

PLEASE NOTE: The best way to contact us is by email. All enquiries and non-urgent matters, including mass intentions, please email the Parish Office, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk. 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 18TH APRIL 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

Saturday 17th

9.30am Teresa Carloni RIP

6.30pm HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh RIP

Sunday 18th Third Sunday of Easter

9am Wellbeing of Susanna & Family

10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

6.30pm Thanksgiving to our Lady for Sue NG

Monday 19th

9.30am Wellbeing of Mary D & Family

Tuesday 20th

9.30am Wellbeing of Joan Cowdry

Wednesday 21st St Anselm, Bishop, Memorial

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

Thursday 22nd

9.30am Anne Hall RIP

Friday 23rd St George, Patron of England, Solemnity

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 24th

9.30am Caroline & Bertram Woodhouse-Currie RIP

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, 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.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Doyle, Eleanor Dean, Arthur Helliwell, Cormac Scott Byrne, Alice McMahon, James Mullens, John Browne, Una Matthews, Denise Hawkes, Tess Hegarty, Ken Sykes, Emanuele Giammacco, David Jones, Ellen Moore, Carmello Giamocco, Catherine Cusiack, Mary Squires, Bridget Kieley, Michael Cooke, Linda Hull, Tom Kelleher, Ellen Smith, Hannah McCarthy, Caroline Sidaway, Stella Collins, Kenneth Rose, Daniel Paterson, Edward Arthur Kavanagh, Julia Whelan, Ethel Herbert, Anne Overy.

+++May they rest in Peace+++

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.

THANK YOU!!

A Huge Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes, the many Easter cards, messages and gifts. You have all been so very generous!

Also, a very special thank you to everyone who helped prepare the Church for Easter and helped make all our Holy Week services and Easter Triduum so very special – our church cleaners, our flower arrangers, our readers, sacristans, and our altar servers for their contributions and to everyone who took part in the ceremonies, we thank you.

Huge thanks to our amazing team of stewards, our fantastic broadcasting team, and our wonderful Parish Secretary.

There are dozens and dozens of people involved in making everything run smoothly at St. Agatha's during these celebratory periods; we thank you one and all.

~ Fr. Tony, Fr. Eugene & Dcn Bob

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HELP PLEASE!!!



We still need more volunteers to act as stewards, to welcome, meet and greet, and help people keep safe during mass. We appeal today to all of you to consider helping us. If you can help, please send an email to the parish office or John DeQuidt.

A big thank you to all our continuing volunteers—you are doing a great job and without you we could not open our beautiful church.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which started on 11th April, are ready for collection from the church porch. If you normally use weekly envelopes but have recently signed a standing order form and no longer need the envelopes, please email the Parish Office. Thank you.

Priest Training Fund Collection, Good Shepherd Sunday 2021

Next week is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As members of the Church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. We will have a collection (via envelopes) in support of the Priest Training Fund, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of our vocations team. Please be generous to this appeal; your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the Priesthood for our Diocese.

There are donation envelopes available in the church porch, which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm, by scanning the QR code, or via telephone on 020 7960 2504 (Monday - Friday). Priest Training and Vocations Annual Update and newsletter: [Please Click Here](#) Thank you for your prayers and generosity.



Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle B
Sunday, April 18, 2021

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Gospel Reflection

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Family Reflection

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favourite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together Tantum Ergo or today's psalm, Psalm 4.

Holy Communion 2021

All usual arrangements for First Holy Communion had to be suspended in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions put in place.



FHC will recommence when we are permitted by the Archdiocese to hold classes in the church again.

Please keep an eye on the newsletters for news of when we hope to resume.

Marriages in 2021/22

2021/22 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.



Mass Intentions

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.

It is a 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 in advance and as soon as possible.*** 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.

If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details.

CAFOD – 400,000 Steps.



The response to CAFOD's Lent challenge to 'Walk for Water' has seen more than £800,000 raised. This will be used to help communities like Abdella's who's plight, and that of so many others, suffering the injustice of water poverty, was highlighted in the above campaign. For more information on the work of 'our' relief agency, please go to cafod.org.uk

