

CLERGY

Fr. Anthony Oleh, MSP — Parish Priest
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Rev. Robert Beresford — Deacon

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 22ND AUGUST 2021
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Saturday 21st	St Pius X, Pope, Memorial
9.30am	Holy Souls
6.30pm	Mario Vincenzo Straccialano RIP
Sunday 22nd	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am	Sameer Polus
10.30am	Rev Fr Gerry O'Brien RIP
6.30pm	Frank & Mollie Nally RIP
Monday 23rd	
9.30am	Chantry of St Mary Magdalene
Tuesday 24th	St Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast
9.30am	Louisa Giles RIP
Wednesday 25th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Thursday 26th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 27th	St Monica, Memorial
9.30am	Private Intentions
11am	Requiem Mass Maura Strong
Saturday 28th	St Augustine, Bishop, Memorial
9.30am	Mabel Patrick RIP
6.30pm	James & Katies Howard & 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.	

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

Brendan Cornelius Lucy, Marco Vincenzo Straccialano, Rev. Fr. Gerry O'Brien, Rose Cusiack, Hilda Wells, Helen O'Leary, Marie Louise Fox, Christopher Doyle, Bridget Costello, Peggy Doreen Spong, Sabina Rocca, Charles Williams, Ada Maria Browne, James Shanahan, Edward Thomas Burton, Mabel Patrick, Matthew O'Connor, Maria Capaldi, Margaret Humberstone. Ronald Darnell, Laura Mary Gryspeerd, William Robert Fewings, Fr. Denis Callan, Constance Mary Brewster, Mary Ellen O'Connor, Marguerite Guest, Mary Metochis, Ernest Woodhams, Thomas Turnbull. **+++May they rest in Peace++**

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Monday 30th August 2021, returning on Tuesday 7th September 2021, therefore the parish office will be closed.**

Fr Anthony or Fr Eugene will be available in case of an emergency or urgent matters only. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk Please wait for when the office re-opens for anything else. Many thanks for your co-operation.

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

Our next Baptism preparation class will be held on **Sunday 26th September 2021**, in the Cloister from 2-4pm. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. Our subsequent class will be held on 31st October 2021.

If you are considering your child's baptism in the next few months, please complete an application form, available on our website, and join us for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.



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.

'We need to feel outrage, as Moses did, as Jesus did, as God does in the face of injustice.'
Querida Amazonia, para 15

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, August 22, 2021

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69 Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

Gospel Reflection

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead, John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.



A message from Bishop Paul – Fundraising for Lourdes

I’m asking people to sponsor me to raise money for the Lourdes Sanctuaries. This will help them maintain their facilities for pilgrims and people who need particular assistance, if you would like to help, please visit:
<https://catholicassociation.enthuse.com/pf/bishop-paul-hendricks> Thank you very much, Bishop Paul.

Family Reflection

When a child is baptized, the parents speak on behalf of the child in professing the faith in which the child is to be baptized. The parents promise to teach their child this faith so that they may one day accept this faith as his or her own. In the example of Simon Peter, we learn that each person must also make his or her own profession of faith in Jesus as the one sent by God to save us. We pray for our children as they mature in the faith that they may learn that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life and that they may choose to follow the way of Christian discipleship.

As you gather as a family, talk about promise that parents make at their child’s baptism to teach their child about Jesus and the faith of the Church. Talk about the importance of this promise to your family and about some of the things that you are doing to try to honour this commitment. In today’s Gospel we hear Simon Peter speak about what he has come to believe about Jesus. Together read today’s Gospel, John 6:60-69. Pray together that each person in our family will grow in his or her faith that Jesus is the one sent by God who alone has the words of eternal life. Pray together the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed.

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>

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 thank you for your continued support.