

PLEASE NOTE: The best way to contact us is by email. All enquiries and non-urgent matters, including mass intentions, please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk. In case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only, please call Fr. Anthony on 020 8546 4633.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (B)

Saturday 2nd	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Memorial
9.30am	Wellbeing of Christine Lysaght
	Special Intentions & wellbeing of Margaret Bouhl
6.30pm	John Davis RIP Harout Terzian RIP Sonia Terzian RIP
Sunday 3rd	2nd Sunday after the Nativity
9am	Hannah Ruth Mennis RIP
10.30am	Charles & Ellen Jarvis RIP Frances & Cyril Jarvis RIP
6.30pm	Owen Corcoran RIP Wellbeing and Recovery of Liz (Corcoran).
Monday 4th	
9.30am	Wellbeing & Recovery of Maureen Brough
Tuesday 5th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Mavis Hatchman
Wednesday 6th	The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity
9.30am	John Pereira RIP
7.30pm	Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP
Thursday 7th	
9.30am	Anne Laing RIP
Friday 8th	
9.30am	Michael Heelan RIP
Saturday 9th	
9.30am	Alfred Knight RIP
6.30pm	Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras RIP Rosa Vitolo RIP
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
Mass Times: Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, John Sewter, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Melba De Silva. *Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives want to be mentioned on our sick list.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Westhead, Anna Hanson, John Stevenson, Stanley Bays, Jack Allen, Hannah Mennis, Edgar Duckett, Fredrick Thomas, Dorothy Eley, Vincent Raymond, Olive Bryden, Tony Green, Mary Josephine Edwards, Sarah Kelly, Helena Collins, Michael Frain, Ellen Merritt, Patrick Connolly, John Crehan, Michael Jordan, Teresa Buller, Clara Cunningham, Joan Culme, Daniel Quaid, Maurice Woolger, Azzopardi Twins, Joseph Kiernan, Mary Johnston, Sr. Lucy Proctor, William Finn, Nicholas Power, Constance Neve, Joan Marie Jackson, Mary Ann Jelley, Walter Padberg, Rosa Vitolo. **+++May they rest in Peace+++**

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.

Our Church is open for Public Masses

Kingston is currently in Tier 4: Places of Worship are permitted to remain open and public masses may continue. Our Church remains open for Public Masses and we will continue our normal Mass schedule. However,

More Church Stewards are URGENTLY Needed, PLEASE!!

Our thanks to our current stewards for their ongoing assistance, without their help we would not be able to open for every mass. However, we urgently need more volunteers to join our steward's rota, especially for our Sunday Masses. We currently have approximately 20 stewards to cover 24 slots every week, which means a number of stewards cover 2 or even 3 masses a week and we really do not want to continually burden the same people. As the rota stands at the moment, we are at a high risk of not being able to open for some of our masses. Please get in touch at kingston@rcaos.org.uk as soon as possible if you can help, even if it just once a month. Thank you.

We will continue to live stream our Sunday 10.30am Mass

Live Streaming of the 10.30am Sunday Mass, will continue from our website home page and Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/agatha.kingston.92>

- We ask that you do not enter the church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Social distancing should be maintained at all times, both inside and outside the church building.
- Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times by those over the age of 11, unless they have a medical exemption.
- All surfaces will be cleaned when the church is closed. Please try to avoid touching things in church unnecessarily.
- Please sit in designated seating, and as guided by our church stewards.

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Wednesday 6th January 2021**

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated on Wednesday; there will be two Masses, at **9.30am** and **7.30pm**

LATELY DEAD

† Rev. Fr Michael Gwinnell, Former Parish Priest of St Ann's, Kingston Hill (1992-2001), who died peacefully in the early hours of Sunday, 13th December 2020 at St Teresa's Home (Wimbledon), aged 96 years, and after 68 years of priestly life and ministry.

† Canon Frank O'Sullivan, Former Parish Priest of St Joseph's New Malden died peacefully on 22nd December 2020, aged nearly 100 years.

† Leslie Feast, Former Headmaster of OLI Primary School from 1976 to 1988, who died peacefully in his sleep aged 94 years, at Kingston Hospital on Monday 21st December 2020.

Please remember them in your prayers.

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



THANK YOU!!

A Huge Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes, the many Christmas cards, messages and gifts. You have all been so very generous! Also, a very special thank you to the parishioners who worked so hard to ensure that our Church and gardens were so beautifully cleaned and decorated. To EVERYONE that helped make all our Christmas celebrations so very special: the virtual Christingle service team, the men of the parish who set up the Crib, our amazing team of stewards, our fantastic broadcasting team, and our remarkable Parish Secretary. I thank you and pray that the new year will bring us joy, love, peace, happiness and big hugs! ~ Fr. Tony

Crib Offerings

This year's crib offerings will go to the Catholic Children's Society's Crisis Fund. The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. They work with individuals of all faiths and none; their sole aim is to help those in greatest need. Many families are facing desperate situations due to loss of work and social isolation. Since March, they've helped over 2,300 vulnerable children with funding for food and basic essentials to help them through this challenging time. This has only been possible thanks to the generosity of their supporters. By making a donation you can help them reach out to more families in urgent need.

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, is on annual leave until Monday 11th January 2021, therefore the parish office is closed. Please only call the presbytery in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk



School Application Form Signing

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic School. Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign.

A priest will be available to sign school application forms on: **Tuesday 12th January 2021 between 3pm and 4pm.** No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery.

Please ensure that you complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please also bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates, if not baptised here at St Agatha's. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020.

Please note: The Parish office will be closed from – Monday 28th December 2020 to Friday 8th January 2021.

Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the new year, please register for our next class, which will be held virtually on Sunday 10th January 2021, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. If you have already attended a class earlier this year please email the parish office to advise and arrange a date for your child's baptism.



First Holy Communion 2021

Thank you to all parents/carers for returning the FHC application forms for 2021. Sadly, due to the current government restrictions the parents meeting and inscription Mass were not permitted to go ahead. Another email update will be sent shortly.



St Agatha's Confirmation 2021

Details for our next year's Confirmation will be available soon. Please check the website and newsletter for updates.

John 1:1-18

In the beginning...

WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM
Matthew 2:1-12



"Today, we are in great need of tenderness, we are in great need of a human touch, in the face of so much misery! If the pandemic has forced us to be more distant, Jesus, in the crib, shows us the way of tenderness to be close to each other, to be human. Let us follow this path." ~ Pope Francis