

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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2021. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AND EXPOSITION ONLY.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2021

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 16th

9.30am Wellbeing of Elizabeth Galligan

6.30pm Wellbeing of Mavis Hatchman

Sunday 17th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Archbishop Michael Bowen RIP

10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Rev. Fr Anthony Oleh

Monday 18th St Luke, Evangelist, Feast

9.30am Marj Crangle RIP

Tuesday 19th

9.30am PRIVATE PRAYER – NO MASS

Wednesday 20th

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Rev Fr Allan Collins RIP

Thursday 21st

9.30am Joseph & Irene Coll RIP
Alice Coll RIP

Friday 22nd

9.30am Wellbeing of Ray Forbes

Saturday 23rd

9.30am Wellbeing of Mavis Hatchman

6.30pm Monty & Sue Perera
John Davis 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.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th October and Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th October, as Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave. Fr Francis will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk



SYNOD 2021 2023

Pope Francis has asked the whole Catholic Church worldwide to engage in a process of discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This process is called a synod. It involves everyone in the Church - clergy, religious, and lay Catholics, each participating according to the gifts and charisms of their vocation. The word 'synod' comes from two Greek words 'sun' meaning together and 'hodos' meaning way. The English word synod therefore mean making our way tougher, journeying together along the way, united in Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

As everyone journeys together, listening first to the Lord in their heart and then speaking openly and listening with each other, we learn to hear the voice of the Lord speaking to us. Pope Francis describes it like this: 'Synodality is a style, it is a walk together, and it is what the Lord expects from the Church of the third millennium' (Address to the International Theological Commission, 29th November 2019).

The Synodal Process we are undertaking is guided by a fundamental question: How does 'journeying together' take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? And, what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? An invitation is extended to 'all of the baptised' to contribute on three principal themes: Communion, Participation and Mission.

The purpose of the Synod is to help us grow together and so equip us to call more men and women to enter into life with the Lord Jesus. With the Lord as our guide, the Church continues her mission of inviting others to join the Way. In our Archdiocese, Archbishop John is inviting everyone to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis and take part in the initial diocesan listening phase of the Synod.

This coming Sunday, 17th October 2021, Archbishop John Wilson will launch the Synodal Process in Southwark with a livestreamed Mass at St George's Cathedral (10am – link here: <https://youtu.be/aiCHG9JuqaY>).



MUSIC AND SINGING AT MASSES

We are looking forward to having music and singing back during our masses soon! We are therefore appealing for musicians and singers; if you can play the piano, organ or any other instrument, or you would be happy to be part of a singing group and would like to play or sing at one of the Masses, please contact the parish secretary with your details. Please note that congregational singing is permitted but is subject to the wearing of face masks, whereas small singing groups are excluded from this rule and would therefore be seated away from the main congregation. Thank you!

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 17th October 2021: Session 2 at 2.45pm.

Group 2

- ❖ Sunday 17th October 2021: Inscriptio Mass at 4.30pm.
- ❖ Sunday 17th October 2021: Session 2 at 5.15pm straight after Inscriptio Mass.



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 will 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 31st October 2021, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 23rd January 2022. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism. Please note there is currently a 2/3 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.

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher McMahon who has died suddenly, aged 40. Our prayers and condolences to Rosie McMahon (nee Nunnery) and family.

+++ Eternal rest grant to Him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon Him. May He 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 Cackle 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

Agnes Mary A'Hern, Irene Hanysek, Mary Alice Charlesworth, Emily Jones, Marie Maxwell-Arnot, Mary Moore, Elizabeth (Betty) Pryce, Bridget Culbert, Henry Joseph Winn, Joseph Kennedy, Keith Doolan, Christine Lepech-Bayram, Wilfrid Henry, Peter Hayward, Charles McDonald, Alfred Watson, Luigi Vago, Ada Mary, Constance Brassington, Mary Coulter, Donald Holton, Donald McDonald, Francis Bernard Page, Christina Norris, Patrick McDonagh, Horace Jelf, Beatrice Hughes, Bridget Pilgrim, Patric Treacy, Robert Flynn, Ian Wilson, John Walsh, Belinda McDonagh, Ted McMahon, Antonio Marshall, Agnes Rose Young, Mabel Gibbs, Sylvia Morling, Mary Cecilia Pope, James Carmody, Gerald Gaskin, Margaret Moore, Marion Josephine Laidler, Ethel Masters, Castilla Heaton Harris, Alexander Duncan.

+++May They Rest In Peace +++

LIFTS TO MASS

If you think you might occasionally be able to offer someone a lift to any of the Masses, that you normally attend, please could you kindly contact Karin in the Parish office to discuss further; we have a couple of people that would like to return to Mass but do not have transport. Thank you!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 17 October 2021

World Day for the Eradication of Poverty

'It is not from your own possessions that you are bestowing alms on the poor, you are but restoring to them what is theirs by right. For what was given to everyone for the use of all, you have taken for your exclusive use. The earth belongs not to the rich, but to everyone. Thus, far from giving lavishly, you are but paying part of your debt.' ~ Saint Ambrose of Milan

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, October 17, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (shorter form Mark 10:42-45) Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel, we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?



Family Reflection

In the daily routine of family life, power struggles seem unavoidable. Whenever two or more people live together, there will be occasions of disagreement and attempts to exert influence over each other. Today's Gospel can be an invitation to consider how authority is exercised in your household. There is a temptation to exercise our authority in ways that show our power over others. Especially when conflicts emerge, many of us rely upon the power we believe our role gives to us. Jesus teaches us that there is a more persuasive form of leadership. In these daily challenges we have the opportunity to practice and teach the kind of service and leadership Jesus modelled for us in his ministry and in his passion and death.

As you gather as a family, invite family members to participate in a role play in which family roles are reversed. For example, you might assign children the role of parents putting their children to bed with parents acting like the children. Or you may have them role play parents asking for cooperation from children to clean up the family room. When the role play is finished, ask if it was an accurate picture of how this situation usually plays out in your household. Does everyone cooperate when asked? What happens when someone doesn't cooperate? How are the conflicts that emerge resolved? Observe that conflicts based on power struggles in situations such as these seem unavoidable in family life. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches how Christians are to show their authority over others. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:35-45. After reading the Gospel, talk with your family about Jesus' unique message to his disciples about how they are to exercise authority. Talk about ways in which you might apply Jesus' words in your family life. Conclude by praying we may receive honour in God's eyes by learning to serve others in love. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press





UN Climate Talks - COP 26

Britain will be hosting the above UN sponsored conference in Glasgow, Scotland, this November. Following the disappointment of the G7 Meeting in Cornwall earlier in the year, CAFOD and other concerned parties, are urging the UK Government to put the poorest communities at the heart of the decisions taken. This would see both global poverty and climate change being addressed. We are reminded, that as citizens of the host nation we have a vital role to play. CAFOD hope that we are able to support their on-line petition to the Prime Minister to show global leadership to tackle poverty, inequality and climate change. If you are so minded, please find details of the petition at: www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim

Cafod Responding To Multiple Emergencies Across The World

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. They are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, they are working to ensure the safety of their local partners and their communities. CAFOD are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news> Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable CAFOD to continue to support communities in these difficult times. **CAFOD thank you for your continued support.**

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on Saturday 16th October 2021 at Westminster Cathedral.

A Day with Mary is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic Church or shrine. It emphasizes Worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Theological Instructions, Hymns and periods of rest with refreshments.

For more details see the posters on the church notice board or visit: <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

UPCOMING COURSES FROM THE AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS:

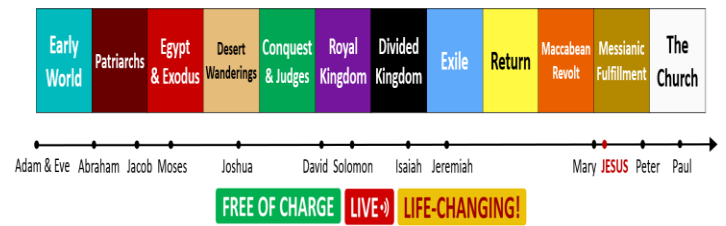
Evangelium Online

The Evangelium Online Course from the AEC is a full refresher and overview of the Catholic faith led by Fr Marcus Holden (co-author of Evangelium). Each session is 'live' with opportunities for discussion and questions. There are optional follow-up activities and further reading links provided and a certificate of completion is given by the Agency. To register for this FREE course, beginning 26th September please visit:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/evangeliumonlinecourse21-22>

Bible Timeline Course with Mauro Iannicelli

The Bible Timeline Course



Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Wednesdays, 7pm-8:40pm. Info and Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Archbishop's Certificate

Do you wish to learn more about the Faith that you profess each week at Mass, and share it confidently with those you love? If so, please consider registering for the new Archbishop's Certificate today. More information on this two-year blended learning course (which starts on 9th October 2021) can be found on the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis website:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is an internationally recognised course which looks to provide teachers and others with the tools to effectively understand the Catholic Faith. If you would like to participate in this eight-module course (either as a full student or simply attending the course without completing the assignments) please find out more or register via:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs>

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.