

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 11TH APRIL 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Saturday 10th Easter Saturday	
9.30am	David Akehurst RIP
6.30pm	Alan Fraser RIP
Sunday 11th Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	
9am	Adelfo Zayas & Pat Zayas RIP
10.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Thanksgiving to God for Emily Galligan
Monday 12th	
9.30am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
Tuesday 13th	
9.30am	Thanksgiving to God for Boneca & Gavin
Wednesday 14th	
9.30am	Jane Beresford RIP John Pereira RIP
Thursday 15th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 16th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Michael Perella
Saturday 17th	
9.30am	Teresa Carloni RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
Mass Times: Saturday: 09:30, 18:30 Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, 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

Marie Philomena Sinteff, Denis Kennedy, John Nash, Mabel Friend, Frederick Evenden, Theresa Mary McKay, Mary Browne, Samuel Moorhouse, Anne Hall, Catherine West, Sister Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Inge Quarta, Clara Hawkins, May Lott, Caroline Milburn, Arthur Burgess, Jane Beresford, Charles Harold Jarvis, Joyce McDonagh, Peter Horsfield, Caroline Louisa Currie, Catherine Barkell, Harold Ward, Michael Mullen, George Steele, Monique Ricquer, Mary Doyle, Eleanor Dean, Arthur Helliwell. +++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.

THANK YOU!!

A Huge Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes, the many Easter cards, messages and gifts. You have all been so very generous!

Also, a very special thank you to everyone who helped prepare the Church for Easter and helped make all our Holy Week services and Easter Triduum so very special – our church cleaners, our flower arrangers, our readers, sacristans, and our altar servers for their contributions and to everyone who took part in the ceremonies, we thank you.

Huge thanks to our amazing team of stewards, our fantastic broadcasting team, and our wonderful Parish Secretary.

There are dozens and dozens of people involved in making everything run smoothly at St. Agatha's during these celebratory periods; we thank you one and all.

~ Fr. Tony, Fr. Eugene & Dcn Bob

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HELP PLEASE!!!

We urgently need volunteers to act as stewards to welcome, meet and greet, and help people keep safe during mass. Without more volunteers we cannot continue our full Mass schedule. We appeal today to all of you to consider helping us. If you can help, please send an email to the parish office or John DeQuidt.

A big thank you to all our continuing volunteers—you are doing a great job and without you we could not open our beautiful church.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which start on 11th April, are ready for collection from the church porch. If you normally use weekly envelopes but have recently signed a standing order form and no longer need the envelopes, please email the Parish Office. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the coming months, please register for our next class, which will be held virtually **this Sunday, 11th April 2021 at 2pm**, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office by 12pm on Sunday. We will then provide you with the details to join the class.

Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before arranging a date for a baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class.



Holy Communion 2021



All usual arrangements for First Holy Communion had to be suspended in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions put in place.

FHC will recommence when we are permitted by the Archdiocese to hold classes in the church again.

Please keep an eye on the newsletters for news of when we hope to resume.

Marriages in 2021/22

2021/22 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.



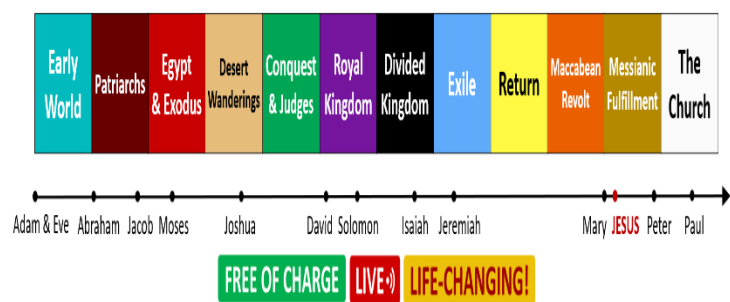
Mass Intentions

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.

It is a 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 in advance and as soon as possible.** 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.

If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details.

The Bible Timeline Course



THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, world-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7th April 2021** at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions).

Further information and Registration at:

www.comeandsee.org

Second Sunday of Easter, Cycle B (Sunday of Divine Mercy) Sunday, April 11, 2021

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31 Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Gospel Reflection

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Family Reflection

Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

