

**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](mailto: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 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2021**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9.30am Charles Laing RIP  
Thanksgiving for Robert Kifumb – 70th Birthday  
6.30pm Private Thanksgiving Intentions  
Nishika Liyauaguwardena RIP

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost Sunday**

9am Micheletti Giancarlo RIP  
Wellbeing & Recovery of Valmar Paes  
10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser  
Alan Fraser RIP  
Joan Fraser Birthday Intentions  
6.30pm Intentions for Mary & Patrick Collins

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Mary, Mother of the Church, Memorial**

9.30am Private Intentions for Roy & Debbie Regan

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Memorial**

9.30am Holy Souls

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> St Philip Neri, Priest, Memorial**

9.30am Maria McCarthy RIP  
Private Thanksgiving Intentions

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast**

9.30am Shirley Roymundo RIP  
Nilo P. Pantosa RIP

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Joseph Thi-ra-thorn Akaraskul RIP  
Anna Monvibha Akaraskul RIP

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Arthur Lawrence RIP  
6.30pm Wellbeing & Recovery of Marie Terzian &  
Wellbeing & Recovery of Muna Arzouni

**MAY DEVOTIONS**

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. During May it has long been the tradition of the Catholic Church to highlight our devotion to Mary and seek her intercession in our lives.



Sadly, this year we will be unable to come together as we would usually to Pray the Rosary and have Adoration and Benediction. We therefore encourage you to Pray the Rosary individually and also as families. Prayer life is essential in these changing times.

**+++ LATELY DEAD +++**

++ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clare Horgan who died on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Our condolences to her family. Her requiem will take place here at St Agatha's on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at 12pm. If you would like to attend, due to the restrictions on numbers attending, please contact the family directly.

++ Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Maria McCarthy who died on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, aged 76. Her requiem will take place here, further details to follow.... Our condolences to her family.

+++ Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they 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 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**

*Maire Dutrulle, Delia Marsella, Mary Smith, John Danzey, John Carrig, Michael Peluso, Mathew Hickey, Anthony Friend, Edna Ward, Bridget Dunne, Dr. Cecil De Lisle Shortt, Nancy Coates, Antonetta Raymond, Maisie Lee, Hylda Watkins, Judith Robinson, Cpl. Thomas Farry, Edith Turnham, John Conway, Frederic Neve, Harry Fugner, Mary Golden, Cherubina Fe'. +++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.

**Green Fingered Volunteers Needed!**



Green fingered volunteers are needed, big and small, to help with a garden spruce up. Come along after morning Mass on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. Everyone is welcome, teens especially, those aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult please. Please bring your forks, rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows and watering cans and/or anything else that you can think of that would help! Refreshments will be provided. Please add your name to the list in the church porch or email a rsvp to the Parish Secretary [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk)

Hope to see you there!!

**Pentecost Sunday, Cycle B**  
**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

**Gospel Reading**

*John 15:26-27; 16:12-15.*

*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth*

**Gospel Reflection**

Today we celebrate the great beginning of the Church. John tells how the mission of Jesus becomes the mission of the Church / community of disciples, "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you."

Luke links the coming of the Spirit with the Jewish feast of the Fiftieth Day, seven weeks after the first offering of the season to celebrate the completion of the grain harvest. The future harvest of the Church is expressed by the presence in Jerusalem of people from every nation under heaven. Set aflame with the 'tongues of fire' from heaven, the apostles preached about the marvels of God in the languages of all the nations.

Our Gospel reading consists of two passages taken from Jesus' supper discourse in which he speaks about the Spirit who is to come. The hardships that the disciples will encounter must not cause them to give up. They themselves will be able to testify, thanks to the gift that they will soon receive; the gift of the Spirit of God. He gave this Spirit a special name, one difficult to translate, namely Paraclete. The basic idea in the Greek word is one of who 'stands alongside'. Just as Jesus was never alone, since the Father was always with him, neither would the disciples be alone, though he would be physically absent.

Jesus had come from the Father; so, would the Paraclete. Among his roles would be that of witness. During Jesus' ministry, the Father has borne witness about Jesus; in future the Paraclete would do the same. The Baptist bore witness about Jesus because of the word of the One who sent him; when the disciples were sent into the world to 'witness' they would be accompanied by the Paraclete.

The Paraclete is also the 'Spirit of Truth', who would interpret in the future the 'words' of the One who was the Way and the Truth. "Our Lord doesn't need to make use of books or teachers in the instruction of souls; isn't he himself the Teacher of all teachers, conveying knowledge with never a word spoken? For myself, I never heard the sound of his voice, but I know that he dwells within me all the time, guiding and inspiring me whenever I do or say anything. A light, of which I'd caught no glimmer before, comes to me at the very moment when it's needed" (St Therese de Lissieux).

Before the glorification of Jesus in the death and Resurrection, the disciples failed to understand the meaning of all that Jesus has said and done; they did not understand his words. As their teacher, the Paraclete would make clear to them what they could not understand before. He would follow-on the guiding and loving role of Jesus, who had taught them what he had heard from his Father. Thanks to the Paraclete, they would not be bereaved by the earthly departure of Jesus.

Jesus promises his followers that when the Spirit comes, "... he will guide you into all the truth.... He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The same Holy Spirit continues to be with us today: within us, bringing us love, peace and joy in difficult times, and with the whole Church, guiding it through the turmoil of a broken world. The Holy Spirit will never leave us – never! With the Holy Spirit, we can triumph.

**Our Lady of the Wayside, Maryvale**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS  
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH!**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS**

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the new year, please register for our next class, which will be held virtually on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. If you have already attended a class, please email the parish office to advise and arrange a date for your child's baptism.



**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.

**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.

**LET US DREAM**

**The Path to a Better Future**

Inspired by Pope Francis' Let us dream: The path to a better future, the Bishops Conference Spirituality Committee invites us to follow the Church on her journey as she emerges from the empty tomb in the light of the resurrection and from the upper room prompted by the Holy Spirit. [More details here.](#)



**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2021**

Pope Francis invites Catholics around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK) from the various Shines taking part: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially broadcast Rosary.



**UNITE AGAINST UNJUST DEBT.**

CAFOD along with other agencies are lobbying world leaders to address the burden of debt felt by the world's poorest countries. For more information, please search or google 'CAFOD cancel the debt' or visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Cancel-the-debt>

*CAFOD thank you for your continued support.*