

CLERGY

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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 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 13th

9.30am PRIVATE PRAYER – NO MASS

6.30pm Marco Vincenzo Straccialano RIP

**Sunday 14th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday**

9am Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP

10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Wellbeing of Henri Petitjean
Wellbeing of Philip Cockle

Monday 15th

9.30am Birthday Thanksgiving

Tuesday 16th

9.30am Carl Booth RIP

Wednesday 17th

9.30am Ossie Pereira Birthday Thanksgiving

Thursday 18th

9.30am Connie Dunne RIP

Friday 19th

9.30am Private Intentions

Saturday 20th

9.30am John & Rose Pereira RIP

6.30pm Elena Ferraris 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.

100 Years of Remembrance



**Remembrance Sunday 2021
14th November 2021**

On Remembrance Sunday, people will unite across cultures and backgrounds to remember the sacrifice and service of the Armed Forces from Britain and the Commonwealth.

2021 marks 100 years since the nation's collective Remembrance traditions were first bought together; The poppy, two-minute silence, Armistice Day, the service for the Unknown Warrior, and the march-past at the Cenotaph are traditions that millions participate in every year.



**The Columban Fathers Mission Appeal
Sunday 17th November 2021**

This weekend we will be joined by Fr. John Boles, SSC, who will be doing a mission appeal at all the Sunday Masses for the Columban Missionaries. We know that you will make him feel very welcome.

For more information about the Columban Missions, please visit: <https://columbans.co.uk/>

An Audience with Bishop Paul Hendricks

This Sunday, 14th November 2021, Bishop Paul will be visiting the Parish and will speak with our congregation regarding the recent questions and concerns that have been raised. Please join us at 11.30am in the church; everyone is welcome!

COLD!! ALTHOUGH THE CHURCH HEATING IS ON, WE DO HAVE TO KEEP OPEN THE WINDOWS AND DOORS TO ALLOW AS MUCH VENTILATION AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP YOU SAFE – SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US AND FIND THOSE WINTER JUMPERS AND COATS SO THAT YOU CAN KEEP YOURSELF WARM WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

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SYNOD 2021 2023

The Synod, launched by Pope Francis, is an unprecedented opportunity for every parishioner to submit their positive and constructive views on three issues. Answers will be totally anonymous, they will be collated and submitted to the Diocese, from where they will be passed on to Rome. This is your opportunity to express your views; we would urge you to take it!

As you leave, please pick up a questionnaire, if you haven't already. You can either complete this and post it in a box at the back of the church or, even better, visit the parish website Synod page at: <https://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk/synod-2021-2023> and click the link to the survey to complete it online, or scan the QR Code to open it on your mobile.

You will have until 19th November 2021 to complete the questionnaire. Please don't lose your chance.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking forward to restarting Children's Liturgy! Please join us next Sunday, 21st November at the 10.30am Mass when we will also have a children's liturgy session.

Children's Liturgy is usually held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the Old Sacristy or Cloister where the Liturgy takes place. They return to join the full congregation at the offertory. Any work they have done is brought up during the offertory as their gift to God and the Community.

Children's Liturgy is run by the parents/adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day. We are URGENTLY looking for more people to help as either a session leader or helper to be able to return to our usual children's liturgy schedule from January 2022. Please contact the parish office for further information.



Pre-Christmas 'Spruce Up' SAVE THE DATE!

This year our dedicated Pre-Christmas 'Spruce Up' morning will be on Saturday 11th December, after morning Mass. There are a variety of tasks that need to be taken care of and we hope that both male and female parishioners will be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help us. A sign-up sheet will soon be available in the church porch for volunteers to sign up or please call or email the parish office. (Even if you can only spare an hour or two, Fathers would really appreciate it!) Tea, coffee and soup and all the cleaning products will be provided.

FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way!

Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube.

Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

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 21st November 2021: Session 3 at 2.45pm.
Parents are also required to attend this session.

Group 2

❖ Sunday 21st November 2021: Session 3 at 4.30pm.
Parents are also required to attend this session.

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 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 23rd January 2022, 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. Please note there is currently a 2-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.

AN INVITATION TO 'BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE'

A morning session online in which married couples can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. Online course. Saturday 8th January, 2022. 9am till 1pm. £10 per couple (suggested donation). This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better. That applies whether you have been married five years or 50.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Contact: - Mrs Carole Batty - Tel: 07983524727 Email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, November 14, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-32 Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

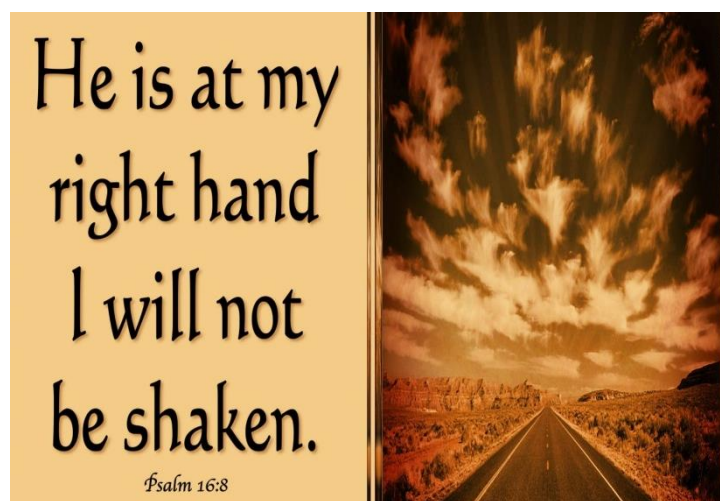
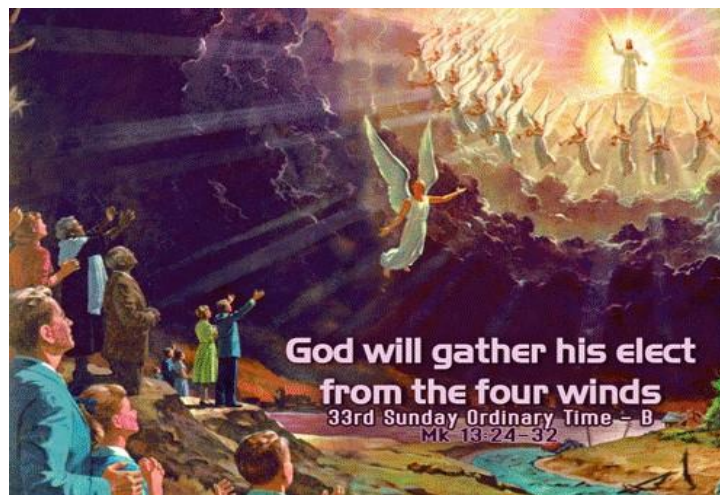
Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Family Reflection

Many things in our lives and in our world are subject to change. Yet all of us find security in relationships and values that endure. Foremost among these are our family relationships. We can confidently accept change if we know that we will continue to be loved by our family and by God. We help impart this sense of trust and confidence in our children with our daily assurances to them that nothing can change our love for them.

As you gather as a family, look through several family photo albums. Observe and talk about things that have changed in your family life over the years. Talk also about the things that have stayed the same. We do not need to fear changes in our family life because we know that the most important aspects of our family life do not change, such as our love for one another. The same is true with God and God's love for us. Read today's Gospel, Mark 13:24-32. Jesus teaches us that things in our world will change and that the world itself will one day end. We don't need to be fearful because God's love for us will never end. Conclude in prayer together thanking God his never-ending love for us. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



*14 November 2021, Remembrance Sunday 2021, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.
War should belong to the tragic past, to history: it should find no place on humanity's agenda
for the future. ~ Pope Saint John Paul II*



UN Climate Talks - COP 26

Please pray for the success of the ongoing UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November 2021. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see: www.cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

Register for CAFOD COP26 webinars:

www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-Round-up

What did COP26 achieve? Wednesday 17th November, 7-8pm. Join us to hear Neil Thorns, our Head of Advocacy, and Robin Mace-Snaith, our Policy Analyst for Climate and Energy, discuss the outcomes of COP26 and the impact on the world's most marginalised communities. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and listen to the latest discussions at the global united Nations summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it.

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

London SW Catholic Social Group

London SW Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults to meet for regular social and networking events in a friendly and relaxed setting with the aim of making new friends, enjoy new experiences or just to socialise.

London SW Catholic Social Group is looking for people to help lead and organise events for 18 to 35s and over 60s. Please let them know if you are interested in participating or organising.

Find them on Facebook – 'London SW Catholic Social Group' or email: londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Please, if you have a particular date or time on which you want a Mass said, it is a very 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 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.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation inside the envelope. Please hand it to Father or place it in the basket at the altar throughout the month of November. +++Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. +++

LATELY DEAD

++ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sameer Polus who died recently. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's.

++ Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Siese who died recently. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 1.30pm.

++ Please also pray for the repose of the soul of James (Jim) Corcoran who died on Monday 8th November 2021, aged 88. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's, further details to follow....

Our thoughts and prayers are with all their families.

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ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF KINGSTON DEANERY

A Requiem Mass for the deceased clergy of Kingston Deanery will be held on Friday 26th November 2021, 7pm at St. Joseph's Church, New Malden. Mass will be followed by refreshments.

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

Christina Dunne, Catherine White, Mary Gallagher, Mary Owen, Angelo Piccirillo, Ellen Sheehy, Joseph Thomas Dudley, Mary McGuinness, Catherine Buck, Aloysius Martin, Johanna Sheehan, Ann Marie Kirby, Suzanne Gilbert, William Curtin, Katherine Cutmore, Patricia Ruddy, William MacBride, Shirley Constable, Silvio Antonio De Bellis, Martha Bridget O'Kane, Dora Dombre, Denis Healy, Charles Little, Imelda Mary Filose, Paul Plantin, Felix Marks, Jean Nicoll, Madeline Plantin, Liam Mulvihill, Noel Heighton, Charles William Squires, Ronald Gordon Stone, James Heppel, Thomas McGarry, Rita Butler.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++