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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](mailto: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 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Holy Souls

6.30pm People of the Parish

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9am Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP

10.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser  
Alan Fraser RIP

6.30pm Veronica Araj RIP

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> St Vincent de Paul, Priest, Memorial**

9.30am Thanksgiving Intentions

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Holy Souls

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels, Feast**

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> St Jerome, Priest, Memorial**

9.30am Mary Booth RIP

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> St Therese of the Child Jesus, Memorial  
CAFOD Family Fast Day**

9.30am Archbishop Peter Amigo RIP

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial**

9.30am Wellbeing of Joseph Reilly

6.30pm Jacob Bulahao RIP  
Enrique Marqueses 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.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with local experts to help people around the world to adapt to the changing climate and protect our common home. You can donate on the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> or by using a CAFOD envelope available in the church porch.

We would like to congratulate Father Eugene in his new role as the Parish Administrator of St Agatha's. On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Fr Mark Odion, MSP Regional Superior, Fr Michael Lovell, Dean of Kingston, and Fr Francis Ayogu, MSP, the new Assistant Parish Priest, witnessed Fr Eugene's Profession of Faith to serve the parish in this new role.

We look forward to their spiritual direction and guidance whilst they serve in the parish.

Fr Eugene will be travelling home to Nigeria on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September for a few weeks; Fr Francis will be available for any enquires.

**SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS**

The time of year has come when many parents are thinking about places in a Catholic School. Regular Mass attendance is a requirement for a reference to be completed. If you have recently moved to the area, you should seek a priest reference from your previous parish which we will then countersign.

A priest will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 between 2-4pm. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery.**

Please ensure that you complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please also bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Thank you to all parents/carers for returning the FHC application forms; registration for this year's programme is now CLOSED.

If you still need to collect the FHC programme books and Mass attendance card, which started in September, please contact the Parish Secretary ASAP, during office hours.



❖ The parents' meeting for year 3 children and those that registered this year is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

**PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!**

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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## 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.

## PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021** at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome.



## ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year or last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at St George's Cathedral. For more details, please email [emailflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:emailflsw@rcaos.org.uk)



## Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms

For those who wish to have their child baptised, please register for our next available class, on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, 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 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.

## UPCOMING COURSES FROM THE AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION AND CATECHESIS:

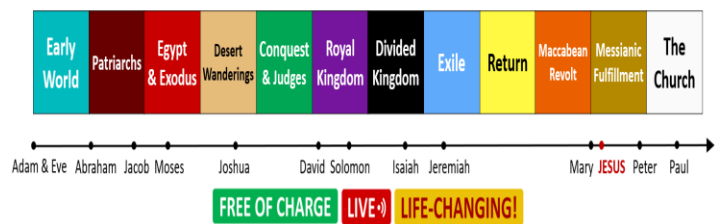
### Evangelium Online

The Evangelium Online Course from the AEC is a full refresher and overview of the Catholic faith led by Fr Marcus Holden (co-author of Evangelium). Each session is 'live' with opportunities for discussion and questions. There are optional follow-up activities and further reading links provided and a certificate of completion is given by the Agency. To register for this FREE course, beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September please visit:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/evangeliumonlinecourse21-22>

### Bible Timeline Course with Mauro Iannicelli

#### 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. Starts Wed 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

### Archbishop's Certificate

Do you wish to learn more about the Faith that you profess each week at Mass, and share it confidently with those you love? If so, please consider registering for the new Archbishop's Certificate today. More information on this two-year blended learning course (which starts on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021) can be found on the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis website:

<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is an internationally recognised course which looks to provide teachers and others with the tools to effectively understand the Catholic Faith. If you would like to participate in this eight-module course (either as a full student or simply attending the course without completing the assignments) please find out more or register via: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs>

*'Let us help today's Europe, faint with weariness, to rediscover the ever-youthful face of Jesus!' ~ Pope Francis*  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2021/documents/20210923-omelia-ccee.html>

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B  
Sunday, September 26, 2021

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

*Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.*

**Gospel Reflection**

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

*World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
is observed on 26<sup>th</sup> September*

*'The Church should, above all, be the church of the oppressed, the refugees, those persecuted for their faith, those relegated by the rich and powerful to the margins of society.'* ~ Servant of God Fr. Pedro Arrupe S.J

**Family Reflection**

The second part of today's Gospel contains a strong message for those who share the responsibility of fostering faith. It is indeed an awesome responsibility. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith is a lifelong journey toward God. We don't always get it all or even get it right. But we pray for the grace to acknowledge and build upon even the smallest signs of faith, in ourselves and in others. There are plenty of obstacles that might prevent the growth of faith. Let us pray that we are not contributing to the obstacles that might hinder another person's faith in Jesus.

As you gather as a family, observe that there are things in our lives that nurture our faith and things that can hinder it. Talk about some of the things that nurture our faith—healthy family relationships, healthy friendships, good literature, and so on. Name some of the things that might be an obstacle to faith—unhealthy relationships, scandals, and so on. Observe that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we are to do everything we can to help one another have faith in Jesus and do all that we can to avoid creating obstacles that might hinder another person's faith. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48. Conclude by praying together that we will be a family that helps each other grow in faith. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 19, or the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press







### 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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

### Cafod Responding To Multiple Emergencies Across The World

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. They are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, they are working to ensure the safety of their local partners and their communities. CAFOD are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news> Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable CAFOD to continue to support communities in these difficult times.

**CAFOD thank you for your continued support.**

### 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. Upcoming events include walks, a karaoke evening and a Christmas meal; their monthly socials will restart in October. Find them on Facebook – 'London SW Catholic Social Group' or email: [londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com](mailto:londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com)

### A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 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 poster on the church notice board.

### +++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Power (nee McGinley), a former parishioner, who passed away peacefully on Saturday 11th September 2011 at Collinson House Care Home in Luton, Bedfordshire. She was 88 years old, born 8th January 1933. 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. +++*

### 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

*Annie Margaritae Ruddy, Andrew Sharkey, John East, Maria Reddy, Christopher Mann, Gordon Williams, Joseph Behan, Tom Kavanagh, Dorothy Maurice, Edith Stimson, Cyril Dyer, Robert Laurent, Edith Mary Crowley, Blanche Sinteff, Eileen Mckenzie, Henry Rooke-Ley, John Mahoney, Eliza Burrell, Francis William Hardy, Albert Fell, Charles Cullen, Jack Davis, Nora Leek, William Francis Cahill, Josephine Tompsett, Isabel Rodrigues, Gelardo Rossi, Mildred Bull, Dennis Short, Nellie Cannon, Right Rev. Peter Emmanuel Amigo, Michael Cleary, Eileen Sotiriades, Shirley Priest, Patrick Gallagher, Kathleen McCabe, Ethel Skinner, Simon Morrow, Norah Halloran. +++May They Rest In Peace +++*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please, if you have a particular date or time on which you want a Mass said, **it is very important that you let the parish office know ahead of time and 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.