

PLEASE NOTE: The best way to contact us is by email. All enquiries and non-urgent matters, including mass intentions, please email the Parish Office, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk 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 6TH JUNE 2021

CORPUS CHRISTI (B)

Saturday 5th	St Boniface, Bishop, Memorial
9.30am	Kathleen Dooley Intentions Birthday intentions for Rev Fr Anthony Oleh, MSP
6.30pm	Clotey Fernando RIP Birthday intentions for Rev Fr Anthony Oleh, MSP
Sunday 6th	Corpus Christi
9am	Sean McConvey RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing & Recovery of Valmar Paes
6.30pm	Maria McCarthy RIP
Monday 7th	
9.30am	Marianne Pereira RIP
Tuesday 7th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Wednesday 8th	
9.30am	Maria McCarthy RIP
Thursday 9th	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Friday 10th	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity
9.30am	Sharon Bush RIP
Saturday 11th	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial
9.30am	Sydney George Alexander RIP
6.30pm	Mary Hehir RIP Marie-Anne 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.

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

++ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria McCarthy who died on Wednesday 19th May 2021, aged 76. Our condolences to her family. Her requiem will take place on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 10.30am. Due to the lifting of number restrictions at funerals, all are welcome to attend. Please maintain social distancing at all times, you must not 'mingle' with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times by those over the age of 11, unless they have a medical exemption. Please sit in designated seating, and be guided by our church stewards.

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

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.



Enthronement of Divine Mercy in our Parish

In 1931, our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska in a vision.

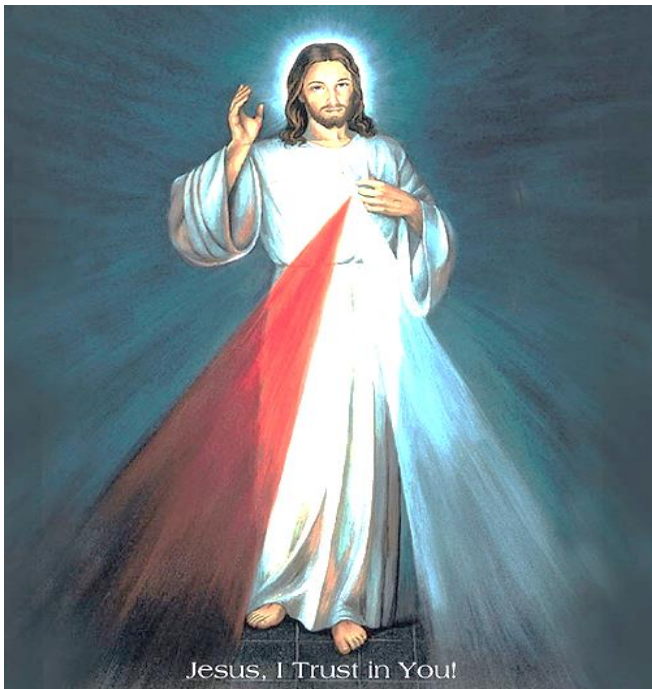
Jesus said to her:

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You". (Diary: 327)

The primary focus of the Divine Mercy devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it.

A **Divine Mercy Retreat**, led by **Marian Fathers**, will take place at St Agatha's Church on **Tuesday 29 June 2021, from 7 – 8.30pm** (Please arrive by 6.45pm).

Please come along and join our Parish Community for this amazing celebration of God's Divine Mercy and the Enthronement of the Image in our church. Leaflets are available in the Church porch with the programme for the evening.



Green Fingered Volunteers Needed!

Green fingered volunteers are needed, big and small, to help with a garden spruce up. Come along after morning Mass on **Saturday 12th June 2021**. Everyone is welcome, teens especially, those aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult please. Please bring your forks, rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows and watering cans and/or anything else that you can think of that would help! Refreshments will be provided. Please add your name to the list in the church porch or email a rsvp to the Parish Secretary kingston@rcaos.org.uk Hope to see you there!!

Parish Office Opening Hours

We are pleased to confirm the Parish office has reopened....

The parish office should be your first port of call for all enquiries, including appointments, and arrangements for 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 parish office will be open as follows:

Mondays: 10am – 3pm

Tuesdays: 10am – 3pm

Wednesdays: Closed

Thursdays: 10am – 3pm

Fridays: 10am – 3pm

Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only. Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Bank Holidays. 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.

Corpus Christi, Cycle B
Sunday, June 6, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

Gospel Reflection

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, the Latin words for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel's history. It celebrates God's deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today's Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead, he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus' own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus' own blood. Mark's Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

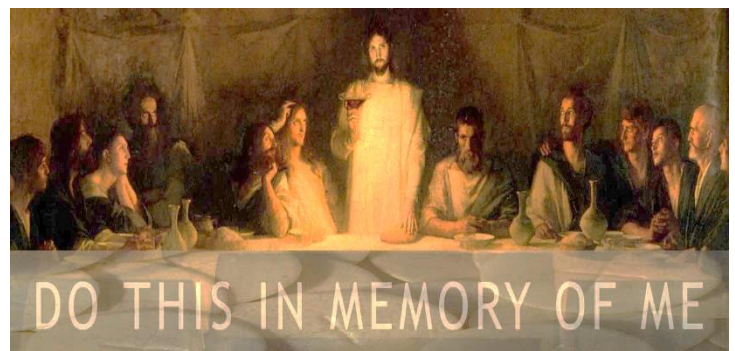
The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

Family Reflection

In the beginning of today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to make preparations for the Passover meal. Like most meals, the Passover meal required planning and preparation. Our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist also requires planning and preparation. Certainly the ministers at the Eucharist prepare for their roles: the person presiding prays and prepares the homily; the prayers of petition are written; the music ministers prayerfully select music and practice it before Mass; Eucharistic ministers, lectors and altar servers prepare carefully for their roles. As the worshiping assembly, we can also prepare for the Mass through our prayer during the week, by reading the Scripture before Mass, and by making ourselves present to the Eucharistic celebration.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things that are required to prepare for your family meals. Plan together a special Sunday meal by choosing the menu, preparing the shopping list, and assigning duties for cooking, setting the table, preparing decorations, leading the prayers, and cleaning. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 14:12-16,22-26. Notice how Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for their Passover meal. All meals require some kind of planning and preparation; so, too, our Sunday Eucharist requires planning. What might we do as a family to better prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist? Choose one or more ideas to begin to implement together as a family. Pray together that God will help your family make your celebration of the Eucharist the highlight of your week. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



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BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS

For those who wish to have their child baptised later in the year, please register for our next class, date to be confirmed, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. If you have already attended a class, please email the parish office to advise and arrange a date for your child's baptism.



HOLY COMMUNION 2021

FHC Catechists will be meeting with Fr Anthony next week to discuss how and when we can recommence the program. We will be providing an update next weekend (12/06) via the newsletter and email.



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.



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.

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

is the Living Heart of each of

our Parishes ~ Pope Paul VI

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.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Francis Lamb, Amy Florence Webb, Thomas Muldoon, Sheila Margaret Atkinson, Leonard Cowdery, Mary Roath, Elenora Alexander, Donald Bird, Stephen Carrig, Kay Williams, Nora Willgoss, Henry Egan, Joseph McDonagh and Mary Brewer, Michael Bourke, Christopher Gray, Patrick Anthony Jarret, Modesta Divito, Sean McConvey, Rowland Stimson, Mary Ellen Lewis, Marisa Davies, Mother Brigid Taylor, John Trelfer, Denis Carpey, James Lamb, Anne Pettifer, Beatrice Heaton-Harris, Norah Chilton, Stella Patterson, John Hall, Patrick Hogan.

++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.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

A big thanks to all those who are managing to support the parish financially through the different means of financial offerings and contributions during these difficult times.

Like many charities, our church is funded entirely by your donations, we are doing our best to save money but, although our heating expenses may have been reduced, we still have to pay contributions to the diocese, salaries and other various expenses.

Without our usual weekly collections during the months of lockdown there has been a significant impact on the parish finances and we would greatly appreciate your donations to enable us to continue without financial concern after the current situation is over.

If you would like to support St Agatha's Church please go to the 'support us' page on the parish website for our gift aid and standing order forms. Alternatively, the church's bank details for making regular standing orders or one-off bank transfers directly are:

Our account details are as follows:

Please pay: National Westminster, Kingston Marketplace

For the credit of: St Agatha's Roman Catholic Church

Bank details: Account number: 10317821

Sort code: 60-60-02

Please ensure you make the reference (that will appear on our Bank Statement) "your name" followed by "offertory".

We thank you for your continued generosity.