

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 27TH JUNE 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 26th

9.30am Salwa Matti

6.30pm Joyce Maguire RIP

Sunday 27th 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP
Maura Strong RIP

10.30am Health & Wellbeing of Stella & Hera
Wellbeing of Ben Luca

6.30pm Special Intentions of the Lambert &
Lynch Families

Monday 28th St Irenaeus, Bishop, Marty, Memorial

9.30am Private Intentions for Driving Test

Tuesday 29th Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity

9.30am Thomas Joseph Galligan RIP

7pm Maria McCarthy RIP

Wednesday 30th

9.30am Wellbeing of Viana Lopez
Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Wellbeing of Rev Fr Ray Brennan

Thursday 1st

9.30am Joan & Alex Fraser 60th Wedding
Anniversary
Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Alan Fraser RIP

Friday 2nd

9.30am Birthday Intentions for Dcn Robert
Beresford

Saturday 3rd St Thomas, Apostle, Feast

9.30am Private Intentions for Birthday

6.30pm Luigi & Teresa Pozella RIP

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM

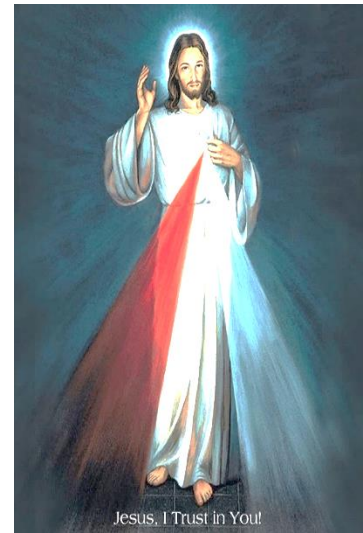
Mass Times: Saturday: 09:30, 18:30

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

Baptisms: By previous arrangement – Sunday at 12pm.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

Enthronement of Divine Mercy in our Parish
Tuesday 29th June 2021 – 7pm



In 1931, our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska in a vision. Jesus said to her: ***"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You". (Diary: 327)***

The primary focus of the Divine Mercy devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it.

A **Divine Mercy Retreat**, led by **Marian Fathers**, will take place at St Agatha's Church this **Tuesday, 29th June 2021, from 7 – 8.30pm** (Please arrive by 6.45pm).

Please come along and join our Parish Community for this amazing celebration of God's Divine Mercy and the Enthronement of the Image in our church. Leaflets are available in the Church porch with the programme for the evening.

The Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul

Tuesday, June 29th, is the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, a Holyday of Obligation, however, the dispensation from obligation granted by the Bishops Conference at the onset of the lockdown is still in place.

There will be 2 Masses here in the parish, at 9.30am and also during the Enthronement of Divine Mercy service which starts at 7pm, we ask that you please arrive early.

HOLY COMMUNION 2020/21

Thank for your patience whilst we awaited an update from the Diocese with guidelines for continuing with our FHC programme. A brief email was sent out to all parents who applied for their child in 2020. If you have not received this email, please contact the parish office to check we have your correct contact details. A further email will be sent this week with the details of the schedule.

Please note that we are unable to accept any more applications for this group, and you will need to apply to next years group, details below:



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021/22

Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion are now available from the church porch. **Forms must be completed and returned in person** – more instructions on the application form.

CONFIRMATION 2021 & 2022

Registration forms for our next Confirmation programme will be available from today, Sunday 27th June 2021. Forms must be completed and returned to the parish office no later than Friday 16th July 2021. Please note that the programme and schedule details are not yet available



and will be provided via email once we know how many candidates will be taking part, however, we can confirm the programme will begin in September 2021.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS AND BAPTISMS

For those who wish to have their child baptised later in the year, please register for our next class on **Sunday 27th June 2021 at 2pm**, (to be held virtually) 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. Our subsequent class will be held in **September 2021**.



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.

Altar Servers' Rally 2021

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Saturday 18th September 2021** at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Monsignor Canon John O'Toole, Episcopal Vicar of Kent, will be the principal celebrant. During the Mass new servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. Those already enrolled may renew their promises. The rally gives servers a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service. This year, we especially pray for Southwark's faithful servers who have made their journey home, to be with St Stephen.

If you or your children are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Frs. Anthony or Eugene.

Leaflets are available in the church porch. Please do let us know if you are anticipating attending.

Annual Cathedral Marriage Mass

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 9th October at St George's Cathedral. For more details, please email emailmflw@rcaos.org.uk

Summertime 2021: Altar Servers' Summer Break 3rd – 6th August 2021

This annual activity for altar servers, aged 10-15, of the Southwark diocese, takes place at the Oratory school, Reading, in August. A well organised, fun, educational and prayerful week. Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Thorpe Park visit and Swimming. Cost £165 covers: All board and lodging, Thorpe Park, Swimming. Summertime will open with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. For more details pick up a leaflet from the church porch or please contact: Fr. Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen. Tel: 01322 220075 or Email: dartford@rcaos.org.uk



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, June 27, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43 (short form, Mark 5:21-24,35b-43)

Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a haemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

Gospel Reflection

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a haemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the haemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man,

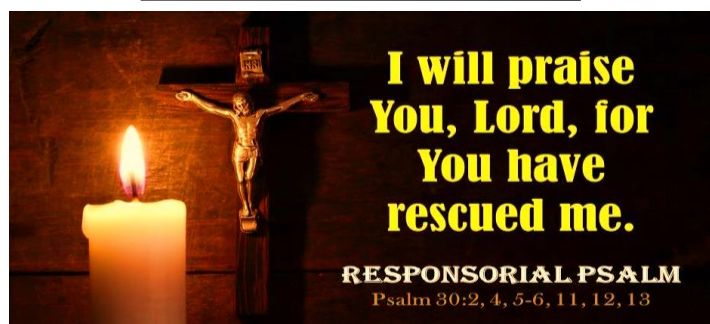
the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

Family Reflection

There are many ways in which we can compare the request for healing made by Jairus and the request of the woman with the haemorrhage. One comparison helps us think about prayer. Jairus asked Jesus for healing on his daughter's behalf; the woman with the haemorrhage had no one to speak for her and bravely approached Jesus on her own initiative. In our prayers, we do both. We intercede for others' needs, and we also courageously express our own needs to God. We find hope in Jesus' response to both of these people, who sought him out in their hour of need. As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things you have prayed for this week. Notice that some of your prayers may have been for other people, and some of your prayers may have been for your own needs. In today's Gospel we find encouragement for both kinds of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 5:21-43. Talk about the similarities and differences between the two people who presented their needs to Jesus in this Gospel. Notice that both people received the healing they sought from Jesus. We want to pray for the needs of others and for our own needs with as much faith and hope as Jairus and the woman with the haemorrhage did. Pray together in thanks and praise to God, who hears our needs and answers them, by praying today's psalm, Psalm 30.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



PARISH BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Calling all our Builders, Architects, Surveyors, Engineers!!

The Parish Buildings Committee deals with the "nuts and bolts" of the parish buildings. We are keen for parishioners who are knowledgeable in areas of construction, surveying, building trades, maintenance, heating and cooling, etc to join our Buildings Committee.



The primary work of the committee will be to ensure the maintenance of the parish buildings and structure whilst operating within a budget and making sure that we comply with the latest Health and Safety regulations. The Buildings Committee will also be involved in reviewing bids and contracts for the various services in the maintenance of, and improvements to, St Agatha's facilities. The committee will serve as a body of experts who will advise the Parish Priest and collaborate with the Finance Committee to identify funding.

Could you spare just a few hours a year to join the team? Please speak with Fr Anthony to discuss and for further details.

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.

Lunchtime Carer Needed

A parishioner is looking for a lunchtime carer for her 80-year-old mother who is frail and has dementia, but is peaceful and slightly forgetful.

She needs someone from 11.30-2 (or 2.30). The person would need to do her leg exercises (basic), feed, chat and pop her on the commode, as needed, and when they leave put her into bed. Equipment for transferring to bed/chair/commode provided. Someone who is happy to pray with her would be advantageous. Please email or call the Parish Secretary if you would like to discuss further.

Seeking a Mother's Help

Lovely family with two children in North Kingston looking for a Mother's Help. Main responsibilities would include dinner planning, food shopping, cooking dinners, cleaning, washing, general housekeeping, errands, light looking after the children alongside parent, sorting PE kits, lending a hand with school run. DBS will be required. Someone who is highly organised to manage the weekly schedule. Please contact: aureliel@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maura Strong, formerly of Lower Kings Road, Kingston, who died peacefully, on Monday 14th June 2021, in Cumbria where she was residing closer to her family. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on 27th August 2021.

+++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 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

Edwin Charles Clarke, Fredrick James Ricks, Fr. John Coleman, Mary Francis Cherry, Sister Lucy Staunton, Mary Gentry, Thomas Egan, Margaret King, John McCarthy, Charles Rabbitts, Maureen Patricia McArdle, Mary Farrelly, Hugh Glenn, Amelia Van Den Bosch, Maud Medhurst, Joseph Rocca, Gerald Appleby, Eileen Barber, Joan & Sean O'Connor, Yvonne Thompson, Louis Boribond, Mary Ann Duckett, Adele Morganti, Mary Ellen Lewis, Mother Rita, Hannah McIsaac, Horace Rice, Paul Cantoni, Margaret Mary Elliott, Vanda Warne, John O'Donoghue, Thomas Navin.

+++**May they rest in Peace**+++



Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide. For further information and an update from CAFOD please [click here](#).

Local Job Vacancies

Please see the church news board for several job vacancies available in and around the local area.