

The parish office should be your first port of call for all 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 24TH MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (B)

Saturday 23rd

6.30pm Private Intentions

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9am Holy Souls

10.30am Michael McCarthy RIP

6.30pm Keith Fraser RIP

Monday 25th Monday of Holy Week

9.30am Caroline Hopkins RIP

Tuesday 26th Tuesday of Holy Week

9.30am **Whole School Mass**

Dorothy & Jessica Shiddell RIP

Wednesday 27th Wednesday of Holy Week

9.30am No Morning Mass

11.30am *Chrism Mass – St George's Cathedral*

7pm Exposition and Adoration

Thursday 28th Maundy Thursday

9.30am No Morning Mass

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 29th The Passion of The Lord

9.30am No Morning Mass

12pm Childrens' Celebration

3pm Solemn Liturgy

Saturday 30th Holy Saturday

9.30am No Morning Mass

8pm Easter Vigil

Catechumen of the Parish

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.

Mass Times: Monday to Friday: 09:30
Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

Confessions: Saturday 10-10.30am or at call.

Baptisms: Sundays 12pm, By previous arrangement.

Marriages: Six months' notice required, Diocesan rule



PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: 17/03/2024

1 st Collection	Gift Aid	£87.00	Loose	£447.56
Retiring	Gift Aid	£31.00	Loose	£93.98

TOTAL £659.54

Last weekend there was a collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese, the parish collected £124.98. Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish.

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO DONATE TO YOUR PARISH

MAKE A DONATION ONLINE:

Donate to St Agatha's Church online via Bank Transfer using the following details:

Account Name: RCAS Kingston

Account number: 10317821

Sort code: 60-60-02

(NB. The details may come up as RCAOS or Southwark – these are also correct)

VIA OUR QR CODE:

The QR code above will take you to our parish's 'Give A Little' web donation page.



GIFT AID ENVELOPES

We have been advised that the delivery for the new weekly envelopes has been delayed and may not be delivered before the current ones run out! Please use any envelopes you have remaining, just amend the date. We will keep you informed as we know more. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. If you are not part of the Parish Gift Aid scheme and would like to join, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME – CLOCKS GO FORWARD

Please remember that the clocks go forward one hour in the early hours of 31st March; Masses on that Sunday will therefore be one hour earlier than they would otherwise





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For a complete guide of our services over the Triduum, please pick up a copy of our Lent and Easter Programme, available in the church porch. It is also available on the Parish website at: [www.stagathaschurch.org.uk](http://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk)

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EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

DURING LENT AND LENTEN RECONCILIATION:

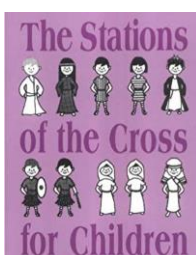
The church will be open on Wednesday 27th March, from 7pm – 8pm for Exposition and Adoration. This is a beautiful opportunity for Quiet Prayer and Adoration. Please come for as long you can, be it 5 or 10 minutes or the whole hour, everyone is welcome. Reconciliation will also be available during this hour.

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GOOD FRIDAY

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATIONS

All children are welcome to join us at 12pm on Good Friday as we observe this day with a child-friendly service. During this hands-on service, children of all ages will walk together through the Stations of the Cross, learning as they go, which will be read and acted by our young people. We will need children from year 5 and above for readings, but all children will be able to take part as we will need actors for a variety of roles. Please sign up in the church entrance, or email: kingston@kingston.org.uk. No rehearsals but please come to the church at 11.30 to collect readings and have a quick practice. Everyone is welcome to come along!



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EASTER READING - 'MY DAY BY DAY'

Copies of the Lent and Easter editions of 'My Day by Day', for adults and juniors, are available in the Church porch – 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.

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EASTER, CONFIRMATION &

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS

A small selection of Easter, Confirmation and First holy Communion cards are available to purchase in the Cloister after all Masses or alternatively contact the parish office during opening hours. Cards are just £1 each! Please leave money in box available. Thank you.



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EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter offering envelopes are available at the back of the church for those who wish to use them for an Easter Offering for our Clergy. If you normally Gift Aid your weekly offerings, would you please print your name/number clearly on the Easter Offering Envelope. Please leave the envelopes in the box in the porch. Thank you.

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PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave for Easter Week and will return on Monday 8th April 2024, the parish office will close at 5pm on Thursday 28th March. Please ensure all Mass Requests for this period, Baptism Applications and any other enquiries are submitted before 12pm on Thursday, otherwise they will not be attended to until the office reopens.

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

REFLECTION

We begin the 'Holy Week' during which we see Jesus reach the climax of his mission, each unfolding event highlighting the deepest meaning of his life, words and teaching. We are fickle human beings, often in search of entertainment. We are designed by ages of evolution to look toward the future rather than the past. This week we celebrate the most ancient and fundamental mysteries of faith. Palm Sunday is our conscious effort to root ourselves in our past, the very foundation of our faith, the paschal mystery. During this week Jesus' experience of the passion will speak of our human condition: our life with all its sorrow, pain, work, worry, anxiety, or their absence. Without this effort to reach our touchstone we would likely be fleeting from one moment to the next, seeking to fulfil various desires and cravings. Being in touch with the paschal mystery reminds us that this life has meaning beyond the here and now. We have a future that is eternal. The love, relationships, and bonds we create in this life will endure. The passion and death of Jesus necessarily result in his resurrection, which gives us a promise and foretaste of that eternal life. Rather than seek the next best thing, upon entering this Holy Week, we recall that our faith is rooted in the past, and our destiny is eternal.

God's Word, Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 24th March 2024

RESPONSE: ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle.

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

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 or the Parish Secretary.

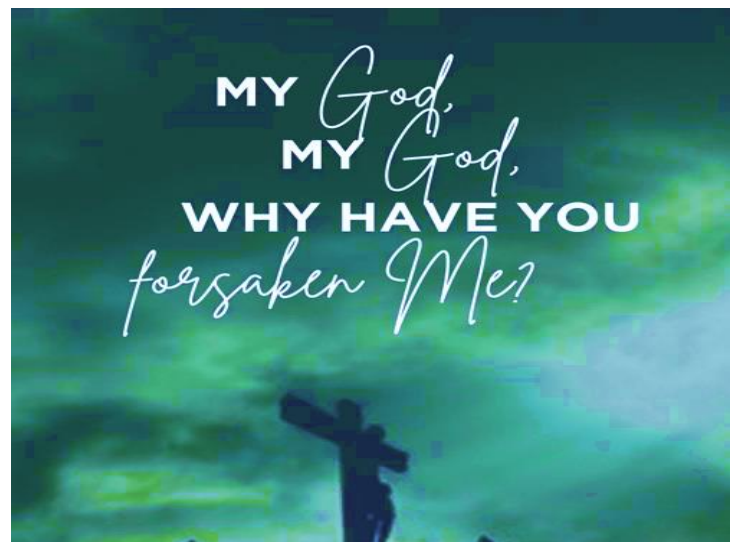
LET US REMEMBER

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 Christ grant eternal rest to all who have died.

ANNIVERSARIES

Elisabeth Thyrsa Quinn, Ethel Myall, Joe Walsh, Joan Heelan, Oscar Verhoven, Walter Frederic Welch, Nora Cutbill, Joan Miles, Reiner Kasolowsky, Kathleen Hatcher, Frederic White, Thomas Walsh, Gary Bellamy, Desmond Duggan, William Irvin Reed, Joseph Cassidy, Theodore Schlatter, Christina Josephine Pilgrim, Sydney George Alexander, Johanna Lombard, Theresa Dilliway, Catherine Henry, Bridget Battersby, Margaret Brigham, Mary Carraig, Leon Lorek, Mafalda Dilieto, Alan White, Johanna Norton, Carlo Marchese, Ruby May Fenton, Giovanni Grassi, James McArdle, Francis Brocking, Henry Wright, Sr. Stanislaus Holohan, Mario Bedoye, Maureen Swinbourne, Mary Lott, John Allen.

+++May They Rest In Peace+++



NEW TO THE PARISH?

A very warm welcome to our Parish; we hope that you are settling down in your new home and will soon feel part of our community. If you are new to the parish, please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy, and please complete a family registration form which can be found in the church porch and is also on the parish website. If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.



MARRIAGES IN 2024/25

2024 or 2025 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 the intended date.



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.

CONFIRMATION 2024

The next candidate session will be on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7.15pm. The following session will be after the Easter break on Monday 15th April 2024.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The next session is this Sunday, 24th March 2024. The children's books will be returned at this session. The following session will be after the Easter break on Sunday 21st April 2024.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please attend our next class being held on Sunday 21st April 2024. The class is held in the church hall from 2-4pm.

Please complete and return a baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.

Our subsequent class will be held in June 2024.

Parents must attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism, and it is recommended that Godparents also attend.



St Agatha's Canasta Club & Scrabble Club

The Canasta and Scrabble clubs will not be meeting during Holy Week or the following week and will restart on Monday 8th April 2024.

DONS Local Action Group

SUPPORTING DONS LOCAL ACTION GROUP

Our collection point remains in the church porch for you to donate any non-perishable items, please do not donate anything that is perishable such as fruit, vegetables, or bread items. Please also check the date on all items to ensure they have a good storage life. Thanking you in anticipation of your continuing support.

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL

'SPEND A PENNY' FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Together with the Parent Staff Association (PSA), St Agatha's Catholic Primary School have recently launched a fundraising campaign to raise funds for a much-needed refurbishment of the children's bathroom facilities.

Any donations towards this project would be greatly appreciated, so if you are 'feeling flush' please visit our Go Fund Me campaign at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-agathas-spend-a-penny-fundraising-campaign>

or alternatively you can just scan the QR code to make a donation!

Thank you in advance for your support!

The St Agatha's School and PSA Team.



"Let us ask the Lord to help us

grow in the virtue of prudence so

that, amid the storms and winds

that buffet our lives, we may

remain anchored in Christ, our

cornerstone."

~ Pope Francis – Lent Reflections