

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 15TH AUGUST 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (B)

Saturday 14th	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
6.30pm	Patrick (Pakie) Keane RIP Roy Kelly RIP
Sunday 15th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
9am	Wellbeing of Rev Fr Ray Brennan
10.30am	Sameer Polus & Salwa Matti
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Philip Cockle & Family Priests & Nurses Caring in the community
Monday 16th	
9.30am	Private Intentions
Tuesday 17th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 18th	
9.30am	Tony Pearce RIP
Thursday 19th	
9.30am	Alison Fahy RIP
Friday 20th	St Bernard, Abbot, Memorial
9.30am	Wellbeing of Colette & Malcolm
Saturday 21st	St Pius X, Pope, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
6.30pm	Mario Vincenzo Straccialano 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.

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

Francis Duckett, Bernard O' Neill, Marmaduke Valentine Smith, Annie Grealish, Bernard Joseph Bull, Cyril Francis Harriott, Mary Agnes Matkin, Bridget Crosby, Harry Walter, Sidney Selleck, Christina & Joshua Gordon, Dorothy Mercer, Alfred Godfrey, Mary Lewendon, William Walsh, Bridie Mapstone, Roger Edward Cubitt, David Brayshaw, Henry McArdle, Tessa Pitts, Thomas Flaherty, Wilfrid William Hayward, Josephine Carroll, Ann Power, Giuseppe Sammarco, Libera Ricci Strafino, Marie Louise Crunelle, William Fry, Marion Sim, Eileen Porter, Bridget Barlow, Bill Marsh, Andrew de Quidt.

+++May they rest in Peace ++

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Viola O'Connor, formerly of Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on Friday 20th August 2021 at 10.30am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Armstrong, who died on Thursday 5th August 2021, aged 90 years., formerly of Aragon Road, Kingston upon Thames. Her funeral will take place at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday 3rd September 2021 at 10.40am.

+++ Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. +++

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/22

Registration for the next FHC programme is now closed. If you still need to collect the FHC programme books and Mass attendance card, which starts in September, please contact the Parish Secretary ASAP, during office hours.



CONFIRMATION 2021/22

Registration for the next Confirmation programme is now closed. An update will be emailed soon.



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 26th 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 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.

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.

THE ROSARY

We will pray the Rosary in the church every Wednesday morning, after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in.



'You cannot be in a position of power and destroy the life of another person.' ~ Pope Francis

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, August 15, 2021

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56 Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

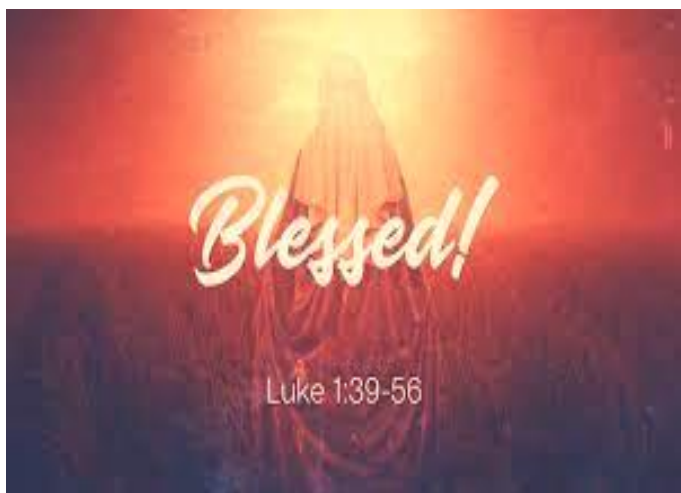
Gospel Reflection

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

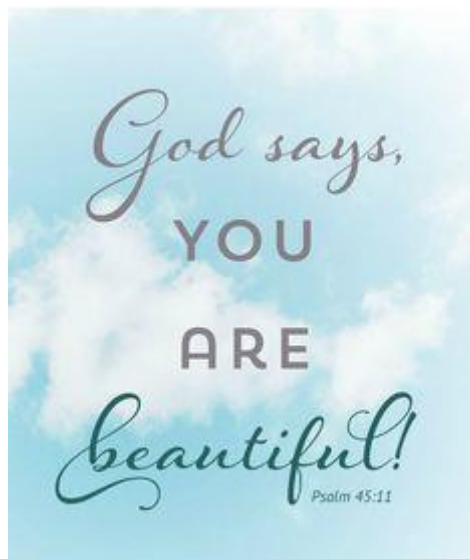


Family Reflection

In today's Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary recognize the work that God is doing through them. With eyes of faith they see the power and salvation of God breaking through into their lives and into the world.

Gather as a family and talk about what you know about Mary and her being a model of faith. Recall that we are celebrating a holy day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we remember that God took Mary to heaven, body and soul. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:39-56. In this reading we hear Mary's song of praise to God, the Magnificat. Invite each person in the family to write or draw one or more ways in which they see God working in your family life and in our world today. Use these prayers of thanksgiving to create your family's song of praise to God. Conclude by praying together this song of praise.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



CAFOD Faith in Action Day

Saturday 11th Sep 2021, 11am – 4pm

Join CAFOD online for a day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home.

The countdown is on! In a few months, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. But as citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play too.

This is the time to come together, build a community and act. Do not miss their Faith in Action Day 2021 on Saturday 11 September, 11am-4pm.

More details at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Faith-in-Action-Day-2021>