

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](mailto: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. In case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry *only*, please call Fr. Anthony or Fr. Eugene on 020 8546 4633.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St Thomas, Apostle, Feast</b>
9.30am	Private Intentions for Birthday
6.30pm	Luigi & Teresa Pozella RIP
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9am	Joseph Ryan RIP Josef Krupa RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing of Rev Fr Ray Brennan Wellbeing of Sameer Polus Wellbeing of Marlena & Manuele
6.30pm	Maria McCarthy RIP
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Private Thanksgiving Intentions Thanksgiving Intentions for Healing
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	David Rattray RIP
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser Wellbeing of Rev Fr Ray Brennan Wellbeing of Viana Lopez
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Marcella Family RIP
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Joseph Ryan RIP Josef Krupa RIP Luciano Cofani RIP
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Louis Briffa RIP
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
<b>Mass Times:</b> 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.	

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/22**



Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion are now available from the church porch. **Forms must be completed and returned in person** – more instructions on the application form.

**CONFIRMATION 2021 & 2022**

Registration forms for our next Confirmation programme are now available from the church porch or the parish office.

Forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**.

Please note that the programme and schedule details are not yet available and will be provided via email once we know how many candidates will be taking part, however, we can confirm the programme will begin in September 2021.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS**

For those who wish to have their child baptised later in the year, please register for our next class on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism.



**Marriages in 2021/2022**

2021 or 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.





### Pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

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### Summertime 2021: Altar Servers' Summer Break 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

This annual activity for altar servers, aged 10-15, of the Southwark diocese, takes place at the Oratory school, Reading, in August. A well organised, fun, educational and prayerful week. Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Thorpe Park visit and Swimming. Cost £165 covers: All board and lodging, Thorpe Park, Swimming. Summertime will open with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. For more details pick up a leaflet from the church porch or please contact: Fr. Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen. Tel: 01322 220075 or Email: [dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dartford@rcaos.org.uk)

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### Altar Servers' Rally 2021

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Monsignor Canon John O'Toole, Episcopal Vicar of Kent, will be the principal celebrant. During the Mass new servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. Those already enrolled may renew their promises. The rally gives servers a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service. This year, we especially pray for Southwark's faithful servers who have made their journey home, to be with St Stephen.

If you or your children are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Frs. Anthony or Eugene.

Leaflets are available in the church porch. Please do let us know if you are anticipating attending.

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### Annual Cathedral Marriage Mass

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year or last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 9th October at St George's Cathedral. For more details, please email [emailflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:emailflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

### Parish Buildings Committee

**Calling all our Builders, Architects, Surveyors, Engineers!!**

The Parish Buildings Committee deals with the "nuts and bolts" of the parish buildings. We are keen for parishioners who are knowledgeable in areas of construction, surveying, building trades, maintenance, heating and cooling, etc to join our Buildings Committee.



The primary work of the committee will be to ensure the maintenance of the parish buildings and structure whilst operating within a budget and making sure that we comply with the latest Health and Safety regulations. The Buildings Committee will also be involved in reviewing bids and contracts for the various services in the maintenance of, and improvements to, St Agatha's facilities. The committee will serve as a body of experts who will advise the Parish Priest and collaborate with the Finance Committee to identify funding. Could you spare just a few hours a year to join the team? Please speak with Fr Anthony to discuss and for further details.

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### Volunteer Chaplains at Kingston Hospital

Are you able to give some time on a Sunday or mid-week to help spread the love of Jesus? There are patients in hospital who are often lonely and to whom receiving Holy Communion would make a huge impact to their life. As a volunteer chaplain at Kingston Hospital, you can really make a difference and each exchange with each patient is rewarding and special. If you are interested, please email the Parish Office or speak with Fr's Anthony or Eugene.



Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B  
Sunday, July 4, 2021

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 6:1-6 Jesus is rejected in his hometown*

**Gospel Reflection**

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words brother and sister were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

**Family Reflection**

Our family plays an important role in shaping us and forming our self-identity. In family life, we find a safe place to discover who we are and who God calls us to be. But sometimes the influences from outside our family can make us unrecognizable to those who know us best. These outside influences can lead us away from God, or they can lead us toward a deeper relationship with God. In today's Gospel, we see that the people of Nazareth could not recognize Jesus as the Son of God. They could know him only as the son of Mary. We hope that through our family life we will be encouraged to filter the many influences on our lives through the lens of faith so that we will become the person that God calls us to be.

As you gather as a family, talk about the people and events that are influencing members of your family. Acknowledge that many of these people and events are positive influences, helping us be better people and leading us to a deeper relationship with God. Also acknowledge, however, that there are negative influences in our lives that risk pulling us away from God. Observe that Jesus was a person who allowed his relationship with God to be the most important thing in his life. This led many people to have faith in him as the Son of God. However, not everyone could recognize this about Jesus. Read today's Gospel, Mark 6:1-6. Ask: Who does not recognize Jesus as God's Son in this Gospel? (Some of his kinfolk in Nazareth) Observe that because of the people's lack of faith, Jesus could not perform many miracles in Nazareth. Conclude by praying together that our families will continue to help us follow God in our lives. Pray together the Prayer for Vocations.

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## SEA SUNDAY: THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. This year Sea Sunday is on Sunday 11th July 2021. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, who provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports.

We will have a collection (via envelopes) in support of the Apostleship of the Sea; envelopes are available in the church porch, which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation. Please pop them into the offering's boxes.

You can also donate online via:

[www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate).

To listen to Bishop Paul Mason's Sea Sunday message, go to [www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday)

### 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.

### Lunchtime Carer Needed

A parishioner is looking for a lunchtime carer for her 80-year-old mother who is frail and has dementia, but is peaceful and slightly forgetful.

She needs someone from 11.30-2 (or 2.30). The person would need to do her leg exercises (basic), feed, chat and pop her on the commode, as needed, and when they leave put her into bed. Equipment for transferring to bed/chair/commode provided. Someone who is happy to pray with her would be advantageous. Please email or call the Parish Secretary if you would like to discuss further.

### Seeking a Mother's Help

Lovely family with two children in North Kingston looking for a Mother's Help. Main responsibilities would include dinner planning, food shopping, cooking dinners, cleaning, washing, general housekeeping, errands, light looking after the children alongside parent, sorting PE kits, lending a hand with school run. DBS will be required. Someone who is highly organised to manage the weekly schedule. Please contact: [aureliel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:aureliel@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you.

### +++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maura Strong, formerly of Lower Kings Road, Kingston, who died peacefully, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, in Cumbria where she was residing closer to her family. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021. +++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 want 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

Margaret Mary Elliott, Vanda Warne, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Navin, Eliza Judge, Edward Keating, Mary Flaherty, Raymond Solomon, Margaret Purser, Gladys Webley, Henry McFarland, Elizabeth Pask, Richard Duckett, James McDonnell, Vincent Bruce McCall, Jane Readon, Jessica Lilian Morgan, Sidney George Charles White, Frederick Norman, Irene Coll, Ian McIntyre, Hannah Coughlan, Stephen Robin John, Bela Szollosi, Frederic Joseph Wilkie, Daniel O'Dwyer, Margaret Mary Lane, Margaret Hopwood, Mario Cattaneo, Julia Martin, Agnes O'Connor, Patrick MacNamara, Thomas Francis Pryce.

+++May they rest in Peace +++



Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide. For further information and an update from CAFOD please [click here](#).