

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 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 25TH APRIL 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

Saturday 24th

9.30am Caroline & Bertram Woodhouse-Currie RIP

6.30pm Mario Vincenzo Straccialano RIP

**Sunday 25th Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the
Priesthood and Religious Life**

9am Viola O'Connor & Family

10.30am Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Judith Thomas RIP

Monday 26th

9.30am Shirley Raymundo RIP

Tuesday 27th

9.30am Antonio Francisco RIP

Wednesday 28th

9.30am Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP

**Thursday 29th St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the
Church, Patron of Europe Feast**

9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 30th

9.30am Gladys Molinari RIP

Saturday 1st St Joseph the Worker, Memorial

9.30am Millicent Mary Laing RIP

6.30pm Maria Christina Viegas Ramahlo RIP

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM

Mass Times: Saturday: 09:30, 18:30

Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

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

Julia Whelan, Ethel Herbert, Anne Overy, George Sargent, Gretta Conway, Charles Edwards, Annie Laing, Percy Wright, Deidre Broadhurst, Michael Geary, Juan Ortiz, Patrick Rice, Walter Rolls Pearce, Bernard Brennan, Patrick Walsh, Guiglielmo Dnorato, Angelina King, Patrick Edgecombe, William Rutter, Alexander Wilson, Christina Brennan, Claire Paterson, Mary Bruce, William Vivian, William Purton, Margaret Mary Garvey, Victor Derrington, Angela Miles, Henry Sweeny, Helen McGowan, Tina Piccirillo, Thomas Jude Horgan.

+++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.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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MORE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED – HELP PLEASE!!!

We still need more volunteers to act as stewards, to welcome, meet and greet, and help people keep safe during mass. We appeal today to all of you to consider helping us. If you can help, please send an email to the parish office or John DeQuidt.

A big thank you to all our continuing volunteers—you are doing a great job and without you we could not open our beautiful church.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme and use weekly envelopes, your new packet of envelopes, which started on 11th April, are ready for collection from the church porch. If you normally use weekly envelopes but have recently signed a standing order form and no longer need the envelopes, please email the Parish Office. Thank you.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2021**

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As members of the Church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. We will have a collection (via envelopes) in support of the Priest Training Fund, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of our vocations team.

Please be generous to this appeal; your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the Priesthood for our Diocese.

There are donation envelopes available in the church porch, which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm, by scanning the QR code, or via telephone on 020 7960 2504 (Monday - Friday). Priest Training and Vocations Annual Update and newsletter: [Please Click Here](#) Thank you for your prayers and generosity.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10)
The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic Team are delighted to offer a wonderful opportunity for personal and diocesan renewal. Through the Life in the Spirit Seminars, you will be invited to grow in your love of the Lord, welcome the Spirit into your life afresh and pray for the renewal of our diocese. Each seminar will feature a talk from a gifted speaker and small group sharing. Book a place on this Spirit-filled course in preparation for Pentecost. It is a life changing experience releasing more of the Holy Spirit within you. This seminar is highly recommended and comes with the complete approval of Archbishop John Wilson, who is also one of the speakers. Click on the link below to book a place and for dates and info re speakers, topics, etc: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss>

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clare Horgan who died on Monday 26th April 2021. Her requiem will take place here, further details to follow.... Our condolences to her family.

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.'



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle B
Sunday, April 25, 2021

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Gospel Reflection

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

Family Reflection

The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents' model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common examen, such as any of the following: Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked? Read aloud today's Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honour our commitment.

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.

Marriages in 2021/22

2021/22 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.



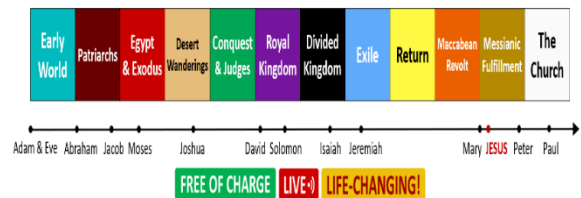
Mass Intentions

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.

It is a 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 in advance and as soon as possible.** 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.

If you require confirmation of a Mass date and time, please ensure you provide your contact details.

The Bible Timeline Course



Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online **LIVE** by Mauro Iannicelli. Continues on 28th April 2021 at 7pm.

Further information and Registration at: www.comeandsee.org

CAFOD – 400,000 Steps.



The response to CAFOD's Lent challenge to 'Walk for Water' has seen more than £800,000 raised. This will be used to help communities like Abdella's who's plight, and that of so many others, suffering the injustice of water poverty, was highlighted in the above campaign. For more information on the work of 'our' relief agency, please go to cafod.org.uk

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

