

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 3RD OCTOBER 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial

9.30am Wellbeing of Joseph Reilly

6.30pm Jacob Bulahao RIP
Enrique Marqueses RIP

Sunday 3rd 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

10.30am Patsy Byrne RIP

6.30pm Mario Legazpi RIP

Monday 4th St Francis of Assisi, Memorial

9.30am James & Kathleen Boyle RIP
Arthur Lawrence RIP

Tuesday 5th

9.30am Joselito Polo & Miguel Polo Senior RIP

Wednesday 6th

9.30am Wellbeing of Mavis Hatchman
Wellbeing of Rev Fr Anthony Oleh

Thursday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial

9.30am Wellbeing of Eileen Caverly

Friday 8th

9.30am Philip Siggins, Sr Margaret Green (nee Siggins) & Peter Green RIP

Saturday 9th St John Henry Newman, Feast

9.30am Jacob Bulahao RIP
Enrique Marqueses RIP

6.30pm Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. You can donate on the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelopes available in the church porch. Please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

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 secondary school application forms on **Thursday 7th October 2011 between 2-4pm. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the following important dates and upcoming sessions.

Please remember that there are two groups this year completing their FHC, so please make sure you take note of the relevant dates for your child's group.



Group 1

- ❖ Sunday 3rd October 2021: Inscription Mass at 2pm.
- ❖ Sunday 3rd October 2021: Session 1 at 2.45pm straight after Inscription Mass
- ❖ Sunday 17th October 2021: Session 2 at 2.45pm.

Group 2

- ❖ Sunday 3rd October 2021: Session 1 at 4.30pm.
- ❖ Sunday 17th October 2021: Inscription Mass at 4.30pm.
- ❖ Sunday 17th October 2021: Session 2 at 5.15pm straight after Inscription Mass.



MUSIC AND SINGING AT MASSES

We are looking forward to having music and singing back during our masses soon! We are therefore appealing for musicians and singers; if you can play the piano, organ or any other instrument, or you would be happy to be part of a singing group and would like to play or sing at one of the Masses, please contact the parish secretary with your details. Please note that congregational singing is permitted but is subject to the wearing of face masks, whereas small singing groups are excluded from this rule and would therefore be seated away from the main congregation. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION 2021/22

Apologies, the programme and schedule details are not yet available. Full details will be provided via email as soon as we know more.



PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week at 10 am after Mass. Please stay after Mass for 10/15 mins to pray with fellow parishioners.



THE ROSARY



We will pray the Rosary in the church every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on Sunday 31st October 2021, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 23rd January 2022.



Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism. Please note there is currently a 2/3 month waiting list for baptisms, whilst we catch up with those that were cancelled this past year, so the earlier you contact the parish office the better!

MARRIAGES IN 2022

2022 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.

UPCOMING COURSES FROM THE AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS:

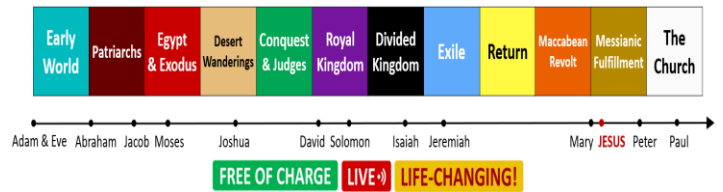
Evangelium Online

The Evangelium Online Course from the AEC is a full refresher and overview of the Catholic faith led by Fr Marcus Holden (co-author of Evangelium). Each session is 'live' with opportunities for discussion and questions. There are optional follow-up activities and further reading links provided and a certificate of completion is given by the Agency. To register for this FREE course, beginning 26th September please visit:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/evangeliumonlinecourse21-22>

Bible Timeline Course with Mauro Iannicelli

The Bible Timeline Course



Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Archbishop's Certificate

Do you wish to learn more about the Faith that you profess each week at Mass, and share it confidently with those you love? If so, please consider registering for the new Archbishop's Certificate today. More information on this two-year blended learning course (which starts on 9th October 2021) can be found on the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis website:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is an internationally recognised course which looks to provide teachers and others with the tools to effectively understand the Catholic Faith. If you would like to participate in this eight-module course (either as a full student or simply attending the course without completing the assignments) please find out more or register via: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs>

"Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own." ~ Pope Francis

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, October 3, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12)

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Gospel Reflection

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus enquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Family Reflection

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God's grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Read today's Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honour, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honour our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God's promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace to us that we may honour our commitments to one another. Pray together Saint Ignatius of Loyola's prayer, the Suscipe.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press





UN Climate Talks - COP 26

Britain will be hosting the above UN sponsored conference in Glasgow, Scotland, this November. Following the disappointment of the G7 Meeting in Cornwall earlier in the year, CAFOD and other concerned parties, are urging the UK Government to put the poorest communities at the heart of the decisions taken. This would see both global poverty and climate change being addressed. We are reminded, that as citizens of the host nation we have a vital role to play. CAFOD hope that we are able to support their on-line petition to the Prime Minister to show global leadership to tackle poverty, inequality and climate change. If you are so minded, please find details of the petition at: www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim

Cafod Responding To Multiple Emergencies Across The World

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. They are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, they are working to ensure the safety of their local partners and their communities. CAFOD are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news> Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable CAFOD to continue to support communities in these difficult times.

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on Saturday 9th October 2021 at Our Lady and St Peter, SW19, starting at 9.30am. A Day with Mary is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic Church or shrine. It emphasizes Worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Theological Instructions, Hymns and periods of rest with refreshments. For more details see the poster on the church notice board.



+++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Hawkins who died recently. Her funeral will take place at Kingston Crematorium on Tuesday 12th October 2021. Our condolences to her family.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, 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 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

Kathleen McCabe, Ethel Skinner, Simon Morrow, Norah Halloran, Timothy Hales, Catherine McCall, Jim McKay, James Coughlan, Pierre Detrulle, George Prosser, Luise Segat, Michael Murphy, Harry Williams, Frank Keefe, Sister Mary Francis Pentony, Samuel Medhurst, Walter Thomas Gifford, Elizabeth Noble, Ann Holmes, John Healey, Margaret Dalton, William Duckett, Santina Peluso, Teresa McKeown, Evely Drake, Patsy Byrne, Mary Eliza Gosford, Peter Quinn, Nancy Davis, Thomas Joseph Crowley, Ann Higginson, Jack Chilton, Bertha Argent.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

LIFTS TO MASS

If you think you might occasionally be able to offer someone a lift to any of the Masses, that you normally attend, please could you kindly contact Karin in the Parish office to discuss further; we have a couple of people that would like to return to Mass but do not have transport. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Please, 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 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.

