at St. Agatha's on Tuesday 15th November 2022, 12pm. Everyone is welcome. Mass will be followed by lite refreshments.

MASS INTENTIONS

It is again becoming a very busy time for Mass requests and sometimes Masses can be booked weeks in advance, so, if you have a particular date or time on 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 are sorry but 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 Mass.

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. Thank you.

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

Agnes Runnings, Colman Canavan, Charles Cummins, Frank Metcalf, Michael Kenny, James Moran, Robert Mosely, Margaret Jordan, John Fannon, Ernest Herd, Katie Sullivan, John O'Connor, William Regan, Joan Egan, John Patrick Siese, Frederic Corden, Daniel Kelly, Kathleen Pollard, John Masters, Roy Palmer, Tom Grey, Philippe Sinteff, Francis John Browne, Annie Kennedy, Paula Lewis, Albert Welham, Mark Brasier, Barbara Beard, Gladys Browne, Anne Mary Cordier, Letitia Browne, Edward Xiberras, Jimmy Moran, John Davis, Frederic Coundley, Thomas Bush, Patrick Sheehy, Jimmy Gerrity, Jose Serna, Peter Marron, Peter Hardy, George Killingbeck, Lina De Kerckhove, Cyril Thompson, Monique Nguyen, Sameer Polus.
+++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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HAS RESTARTED!

Please join us at the 10.30am Mass on Sundays, 6th and 20th November and 4th December 2022, when we will have a children's liturgy session.

Children's Liturgy
of the Word

Children's Liturgy will be 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. If you would like to join the team, please contact the parish office for further information.

"There is a need for financial reform along ethical lines that would produce in its turn an economic reform to benefit everyone. This would nevertheless require a courageous change of attitude on the part of political leaders." ~ Pope Francis

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday, October 30, 2022

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

Gospel Reflection

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century, Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

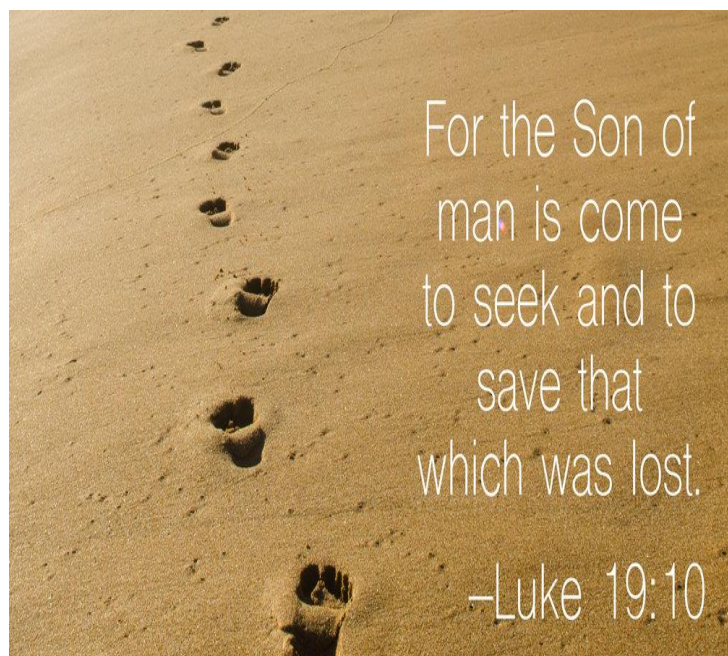
Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

Family Reflection

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus as a guest in the house of Zacchaeus. Talk about the various ways in which your family prepares when guests are expected in your home. Then read today's Gospel, Luke 19:1-10. Observe that Zacchaeus had not prepared to be Jesus' host that day. And yet, he welcomed Jesus better than anyone else because of his change of heart.

Discuss how your family might receive Jesus in your home and how you receive Jesus in the guests that you make welcome in your home. Pray together that your family will welcome guests into your home as you would welcome Jesus.

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All Saints Day
Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Gospel Reflection

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected... the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

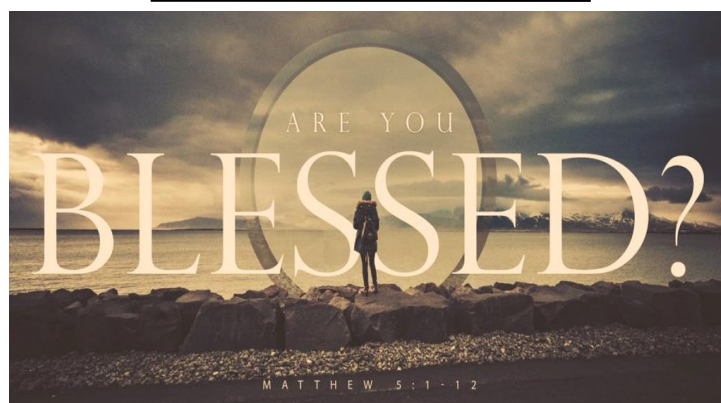
Family Reflection

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favourite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus.

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS COURSE

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

or wanting to explore your Catholic faith further?

Our Evangelium course starts on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Sessions will be held in the Cloister. from 7pm – 8.30pm. The programme consists of 12 sessions running until Easter 2023, plus further vital dates during Lent.

Evangelium is for adults who have not been Baptised and for Christians of other denominations who want to be Received into the Catholic Church.

Please email the Parish Office for more details and to register:

[kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

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. Everyone is welcome along!

Refreshments will be provided.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23

There will be a parent meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm.

The Inscription Mass is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the 10.30am Mass. All children MUST attend the Mass.



### CONFIRMATION 2022/23

Registration for our next Confirmation programme is now closed. An email update will be sent in a few weeks' time.



### MARRIAGES IN 2023

2023 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.

Lord, this is the people that longs  
to see your face.

Psalm 24



## DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY

### Secretary for St George's Cathedral

St George's Cathedral is looking for a part-time secretary to join the team supporting the busy Cathedral parish.

This post will be offered initially on a 12-month fixed term contract. Reporting to the Cathedral Manager, the role is to provide comprehensive support to the parish in all administrative matters and will cover secretarial, financial and office management work. Previous secretarial experience is essential – along with good knowledge of bookkeeping/financial work.

The successful candidate will be fully conversant with current office software such as Outlook, Word and Excel and be generally comfortable with IT and office equipment. They will have excellent communication skills and a good understanding of the workings of a Roman Catholic Parish. Hours of work are 20 per week, ideally worked over 5 days but we may be able to offer some flexibility in this.

Starting salary £13 to £15 per hour, depending on experience. If you would like to apply for this position, please email your CV to [hr@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hr@rcaos.org.uk) by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

**World Youth Day, Lisbon (31st July to 7th August 2023).** The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of pilgrims (aged 18-35) to the World Youth Day in Lisbon. Further info can be found at [www.lisboa2023.org/en](http://www.lisboa2023.org/en)

Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3\* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)



Archdiocese of Southwark

# World Youth Day

31st July to 7th August 2023



£1,295

(aged 18-35)

Book now!

#### Package includes:

- Direct, return flights to Lisbon
- 7 nights (B&B) in central 3\* accommodation in **shared** room.
- World Youth Day Registration Fee which includes meal vouchers for WYD venues.
- Transfer to/from Lisbon airport to hotel
- UK Airport taxes & Gov't charges (& Lisbon City hotel tax)
- Check-in luggage + hand carry
- ATOL Protection Contribution
- Preparation sessions prior to travel

#### Registration:

- Book at <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark> by 30th November 2022 with initial deposit of £325.

#### Further information:

- Contact [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk) with any questions

