

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 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (B)

Saturday 20th

9.30am John & Rose Pereira RIP

6.30pm Elena Ferraris RIP

Sunday 21st Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

9am William Curtin RIP

10.30am James Corcoran RIP

6.30pm Silvio Debellis RIP

Monday 22nd St Cecilia, Virgin, Memorial

9.30am Cecilia Grose RIP

Tuesday 23rd

9.30am Armando & Delfina RIP

Wednesday 24th Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Memorial

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser, Kathleen Kingston & Richard Beale

Thursday 25th

9.30am Gerry Quigley RIP

Friday 26th

9.30am James Corcoran RIP

Saturday 27th

9.30am Wellbeing of Rosemary Corroon

6.30pm Intentions for Emily Galligan & Family

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.

Honouring Sunday – please see the enclosed statement from the Bishops' Conference concerning the Sunday Obligation, released 19 November 2021.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Unfortunately, we will not be running the children's liturgy session this weekend. We hope to be able to restart in the New Year instead.

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 in January 2022. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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.

❖ **Sunday 5th December 2021**

Session 4 at 2.45pm.

Group 2

❖ **Sunday 21st November 2021:**

Session 3 at 4.30pm.

Parents are also required to attend this session.

❖ **Sunday 5th December 2021**

Session 4 at 4.30pm.

COLD!! SADLY, THE CHURCH BOILER HAS BROKEN-DOWN AND CANNOT BE REPAIRED FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE DO ALSO 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!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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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.

The deadline has been extended and you will now have until 17th December 2021 to complete the questionnaire. Please don't lose your chance.



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!) Tea, coffee and soup and all the cleaning products will be provided.



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 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

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
(Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time), Cycle B
Sunday, November 21, 2021**

Gospel Reading

John 18:33b-37 Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those

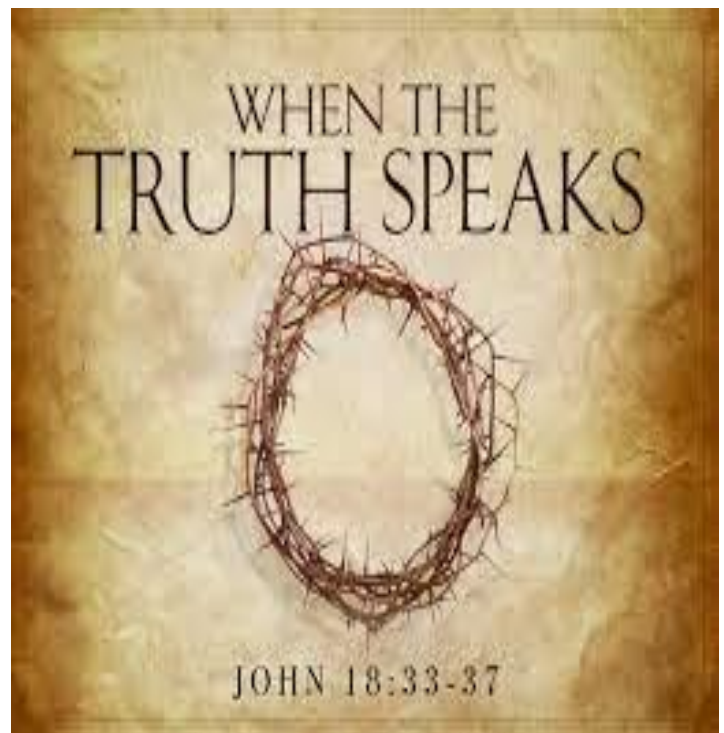
who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all.

Family Reflection

Understanding today's feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While most of us do not have direct experience with kings or royalty, we have a sense of who they are. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdoms. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honour. To understand how Christ is our king, we extend and magnify what we know to be true of the best of human royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the cross in which he offered salvation to everyone. Those who can see with eyes of faith recognize Jesus to be our heavenly king.

As you gather as a family, recall that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church year and on this Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Talk together about what it means to be a king or queen. How do those who are subjects behave toward royalty? Invite children to role-play what one does in the presence of royalty. Read today's Gospel, John 18:33b-37. Ask your family to discuss these questions: Does Pilate treat Jesus like royalty? (No.) What does Jesus say about his kingdom? (It is not of this world.) Talk about how your family shows honour and obedience to Christ our King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family act in ways that show you recognize and honour Christ as King.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press





CAFOD World Gifts - Ethical Charity Gifts

World Gifts are CAFOD's charity gift range of unusual, ethical presents that will delight your friends and family. We've got something for everyone, with gifts for gardeners, animal lovers, teachers, entrepreneurs - the list goes on! Choose a green gift

Buy a Christmas gift that makes a difference! Help provide emergency support to a family in urgent need this Advent. Whether you're buying for the eco-warrior in your life, or you want to go green yourself, World Gifts are the option for you.

Place your order online by midnight on 15th December 2021 to receive FREE DELIVERY on your gifts and they'll arrive in time for Christmas! Catalogue available in the church porch or visit: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

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>

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.

LATELY DEAD

++ 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.

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

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, Melba De Silva and Michael Hodgkinson.
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

Charles William Squires, Ronald Gordon Stone, James Heppel, Thomas McGarry, Rita Butler, Margaret Jennings, Charles Laing, Lucy Daubney, Michael Joseph Heelan, Kathleen Carter, Mary Thomas, William Yates, Beryl Hale, Margaret Donohoe, Alan Humberstone, Peter Harford, Kathleen Goddard, John Doyle, Joseph Marks, Charles Bergin, Lorna Mainwaring, Alice Wimbush, Monica Verhoven, Margaret Murphy, Beatrice Margaret Walter, Percy Lamb, Margaret Wiseman, Catherine Cullen, Edward Arendse, James Wiseman, Annie Varney, Frank Staffieri, Bernard Connellan, Lauren Eve O'Connor, Marie Avery, Madeleine Plantin, Margaret Kelly, Sarah Cronin, Edith Stimson, Ellen Metcalf, Mary Braby, William Howson, William McBride, Derrick Wright, Kitty Shier.
+++*May They Rest In Peace*+++

"I pledge to protect and defend vulnerable people in the name of Jesus." ~ The Matthew 25 Pledge