

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. 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 13TH JUNE 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| Saturday 12th | Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial |
| 9.30am | Sydney George Alexander RIP |
| | Paddy Enright RIP |
| 6.30pm | Mary Hehir RIP Marie-Anne Xiberras RIP |
| Sunday 13th | 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9am | Intentions for Rev Fr. P.J. McGinnity |
| 10.30am | Clyde D'Souza RIP Mrs Stella Paterson RIP |
| 6.30pm | Thanksgivings for unexpected Blessings – Mr & Mrs Ayaton |
| Monday 14th | |
| 9.30am | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday 15th | |
| 9.30am | Private Intentions |
| Wednesday 16th | |
| 9.30am | Maria McCarthy RIP |
| Thursday 17th | |
| 9.30am | Desmond & Kitty Shier RIP |
| Friday 18th | |
| 9.30am | Salwa Matti |
| Saturday 19th | |
| 9.30am | For those who died in WW2 in Singapore Internment Camps; remembering Dr MacMillan |
| 6.30pm | John Davis RIP Gerry Quigley 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. | |

HOLY COMMUNION 2020/21

Thank for your patience whilst we awaited an update from the Diocese with guidelines for continuing with our FHC programme. A brief email update will be sent out this weekend to all parents who applied for their child in 2020. If you do not receive this email, please contact the parish office to check we have your correct contact details.

Please note that we are unable to accept any more applications for this group, and you will need to apply to next years group, details below.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/22

Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion will be available from Sunday 20th June 2021. **Forms must be completed and returned in person** – more instructions on the application form.

CONFIRMATION 2021 & 2022

Confirmation Catechists will be meeting with Frs. Anthony and Eugene next week to discuss how and when we will commence the confirmation program. We hope to be able to provide an update in the next few weeks via the newsletter and website, please check back for details.



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 27th June 2021 at 2pm**, (to be held virtually) 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. Our subsequent class will be held in **September 2021**. If you have already attended a class, please email the parish office to arrange a date for your child's baptism.



Enthronement of Divine Mercy in our Parish

In 1931, our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska in a vision.

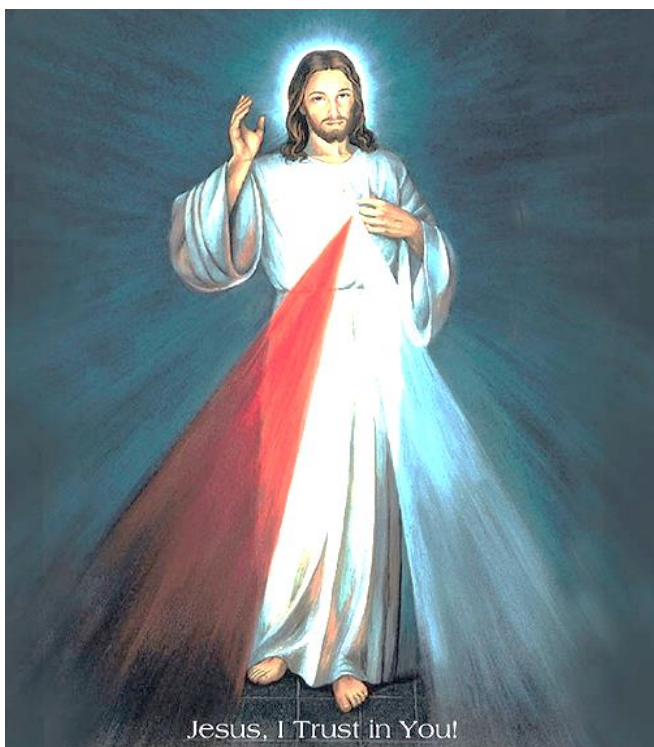
Jesus said to her:

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You". (Diary: 327)

The primary focus of the Divine Mercy devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it.

A **Divine Mercy Retreat**, led by **Marian Fathers**, will take place at St Agatha's Church on **Tuesday 29 June 2021, from 7 – 8.30pm** (Please arrive by 6.45pm).

Please come along and join our Parish Community for this amazing celebration of God's Divine Mercy and the Enthronement of the Image in our church. Leaflets are available in the Church porch with the programme for the evening.



PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Calling all our Builders, Architects, Surveyors, Engineers!!

The Parish Buildings Committee deals with the "nuts and bolts" of the parish buildings. We are keen for parishioners who are knowledgeable in areas of construction, surveying, building trades, maintenance, heating and cooling, etc to join our Buildings Committee.



The primary work of the committee will be to ensure the maintenance of the parish buildings and structure whilst operating within a budget and making sure that we comply with the latest Health and Safety regulations. The Buildings Committee will also be involved in reviewing bids and contracts for the various services in the maintenance of, and improvements to, St Agatha's facilities. The committee will serve as a body of experts who will advise the Parish Priest and collaborate with the Finance Committee to identify funding.

Could you spare just a few hours a year to join the team? Please speak with Fr Anthony to discuss and for further details.

Altar Servers' Rally 2021

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Saturday 18th 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.

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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, June 13, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26–34

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

Gospel Reflection

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only ninety twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

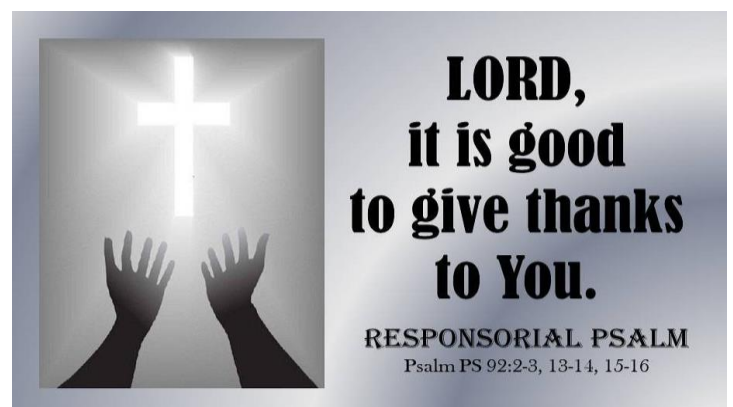
These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

Family Reflection

Church documents call the Christian family the "domestic church." This is both a compliment and a call to commitment. Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. This Sunday's Gospel Reading, Mark 4:26–34, consists of two parables that Jesus used to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it's these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God's kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

Read aloud together the Gospel of Mark 4:26–34. Consider how your family's concerns reflect the Church's concerns for those members who are poor, forgotten, hungry, ill, shunned, or lonely. Together think of a specific action that you can do to assist a person in your extended family, neighbourhood, or parish. Now pray together the Lord's Prayer, pausing briefly to consider the import of the words "thy kingdom come." Each evening this week as you gather for supper, share with one another the simple acts of love you witnessed within the family that day.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS AT KINGSTON HOSPITAL

Are you able to give some time on a Sunday or mid-week to help spread the love of Jesus? There are patients in hospital who are often lonely and to whom receiving Holy Communion would make a huge impact to their life. As a volunteer chaplain at Kingston Hospital, you can really make a difference and each exchange with each patient is rewarding and special. If you are interested, please email the Parish Office or speak with Fr's Anthony or Eugene.



Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

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.

Seeking a Mother's Help

Lovely family with two children in North Kingston looking for a Mother's Help. Main responsibilities would include dinner planning, food shopping, cooking dinners, cleaning, washing, general housekeeping, errands, light looking after the children alongside parent, sorting PE kits, lending a hand with school run. DBS will be required. Someone who is highly organised to manage the weekly schedule. Please contact: aureliel@hotmail.co.uk.

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

John Hall, Patrick Hogan, Louise Wild-Smith, James Fitzgerald, Bridget Massie, Eileen O'Connor, Robert Stimson, Sylvia Lewis, Ernest Hopkins, Mary O'Flynn, Mary Keefe, Alexander Cameron, Kevin Heighton, Lilly Brain, Anne Cullen, Ethel Mary Duckett, Norah Wiseman, Vincent Rogan, William 'Billy' Kilkenny, Gregory Serna, Rose Patricia Smith, Larry Drinkwater, Bridget (Bridie) Flynn, Keith Finn, Anthony Borg, Kathleen Peacock, Laurence Mussi, Bernard O'Neill, Nora Smyth, Kathleen Margaret Humphreys, Thomas Sheehan, James Anderson, Mary Bridget Clarke, Sarah McLynn.

+++*May they rest in Peace*+++

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

A big thanks to all those who are managing to support the parish financially through the different means of financial offerings and contributions during these difficult times.

Like many charities, our church is funded entirely by your donations, we are doing our best to save money but, although our heating expenses may have been reduced, we still have to pay contributions to the diocese, salaries and other various expenses.

Without our usual weekly collections during the months of lockdown there has been a significant impact on the parish finances and we would greatly appreciate your donations to enable us to continue without financial concern after the current situation is over.

If you would like to support St Agatha's Church please go to the 'support us' page on the parish website for our gift aid and standing order forms. Alternatively, the church's bank details for making regular standing orders or one-off bank transfers directly are:

Our account details are as follows:

Please pay: National Westminster, Kingston Marketplace

For the credit of: St Agatha's Roman Catholic Church

Bank details: Account number: 10317821

Sort code: 60-60-02

Please ensure you make the reference (that will appear on our Bank Statement) "your name" followed by "offertory".

We thank you for your continued generosity.