

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 20TH JUNE 2021
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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

Sunday 20th 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer for Human Life

9am Intentions for Sameer Polus

10.30am Baptist Pasanna RIP
21st Death Anniversary

6.30pm Mario Vincenzo Straccialano RIP

Monday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Memorial

9.30am Eleanor Margaret Alexander RIP

Tuesday 22nd Ss John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs, Feast

9.30am Maria McCarthy RIP

Wednesday 23rd

9.30am Thanksgiving for 20th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 24th The Nativity of John the Baptist, Solemnity

9.30am Wellbeing of Margaret Uchendu
Intentions for Sameer Polus

Friday 25th

9.30am Thanksgiving for Rev Fr Anthony Oleh, MSP, on his 10th Ordination Anniversary

Saturday 26th

9.30am Salwa Matti

6.30pm Joyce Maguire 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 was sent out to all parents who applied for their child in 2020. If you have not received this email, please contact the parish office to check we have your correct contact details. A further email will be sent this week with the details of the schedule. 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 are available from today, Sunday 20th June 2021. **Forms must be completed and returned in person** – more instructions on the application form.

CONFIRMATION 2021 & 2022

Registration forms for our next Confirmation programme will be available from Sunday 27th June 2021. Forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than Friday 16th July 2021. Please note that the programme and schedule details are not yet available and will be provided via email once we know how many candidates will be taking part, however, we can confirm the programme will begin in September 2021.



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**.



+++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maura Strong, formerly of Lower Kings Road, Kingston, who died peacefully, on Monday 14th June 2021, in Cumbria where she was residing closer to her family. Her Requiem Mass will take place here in August, further details to follow...
+++Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.' +++

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.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, June 20, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41 Jesus calms the storm

Gospel Reflection

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

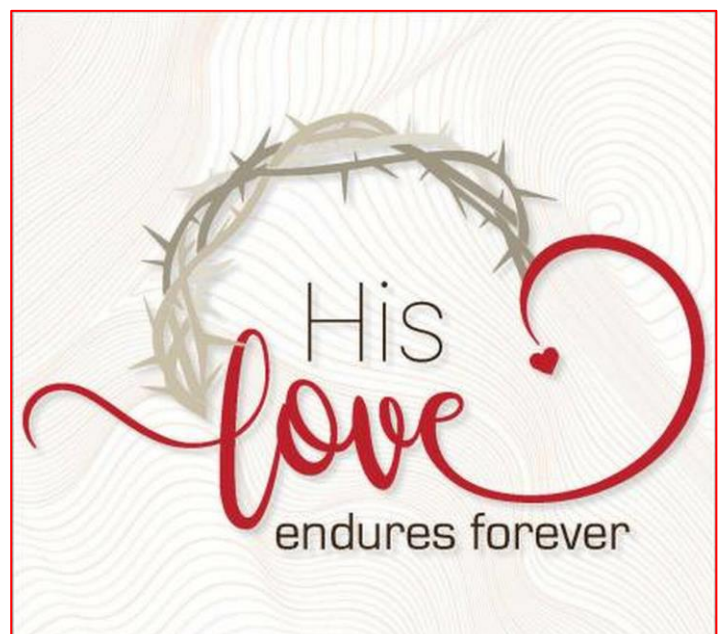
Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

Family Reflection

Worries and concerns are part of human life. Jesus teaches us, however, that we ought not to let worries and concerns consume us. Jesus teaches us that our faith ought to lead us to trust in God's protection and love, no matter how strong the whirlwind going on around us. Like the disciples, we can bring our worries and concerns to Jesus in prayer. Jesus will hear our cries for help. He knows that our faith can be fragile and he will act so that our trust in God will be strengthened. As you gather as a family, invite each family member to talk about something that might be worrying them. Talk about how important it is to share worries and concerns with other people. When we do this, we learn to see our worries from a different perspective. Read today's Gospel, Mark 4:35-41. Ask your family questions such as these: Why were the disciples worried about the storm? Why wasn't Jesus worried about the storm? When we bring our worries to Jesus in prayer, Jesus can help us see things from God's perspective. Invite family members to name again a worry or concern and pray together that Jesus will help us have faith in God's love and protection. Conclude in prayer together by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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

Kathleen Margaret Humphreys, Thomas Sheehan, James Anderson, Mary Bridget Clarke, Sarah McLynn, Mary McKeon, Ian Hamilton, Kenneth Powell, Dave Hope, Margaret Begley, Joseph Smyth, Charles O'Donoghue, John Norman, Cornelius Sheehy, Lilian Elizabeth Murray, Sirio Fiaschi, Yvonne Gawthope, Dennis Sweeney, Jane Egan, Peter Bolger, Brendan Patrick Hogan, Margaret Creely, Ellen Williams, John Owens, Paul Canton, Edwin Charles Clarke, Fredrick James Ricks, Fr. John Coleman, Mary Francis Cherry, Sister Lucy Staunton, Mary Gentry.

+++**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.