

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 24TH OCTOBER 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 23rd

9.30am Wellbeing of Mavis Hatchman

6.30pm Monty & Sue Perera
John Davis RIP

Sunday 24th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday

9am Ewa Szmul 1st Birthday

10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Mary Hawkins RIP

Monday 25th

9.30am Giancarlo Micheletti RIP

Tuesday 26th

9.30am Thanksgiving Intentions

Wednesday

27th

9.30am Wellbeing of Kathleen Kingston
Wellbeing of Mavis Hatchman
Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

Thursday 28th Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles, Feast

9.30am Heather Anthony RIP

Friday 29th

9.30am Birthday Intentions

Saturday 30th

9.30am Carla Long RIP

6.30pm Wellbeing of Pam Clarke
Nigel Forbes 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.



Today is World Mission Sunday

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). He reminds us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Please pop any spare change in the red bucket in the church porch or call Missio on 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website:

<https://missio.org.uk/> to give a single gift, or set up a Direct Debit, please Gift Aid your donation, if possible.

**WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS FOR
YOUR MISSION SOLIDARITY!**

MUSIC AND SINGING AT MASSES

We are looking forward to having music and singing back during our masses soon! We are therefore appealing for musicians and singers; if you can play the piano, organ or any other instrument, or you would be happy to be part of a singing group and would like to play / sing at one of the Masses, please contact the parish secretary with your details. Please note that congregational singing is permitted but is subject to the wearing of face masks, whereas small singing groups are excluded from this rule and would therefore be seated away from the main congregation. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th October, as Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave. Fr Francis will be available in case of an emergency or for a pressing enquiry only. For non-urgent enquiries please email kingston@rcaos.org.uk



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.

Group 2

- ❖ Sunday 21st November 2021: Session 3 at 4.30pm. Parents are also required to attend this session.

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 will 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 31st October 2021, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office. Our subsequent class will be held on Sunday 23rd January 2022.

Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before a child's baptism. Please note there is currently a 2/3 month 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.



NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

In the month of November, we remember all our loved ones whom God has called from this life and pray for them at our daily Masses. Envelopes are available at back of church for you to put in the list of all loved ones in your family and friends whom have died. You can place a donation inside the envelope. Please hand it to Father or place it in the basket at the altar throughout the month of November.

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

ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 7th November 2021. There will be a short service in the chapel at Surbiton cemetery at 2.00pm, followed by blessing of graves. Also, a short service in the chapel at Kingston cemetery at 3.00pm followed by blessing of graves. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels.)

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 and Melba De Silva. *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

Margaret Moore, Marion Josephine Laidler, Ethel Masters, Castilla Heaton Harris, Alexander Duncan, Helen Parker, Patrick Cremin(Jr), Hilda Lynch, Florence Healey, Harriet Taylor, John Williams, Michael Conway, Giacanta Berre, Joseph Reilly, John James Smith, Henry Robert Stimson, Eugenie Marie Connolly, Josef Andruskeiwicz, Margaret Solomon, Maria Josephine McCarthy, Thomas John Metcalf, Dr. Christopher Petit, James Flood, Maurice Marshall, Bridget Mary Flagg, Raymond Childs, Edgar Oliveira, Agnes Runnings, Colman Canavan, Charles Cummins, Frank Metcalf, Michael Kenny, James Moran, Robert Mosely, Margaret Jordan, John Fannon, Ernest Herd, Katie Sullivan, John O'Connor, William Regan, Joan Egan. +++May They Rest In Peace +++

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, October 24, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Gospel Reflection

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the haemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

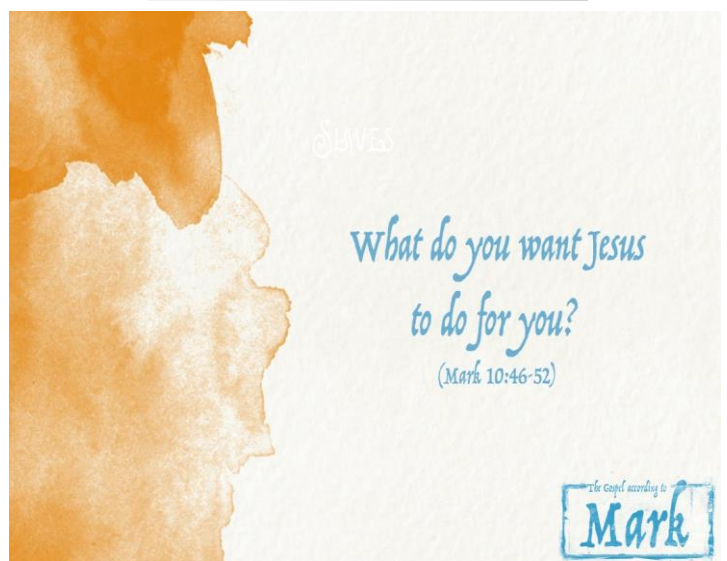
Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith — "Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

Family Reflection

Today's Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus' attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks. His persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs. In their faith and trust we can find an example of the attitude with which we might approach God in prayer.

As a family, recall a request that has been made repeatedly by one family member to another. Talk about why the request continues to be made if the answer continues to be no. Then read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:46-52. After reading the Gospel, pose questions such as these to your family: Why must Bartimaeus be persistent in calling out to Jesus? (Some people in the crowd are telling him to be quiet.) What does Bartimaeus do when some try to stop him? (He calls out to Jesus all the more.) When Jesus stops and calls for him, what does Jesus do and say? (He restores Bartimaeus's sight; Jesus tells Bartimaeus his faith has saved him.) When we pray, God wants us to be so confident he will help us that we don't permit anyone to keep us from bringing our needs to God in prayer. Invite family members to identify the things they need most from God. Pray these prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers. Respond to each petition, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on us." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press





UN Climate Talks - COP 26

A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November 2021. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see:

www.cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on Saturday 6th November 2021 at Our Lady and St Peter, SW19, starting at 9.30am.

A Day with Mary is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic Church or shrine. It emphasizes Worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Theological Instructions, Hymns and periods of rest with refreshments.

For more details see the posters on the church notice board or visit:

<https://www adaywithmary.org/>

'By faith, countless Christians have promoted action for justice so as to put into practice the word of the Lord, who came to proclaim deliverance from oppression and a year of favour for all' ~ Pope

Benedict XVI, Porta Fidei



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

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.

The Lord Has Done
Great Things
Psalm 126

The Journey