

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 10TH OCTOBER 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 9th	St John Henry Newman, Feast
9.30am	Jacob Bulahao RIP Enrique Marqueses RIP
6.30pm	Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras RIP Canon Richard Hearn RIP
Sunday 10th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for Prisoners & Families
9am	Viola O'Connor RIP Canon Richard Hearn RIP Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
10.30am	Alan Fraser RIP Canon Richard Hearn RIP
6.30pm	Thomas Garvey RIP Canon Richard Hearn RIP
Monday 11th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Claire Donnelly
Tuesday 12th	
9.30am	Rosa Vitolo RIP
Wednesday 13th	St Edward the Confessor, King, Feast
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser Wellbeing of Josefa Machado
Thursday 14th	
9.30am	Pauline Welham RIP
Friday 15th	St Teresa of Jesus, Memorial
9.30am	Elizabeth de Quidt RIP
Saturday 16th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Elizabeth Galligan
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Mavis Hatchman

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

TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2021. THE CHURCH WILL BE

OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND EXPOSITION ONLY.

CAFOD Family Fast Day / Climate Crisis Appeal

By donating to CAFOD 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 still donate by using a CAFOD envelope available from the church porch or on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Canon Richard Hearn

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Canon Richard Hearn, Dean of St George's Cathedral, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, who died in the early evening of Thursday 7th October 2021, following a brief illness, he was 56 years old.

With a successful and high-flying career in banking ahead of him; rather, he chose the call of the Lord Jesus, entering St John's Seminary in Womersley in 2000, and being ordained to the priesthood in his home parish of St Lawrence at Sidcup in 2006.

His passing is a great loss to all in the Archdiocese of Southwark, where he was much respected and loved. We give thanks for his selfless service as a priest, and in particular, for his dedication to our diocesan and Cathedral communities.

+++ May he rest in peace and rise in glory +++

Funeral details to follow

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 14th October 2021 between 4-6pm. 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.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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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!

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 17th October 2021: Session 2 at 2.45pm.

Group 2

❖ Sunday 17th October 2021: Inscriptio Mass at 4.30pm.

❖ Sunday 17th October 2021: Session 2 at 5.15pm straight after Inscriptio Mass.

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.

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher McMahon who has died suddenly, aged 40. Our prayers and condolences to Rosie McMahon (nee Nunnery) and family.

† 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 them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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

Thomas Joseph Crowley, Ann Higginson, Jack Chilton, Bertha Argent, Daniel McDonnell, Sister Monica Meaney, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Annabelle Montague-Smith, James Coughlan, Mary McGilvray, Robert John Wiseman, Mary Elliott, George Henry Summersby, Andrew Leo Cremin, Pauline Welham, Timothy O'Brien, Clement Flynn, Umilta Ahwai, Kathleen McNulty, Leo Barrett, Mary Kennedy, Sybil Edna Isaac, Marguerite Mary Lucas, Elizabeth Mawer, Michael Jones, Kathleen Power, Rose Fry, Ethel Scully, Mary Darnell, Nestor Garcia, Marion Mitchell, Leslie Abernethy, Joan Groser, Anne Flagg, Agnes Mary A'Hern, Irene Hanysek, Mary Alice Charlesworth, Emily Jones, Marie Maxwell-Arnot, Mary Moore, Elizabeth (Betty) Pryce.

+++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!

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th October and Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th October, as Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave. Fr Francis will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ~ James 2:5

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, October 10, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-30 (shorter form Mark 10:17-27)
A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Gospel Reflection

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and enquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word possessions as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that

nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

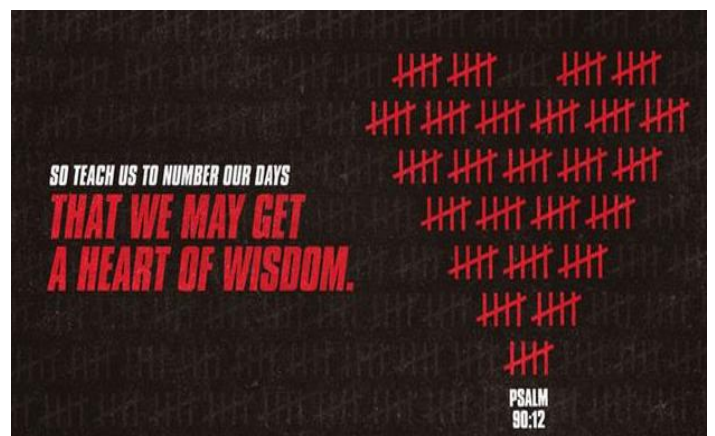
Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

Family Reflection

Today's Gospel might make us uncomfortable about our possessions. This discomfort offers us an opportunity to consider our possessions and our family's commitment to the poor. Material possessions are a necessity in our culture. Our use of these possessions and our attitude about their importance is our choice, however. It is a choice we can make with the awareness that our faith in Jesus commits us to show our care for the poor.

As you gather as a family, consider together these questions: Would it be possible to inventory our possessions? Are there things in our house that we no longer need or use? What might we do with these things? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:17-30. Talk about the warning about material possessions that Jesus gives in this Gospel. How does this make you feel? Choose an action that helps your family show its commitment to the poor. Conclude by praying together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

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. Also, Saturday 16th October 2021 at Westminster Cathedral.

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 or visit: <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

UPCOMING COURSES FROM THE AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS:

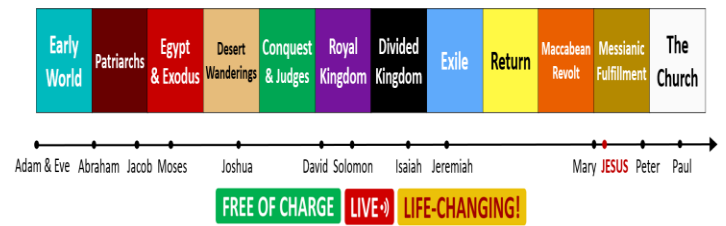
Evangelium Online

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. Wednesdays, 7pm-8:40pm. Info and 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>

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.