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**PLEASE NOTE:** The best way to contact us is by email. All enquiries and non-urgent matters, including mass intentions, please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, 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 on 020 8546 4633.

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES**

**SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

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| <b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>   |                                  |
| 6.30pm  | Mrs Carol RIP                    |
| <b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>   |                                  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                           |                                  |
| <b>Racial Justice Day</b>   |                                  |
| 9am   | Tony Holland RIP                 |
| 10.30am   | Wellbeing of Keith & Alan Fraser |
| 6.30pm  | Wellbeing of Philip Cockle       |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>  |                                  |
| Thomas Joseph Byrne RIP   |                                  |
| <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>   |                                  |
| <b>The Presentation of the Lord, Feast</b>                              |                                  |
| 9.30am  | Roger Isaia & Family RIP         |
| <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>   |                                  |
| Dorothy Hall RIP  |                                  |
| <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>  |                                  |
| 9.30am  | Holy Souls                       |
| <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>  |                                  |
| <b>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial</b>                              |                                  |
| 7.30pm  | People of the Parish             |
| <b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>  |                                  |
| <b>St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial</b>                   |                                  |
| 6.30pm  | Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras RIP |
| <b>Morning Prayer &amp; Mass:</b> Tuesday & Thursday 09:00 AM           |                                  |
| <b>Weekend Mass Times:</b> Saturday: 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, Clare Horgan, John Sewter, 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**

*William Brenninkmeyer, Patrick Nunez, Martin & Nora Connolly, Bridget Egan, Joseph Galligan, Maude Mansfield, Margarete Hards, Luigi Mezzetta, Frank Mifsud, Johannes Kortenray, Ann Cunningham, Marilyn Celia Tinenti, Winifred Duckett, Elizabeth Sharkey, Margaret Scott, Martin Hughes, Emily Wright, Catherine Mary Fisher, Mary Cassidy, Frederick Thomas, Frances Carr, Catherine Sellwood, Alan Hanley, Catherine McDonnell, Francis Brain, William Gentry, Karmimurz Skicki, Noreen Halloran.*

**+++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.

**Live-in Carer Needed**

**A long-time parishioner is looking for a live-in carer. If you might be interested, or can make a recommendation, please would you be kind enough to contact 07956409903 for further information and to discuss.**

**Our Church is open for Public Masses**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a lockdown on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 places of worship may remain open as long as they follow the established guidance. Our church remains open and will maintain the highest standard of social distancing and sanitising.

However, due to these restrictions and the availability of our stewards, the decision has been made to reduce the opening of the church during the weekdays for the next few weeks. **Therefore, the church will only be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Adoration and Mass at 9am.**

We will continue our normal weekend Mass schedule: Saturday: 18:30 and Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30.

**We will continue to live stream our Sunday 10.30am Mass**

Live Streaming of the 10.30am Sunday Mass will continue from our website home page and Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/agatha.kingston.92>

- We ask that you do not enter the church if you have cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Maintain strict social distancing at all times, both inside and outside the church building.
- You must not 'mingle' with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.
- Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times by those over the age of 11, unless they have a medical exemption.
- Please sit in designated seating, and be guided by our church stewards.
- All surfaces will be cleaned when the church is closed. Please try to avoid touching anything in church unnecessarily.

Please, kindly note that the dispensation from Sunday obligation, granted by the Bishops at the onset of the first lockdown, is still in place until further notice.



**Welcome**

**This weekend we extend a very warm welcome to Fr. Eugene Lugh, MSP, who is our new assistant Parish Priest. He will be introduced at all the Masses this weekend. We know that you will make him feel very welcome.**

**The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas). Mass at 9.30am. Candles will be blessed at the beginning of the Mass. However, there will be no solemn procession because of social distancing.

**St Agatha's Feast Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

We would like to invite everyone along to celebrate with us on this our Feast Day to a special thanksgiving Mass in the evening at 7.30pm. Sadly, this year we will not be able to have our traditional gathering in the cloister after the service. This service will also be livestreamed for those who are unable to come in person.

**PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!**

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**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B**  
**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

**Gospel Reflection**

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

**Family Reflection**

The people who heard Jesus teach and saw him heal in today's Gospel were said to have been astonished and amazed by the authority of his teaching. So compelling were Jesus' words and actions that the news about him could not be contained; it spread quickly throughout all of Galilee. Two thousand years later, the news about Jesus continues to spread. We are called to participate in sharing the Good News of Jesus with others in our words and in our deeds.

Gather as a family and try to name some amazing things, events, or people. In today's Gospel we hear that the people were astonished and amazed by their experience of Jesus. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:21-28. What did the people who saw and heard Jesus find so amazing? (In Jesus, the people heard and saw the power and authority of God at work.) People should see in our lives the power and authority of God at work. Can you name any modern examples of people in whom you have seen the power and authority of God at work? Conclude in prayer together that we will experience wonder at the work of God in our world today. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**Annual Day for Consecrated Life**

Archbishop John has very kindly agreed to offer Mass online in the Cathedral on Tuesday 2nd February at 2.30pm to celebrate the Feast and to mark the Annual Day for Consecrated Life. He wishes to use this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Religious Communities who live and work in the Archdiocese for all they have done, are doing and will continue to do to build up the Kingdom of God in our world. This Mass for Religious, to be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson from St George's Cathedral, will be streamed at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 2nd February 2020 at <https://youtu.be/KOhtuFAd-Xc>

On Tuesday 2nd February at 5.00pm [Rome Time] Pope Francis will celebrate the same occasion with Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with a small representative group of Religious living in the City of Rome present.

**Diocesan Directory 2021**

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2021 are now available, please email the Parish Office if you would like a copy. They cost £3.00 each.

**Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms**

For those who wish to have their child baptised this year, please register for our next class, (date to be confirmed for March) 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.



**First Holy Communion 2021**

Thank you to all parents/carers for returning the FHC application forms for 2021. Sadly, due to the current government restrictions the parents meeting and inscription Mass were not permitted to go ahead and we are not yet able to start our programme.



**St Agatha's Confirmation 2021**

Please check the website and newsletter for updates regarding our next confirmation course. We will update these details as soon as possible.

