

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 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021**

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

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Private Intentions

6.30pm Rita Cleary RIP

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9am Sameer Polus

10.30am Wellbeing of Rose O'Brien

6.30pm People of the Parish

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Feast**

9.30am Sameer Polus & Salwa Matti

Joselito Polo RIP

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr, Feast**

9.30am Sameer Polus & Salwa Matti

Miguel Polo Senior RIP

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> St Clare, Memorial**

9.30am Sameer Polus & Salwa Matti

John Coleman McDonagh RIP

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Sameer Polus & Salwa Matti

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Sameer Polus & Salwa Matti

Wellbeing of Jim & Emma Corcoran

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Memorial**

9.30am Holy Souls

6.30pm Patrick (Pakie) Keane 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 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**

Mary Kathleen Frain, Shelagh Gray, Chris Sargent, James Jennings, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Mary Sweeney, Lilian Thompson, Mary Ellen Young, Jessie Wiseman, Bridget Lynn, Jane Mary Lamb, Nora Teresa Noonan, Ellen Fear, Bill Drinkwater, Frances Eliza Alexander, Kacper Jaskiewicz, Ellen Allen, Martha Ann Marsland, Teresa Mary Smith, Vincent Fucco, Josephine Teresa Ferritto, Francis Duckett. **+++May they rest in Peace+++**

**+++ LATELY DEAD +++**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Viola O'Connor, formerly of Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames, who died on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 10.30am. 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. +++*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/22**

Registration for the next FHC programme is now closed. If you still need to collect the FHC programme books and Mass attendance card, which starts in September, please contact the Parish Secretary ASAP, during office hours.



**CONFIRMATION 2021/22**



Registration for the next Confirmation programme is now closed. An update will be emailed soon.

**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 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.

**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.

**THE ROSARY**

We will pray the Rosary in the church every Wednesday morning, after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.



*'The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.'* ~ Pope Francis

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B  
Sunday, August 8, 2021

**Gospel Reading**

John 6:41-51

*Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.*

**Gospel Reflection**

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

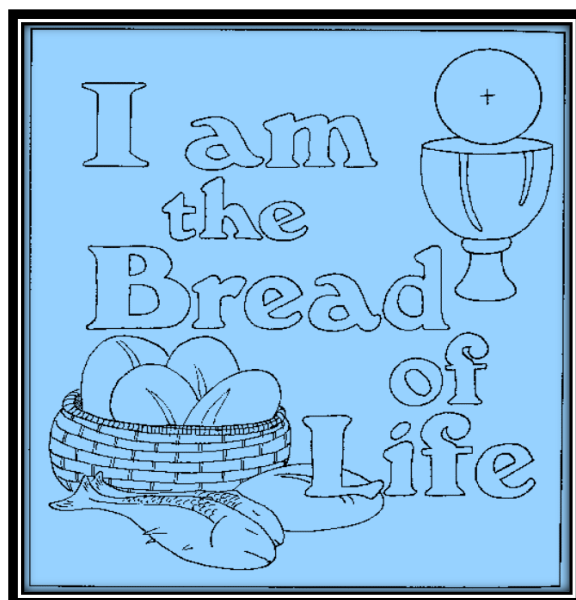


**Family Reflection**

Today’s Gospel focuses our attention on our faith in Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is the bread of life. He gives us his Body and Blood as bread so that we may have eternal life. When we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist, our lives begin to reflect the reality that our communion with Jesus prepares in us. Our Eucharist leads us to live as people of the promise, confident that we will one day share the fullness of life with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about our hope that one day we will share eternal life with God in heaven. This hope can transform the way we live our daily lives, calling us to be people of hope and expectation. In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises us this gift of eternal life in the Eucharist. Read together today’s Gospel, John 6:41-51. Observe that Jesus taught us that those who listen to God know that Jesus has been sent by God for the life of the world. Jesus fulfills this promise to us through his passion, death, and Resurrection. He gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist, which is his Body and Blood, given so that we may have eternal life. Conclude in prayer together asking God to increase our faith in Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist. Pray together the Act of Faith.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



**Summer FUNraiser**

This summer, support CAFOD with your very own Summer FUNraiser! By raising money, you’ll be helping people around the world who are suffering because of the climate crisis, the pandemic and poverty.

Are you a wannabe Olympian, tennis pro or football star? Take on an active challenge for CAFOD this summer in celebration of the return of international sporting events! Run, cycle, swim, play tennis or football, or anything else that you love doing. You can do it on your own or with your family! You’ll be helping people around the world who are suffering because of climate change. More information available at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Summer-FUNraiser>