

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 31ST JULY 2022

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, CYCLE C

Saturday 30th

9.30am Charles Laing RIP

6.30pm Kevin Bradley RIP

Sunday 31st 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Baby Katrina Eileen Quigley RIP

10.30am Keith & Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Family Thanksgiving

Monday 1st St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop, Memorial

9.30am June Fitton RIP

Tuesday 2nd

9.30am Joselito Polo, Rodolfo Arrimas Junior,
 Helen Demavivas & Miguel Polo
 Senior RIP

Wednesday 3rd

9.30am Family Intentions for Peace & Health

Thursday 4th St John Mary Vianney, Priest, Memorial

9.30am Marios Olymbios RIP

Friday 5th

9.30am Pamela Caspersz RIP

Saturday 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast

9.30am June Fitton RIP

6.30pm Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras 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.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

For all those on holiday over the coming weeks we hope that you have a refreshing and relaxing time. To all of you who will be travelling on holiday we pray that you have a safe and comfortable journey, a happy and harmonious break and a safe return. For those visiting families, may it be moments to cherish and for those going on pilgrimage over the summer period, please keep the parish in your prayers. If you are holidaying in England or Wales, you can find the mass times local to you by going online [HERE](#). Please remember that many parishes in rural areas rely on visitor's offerings during the summer to keep their churches open through the year.

May God be with you all over this period. Pray for God's protection and safety for all families wherever they may be. God Bless you all.

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave on the dates below during the summer break, therefore the parish office will be closed on these days. Our Parish Priests 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.

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*Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:*

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August*

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August*

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August*

*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August*

*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
 (Parish Office fully reopens Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022)*

**COMBONI MISSION APPEAL**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022 we were joined by Fr. Louis Kouevi, MCCJ, who did a mission appeal for the Comboni Missionaries at all masses; a total of £512.45 was raised. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting them.



## 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.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class on: **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 between 2pm and 4pm, at the Presbytery.
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 between 5.45pm and 6.15pm in the Cloister.
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

*We beg all governments not to remain deaf to this cry of humanity. That they do all that is in their power to save peace. They will thus spare the world from the horrors of a war whose terrifying consequences no one can predict. ~ Pope Saint John XXIII,*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C**  
**Sunday, July 31, 2022**

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:13-21*

*A person's life does not consist of possessions.*

**Gospel Reflection**

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

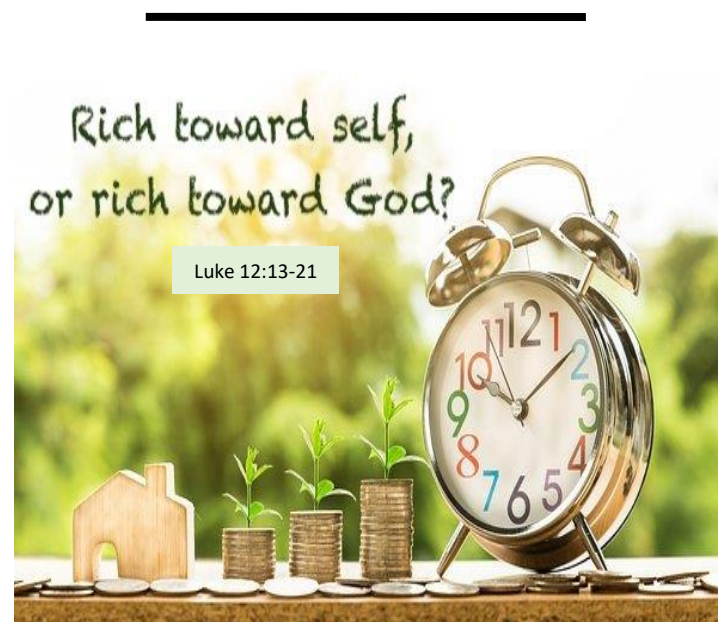
**Family Reflection**

Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the Confiteor. End this time together by praying the Confiteor ("I confess to almighty God...").

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



## DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES



### Gift Aid & Supporter Care Apprenticeship

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising and Gift Aid team in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard whilst working within a hardworking and passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent, please find out more by visiting:

<https://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship>

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Departmental Administrator

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis are seeking a competent, creative and well-organised individual to support the work of the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (AEC). The person appointed to this post will be expected to have regard to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the mission of the Archdiocese, and not do anything in any way detrimental or prejudicial to its interests or to the Catholic Church.

Based in Bowen House, London SE1, the Departmental Administrator will report to the Director of the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and will support the department in the delivery of Some Definite Service which is the diocesan-wide approach for parish growth in Evangelisation, Catechesis, and Formation through local people, plans, and prayer.

The job is offered initially on a 12-month fixed term contract and will be for 3 days per week. Some evening and weekend working will be required. Salary £14,400-£15,600 per annum, depending on skills and experience. Closing date is 5 August 2022. For more information, please visit:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy>

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

Jane Black, Maurice O'Sullivan, Margaret Markey, James Owens, Frederick George Higgins, Christina Stilwell, Ted Hegarty, Joseph Goldsmith, Muriel Connellan, John Smyth, Delia Galligan, Gertrude Farrell, Freda Ross. ++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.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We have a couple of devout parishioners who are currently seeking accommodation to rent nearby, within the parish area:

- ① A young woman is looking for one bedroom, preferably with a private bathroom/shower.
- ② A Kingston University female student is looking for a room to rent, preferably within a family home setting, and would be happy to assist with errands and babysitting if needed.

Please get in touch with the parish secretary on 020 8546 4633 as soon as possible if you can help and to discuss further.