

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 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Louis Briffa RIP
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sea Sunday</b>	
9am	Maura Strong RIP
10.30am	Delfmina & Ormando Di Bernardini RIP
6.30pm	David Rattray RIP
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Alfred Knight RIP
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Mary Swanbrick RIP
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Jerimiah O'Brien RIP Michael O'Brien RIP
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> St Bonaventure, Bishop, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	Holy Souls
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Memorial</b>	
9.30am	Rauf Awan RIP
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.30am	Tony Moffat RIP Silvie Stone RIP
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Tony Bronie
<b>Morning Prayer:</b> Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM	
<b>Mass Times:</b> 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.	

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/22**

Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion are available from the parish office.

**Forms must be completed and returned in person at one of the following sessions:**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July after Family Mass (in the Cloister).

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July between 2.30pm and 3.30pm (at the Presbytery)



**SEA SUNDAY**

Today is Sea Sunday when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers have been among the heroes of the pandemic, ensuring that food, medicine and other vital equipment continued to be delivered to us.

Stella Maris, previously Apostleship of the Sea, is the largest ship-visiting network in the world, and the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church, providing practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Life at sea can be difficult. Seafarers and fishers can suffer from loneliness, depression, spiritual deprivation, and even exploitation. Stella Maris' 250 chaplains and 750 volunteers visit hundreds of thousands of seafarers and fishers every year. They listen and chat, they arrange Mass onboard ships, they offer practical help in a crisis and bring free Wi-Fi onboard so seafarers can call home. Often, these simplest practical kindnesses make the greatest difference.

We will have a collection (via envelopes) in support of Stella Maris; envelopes are available in the church porch, which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation. Please pop them into the offering's boxes.

You can also donate online via:

[www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate). or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

To listen to Bishop Paul Mason's Sea Sunday message, go to [www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday)



**CONFIRMATION 2021 & 2022**

Registration forms for our next Confirmation programme are available from the church porch or the parish office. Forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than this coming **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

Please note that the programme and schedule details are not yet available and will be provided via email once we know how many candidates will be taking part, however, we can confirm the programme will begin in September 2021.



## Missionary Society of St Paul Appeal Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Next weekend we will have a Mission appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP) at all Masses. Your prayers, material and financial support are most needed for:

- The training of 120 MSP seminarians studying to become priests, it takes an average of £1,100.00 to support each student in the seminary for one year and this is becoming an increasingly difficult task for the society.

- To help sustain some challenging missions like Malawi, Chad, South Sudan and agriculture and water projects. MSP priests serve in more than 20 countries; Fr. Anthony and Fr. Eugene are among the MSPs currently serving in the UK.

The Missionaries of St Paul are committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and the wonderful works of the Father in the Holy Spirit, but they cannot do this alone, they need your help.

We will have a collection (via envelopes); envelopes are available in the church porch, which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation. Please pop them into the offering's boxes.

For further information about the Missionary Society of St Paul, please visit: <https://www.mspfathers.co.uk/>

### 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 2021/2022

2021 or 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.



### Summertime 2021: Altar Servers' Summer Break 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

This annual activity for altar servers, aged 10-15, of the Southwark diocese, takes place at the Oratory school, Reading, in August. A well organised, fun, educational and prayerful week. Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Thorpe Park visit and Swimming. Cost £165 covers: All board and lodging, Thorpe Park, Swimming. Summertime will open with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. For more details pick up a leaflet from the church porch or please contact: Fr. Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen. Tel: 01322 220075 or Email: [dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dartford@rcaos.org.uk)

### Altar Servers' Rally 2021 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Monsignor Canon John O'Toole, Episcopal Vicar of Kent, will be the principal celebrant. During the Mass new servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. Those already enrolled may renew their promises. The rally gives servers a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service. This year, we especially pray for Southwark's faithful servers who have made their journey home, to be with St Stephen.



If you or your children are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Frs. Anthony or Eugene. Leaflets are available in the church porch. Please do let us know if you are anticipating attending.

### Annual Cathedral Marriage Mass Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year or last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 9th October at St George's Cathedral. For more details, please email [emailmflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:emailmflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

If our church is not marked by caring for the poor, the oppressed, the hungry, we are guilty of heresy.  
~ Saint Ignatius of Loyola

**Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B**

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 6:7-13 Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.*

**Gospel Reflection**

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavour. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

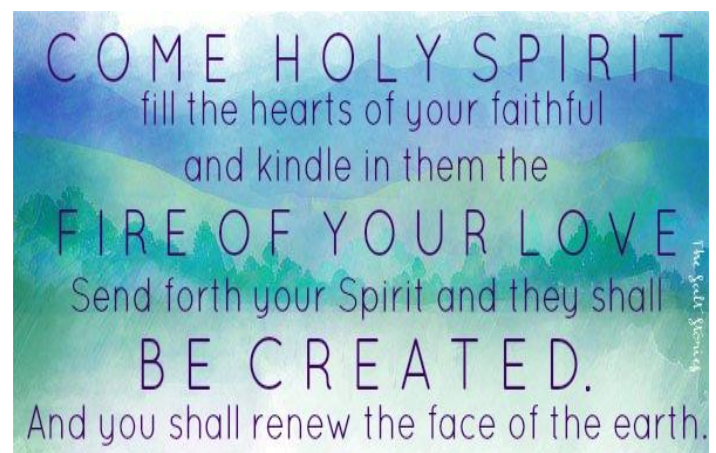
Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

**Family Reflection**

Families who work together to accomplish routine household tasks know that the benefits are more than efficiency. In sharing daily tasks, we accomplish more, but we also build relationships that last—and it's a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name. Perhaps the job was accomplished more effectively this way, but more importantly, Jesus' mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 6:7-13. Ask: Why do you think Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs? Observe that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship—our family and the community of the Church. Conclude in prayer together that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press





### Synod Online Session

Across the world preparations are taking place for the synod. To help the Catholic community CAFOD are offering online sessions, open to all, with experts sharing what the synod and synodality is, why it is important. Everyone is welcome to join live or by watching on catch up. The first session, on **Tuesday 27 July at 7pm**, will feature a conversation with Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for The Tablet, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod. [Click here to book onto the session.](#) Or visit: <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Synod>

### Unite Against Unjust Debt

Many Catholics have been meeting with their MPs in response to Pope Francis' call for a better kind of politics. Dialogue has focused on debt cancellation for the world's poorest countries, action to tackle the climate crisis and vaccine equity. You can still sign the petition here: [petition to the Prime Minister](#). Thank you if you have already supported this.

**A message from CAFOD:** Thank you for supporting CAFOD over this very difficult year, we are very grateful and wanted to share some of the work you have made possible. Do follow the link to find some of the stories of [communities transformed by water projects](#), including a video of [Binga from Zimbabwe](#) who is delighted with a new water source. Thank you for helping to make these good things possible. [cafod.org.uk/News/International-news/Water-stories](http://cafod.org.uk/News/International-news/Water-stories)

### 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.

### +++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Connor who died on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's Church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 11am. Our condolences to his Family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maura Strong, formerly of Lower Kings Road, Kingston, who died peacefully, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, in Cumbria where she was residing closer to her family. Her Requiem Mass will take place here at St Agatha's Church on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

+++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 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

Mario Cattaneo, Julia Martin, Agnes O'Connor, Patrick MacNamara, Thomas Francis Pryce, Jane Agnes Dillon, Elisabeth Coveney, Rose Pereira, David Rattray, Rosanna Healy, Louisa Crosbie, Sarah Birch, Kathleen Godfrey, George Staunton, James Reed, Ann Deuvall, Horace Cave, Sean & Joan O'Connor, Georgina Perez, Margaret Johnson, Eve Pearce, Anne Brown, Antonio Tomassi, Harriet Johnson, David Crew, Frances Trout, Annie Evenden, Patricia Green, Peter Henry Bowden. +++**May they rest in Peace** +++

### Lunchtime Carer Needed

A parishioner is looking for a lunchtime carer for her 80-year-old mother who is frail and has dementia, but is peaceful and slightly forgetful.

She needs someone from 11.30-2 (or 2.30). The person would need to do her leg exercises (basic), feed, chat and pop her on the commode, as needed, and when they leave put her into bed. Equipment for transferring to bed/chair/commode provided. Someone who is happy to pray with her would be advantageous. Please email or call the Parish Secretary if you would like to discuss further.