

CLERGY

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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 7TH NOVEMBER 2021

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 6th

9.30am	Wellbeing of Betty Creighton Rev Fr Robert Ellis RIP
6.30pm	John Davis RIP Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras RIP

Sunday 7th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am	Rev Fr Robert Ellis RIP Carla Long RIP
10.30am	Rev Fr Robert Ellis RIP William Beresford RIP
6.30pm	Rev Fr Robert Ellis RIP Wellbeing of Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare Professionals working in Kingston Hospital

Monday 8th

9.30am	Andres Francisco RIP
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Tuesday 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast

9.30am	Cristina & Perry Britz 25 th Wedding Anniversary
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Wednesday 10th St Leo the Great, Pope, Memorial

9.30am	Wellbeing of Rev. Fr Ray Brennan
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Thursday 11th St Martin of Tours, Bishop, Memorial

9.30am	Soldiers & Sailors of the Parish, Past & Present Margaret Quigley & Family RIP
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Friday 12th St Josaphat, Bishop, Memorial

9.30am	Wellbeing of Ray Forbes
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Saturday 13th

9.30am	PRIVATE PRAYER – NO MASS
6.30pm	Marco Vincenzo Straccialano 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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON SATURDAY 13TH 2021. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY, BETWEEN 9 – 10AM.



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Rev Fr Robert Ellis**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Rev Fr Robert Ellis, Parish Priest of St Thomas Aquinas, Ham, who died on Friday 29th October 2021 in Kingston Hospital, aged 66 years and in the 39th year of his priesthood.

**+++ May he rest in peace and rise in glory +++
Funeral details to follow**

Annual Blessing Of Graves

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 7th November 2021. There will be a short service in the chapel at Surbiton cemetery at 2.00pm, followed by blessing of graves. Also, a short service in the chapel at Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm followed by blessing of graves. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels.)

**The Columban Fathers Mission Appeal
Sunday 17th November 2021**

Next weekend we will be joined by Fr. John Boles, SSC, who will be doing a mission appeal at all the Sunday Masses for the Columban Fathers. We know that you will make him feel very welcome.

For more information about the Columban Missions, please visit: <https://columbans.co.uk/>

An Audience with Bishop Paul Hendricks

On Sunday 14th November 2021, Bishop Paul will be visiting the Parish and will speak with our congregation regarding the recent questions and concerns that have been raised. Please join us at 11.30am in the church; everyone is welcome!



PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

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SYNOD 2021 2023



The Synod, launched by Pope Francis, is an unprecedented opportunity for every parishioner to submit their positive and constructive views on three issues. Answers will be totally anonymous, they will be collated and submitted to the Diocese, from where they will

be passed on to Rome. This is your opportunity to express your views; we would urge you to take it!

As you leave, please pick up a questionnaire, if you haven't already. You can either complete this and post it in a box at the back of the church or, even better, visit the parish website Synod page at:



<https://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk/synod-2021-2023>

and click the link to the survey to complete it online, or scan the QR Code to open it on your mobile.

You will have until 19th November 2021 to complete the questionnaire. Please don't lose your chance.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking forward to restarting Children's Liturgy! Please join us on Sunday 21st November at the 10.30am Mass when we will also have a children's liturgy session.

Children's Liturgy is usually held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the Old Sacristy or Cloister where the Liturgy takes place. They return to join the full congregation at the offertory. Any work they have done is brought up during the offertory as their gift to God and the Community.

Children's Liturgy is run by the parents/adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day. We are URGENTLY looking for more people to help as either a session leader or helper to be able to return to our usual children's liturgy schedule from January 2022. Please contact the parish office for further information.



Pre-Christmas 'Spruce Up' SAVE THE DATE!

This year our dedicated Pre-Christmas 'Spruce Up' morning will be on Saturday 11th December, after morning Mass. There are a variety of tasks that need to be taken care of and we hope that both male and female parishioners will be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help us. A sign-up sheet will soon be available in the church porch for volunteers to sign up or please call or email the parish office. (Even if you can only spare an hour or two, Fathers would really appreciate!) Tea, coffee and soup and all the cleaning products will be provided.

COLD!! ALTHOUGH THE CHURCH HEATING IS ON, WE DO HAVE TO KEEP OPEN THE WINDOWS AND DOORS TO ALLOW AS MUCH VENTILATION AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP YOU SAFE - SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US AND FIND THOSE WINTER JUMPERS AND COATS SO THAT YOU CAN KEEP YOURSELF WARM WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

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 21st November 2021: Session 3 at 2.45pm. Parents are also required to attend this session.

Group 2

- ❖ Sunday 21st November 2021: Session 3 at 4.30pm. Parents are also required to attend this session.

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 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 23rd January 2022, 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. Please note there is currently a 2-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.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, November 7, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44 (shorter form, Mark 12:41-44)

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

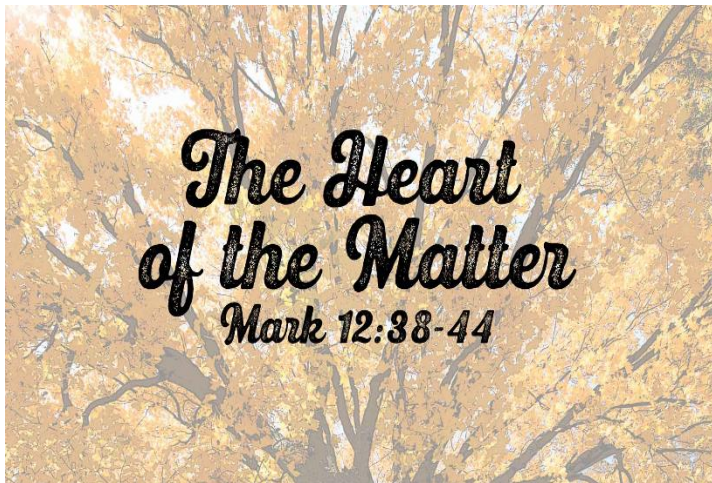
Gospel Reflection

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.



Family Reflection

Today's Gospel leads us to think about our family's financial contributions to our parish community, the diocese, other Church-sponsored organisations, and other charitable organisations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes, however, decisions about a family's charitable giving are made without our children's knowledge. Yet we teach more when we invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our Church and to other charitable organisations.

As you gather as a family, talk about your family's financial contributions to your parish and to other Church activities. If your family supports other charitable organisations, you might talk about these as well. Talk together about why it is important for us to share our resources with these organisations. Read today's Gospel, Mark 12:41-44. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow. Talk also about ways in which your family might also make a sacrificial gift to support your parish or other charitable organisation. (Perhaps your family might choose not to go out to dinner but to contribute the money to your parish). Invite all family members to participate in the decision about what action you will take and which organisation you will support with your contribution. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help your family be generous like the poor widow in today's Gospel. Pray together the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

GOD ATTENDS
TO YOUR NEED,
NOT YOUR
POWER AND
STRENGTH

UPHOLDS THE OPPRESSED
GIVES FOOD TO THE HUNGRY
SETS PRISONERS FREE
GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND
LIFTS UP THOSE WHO ARE BOWED DOWN
LOVES THE RIGHTEOUS
WATCHES OVER THE ALIEN
SUSTAINS THE FATHERLESS & WIDOW

PSALM 146: 7-9



UN Climate Talks - COP 26

Please pray for the success of the ongoing UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November 2021. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see: www.cafod.org.uk/COP26
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

Register for CAFOD COP26 webinars:

www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-update

Join us live from Glasgow on 9th November 2021 to hear from Neil Thorns, CAFOD's Head of Advocacy, Communication and Education, and a Vatican representative on the progress made at COP26. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and listen to the latest discussions at the global united Nations summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it.

www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-Round-up

What did COP26 achieve? Wednesday 17th November, 7-8pm. Join us to hear Neil Thorns, our Head of Advocacy, and Robin Mace-Snaith, our Policy Analyst for Climate and Energy, discuss the outcomes of COP26 and the impact on the world's most marginalised communities. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and listen to the latest discussions at the global united Nations summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it.

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please, if you have a particular date or time on which you want a Mass said, it is a very busy time for requests and sometimes Masses can be booked several weeks in advance, so if you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you let the parish office know 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.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation inside the envelope. Please hand it to Father or place it in the basket at the altar throughout the month of November. +++Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. +++

ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF KINGSTON DEANERY

A Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of Kingston Deanery will be held on Friday 26th November 2021, 7pm at St. Joseph's Church, New Malden. Mass will be followed by refreshments.

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

Harriet Alexander, Sydney Rhodes, Enid Waller, Frederick Hubble, Frank McCantie, Frederick Miller, Ivy Wilson, Julia Mary Twomey, Isabella Newton, John Saxby, Bridget Goldsmith, John Forde, Leo Duckett, Fr. Hugh Glen, Lilian Taylor, Patrick Francis Crowley, Gerald Stewart, John Finn, George Caine, Jane Gardner, Thomas Egan, Julia Larkins, William Henry Jones, Catherine Delaney, George Smith, Christina Dunne, Catherine White, Mary Gallagher, Mary Owen, Angelo Piccirillo. +++May They Rest In Peace +++

As you come to know the seriousness of our situation – the war, the racism, the poverty in the world – you come to realize it is not going to be changed just by words or demonstrations. It's a question of living your life in drastically different ways. ~ Servant of God Dorothy Day