

CLERGY

Fr. Eugene Terngohol Lugh, MSP — Parish Administrator
Fr Francis Ayogu, MSP — Assistant Parish Priest
Rev. Robert Beresford — Deacon

St. Agatha's Catholic Church
1 Wyndham Road
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey, KT2 5JR
Tel: 020 8546 4633
www.stagathaschurch.org.uk
kingston@rcaos.org.uk

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 31ST OCTOBER 2021

ALL SAINTS (B)

Saturday 30th

9.30am Carla Long RIP

6.30pm Wellbeing of Pam Clarke
Nigel Forbes RIP

Sunday 31st All Saints

9am Angelo & Tina Piccirillo RIP

10.30am Patricia Cotmore RIP

6.30pm Rodolfo Animas Jr RIP

Monday 1st

9.30am Wellbeing & Thanksgiving for Fred
& Mary Jo Davidson

Tuesday 2nd All Souls Day

9.30am Wellbeing of Eileen Caverly

Wednesday 3rd

9.30am Edward Xiberras RIP

**Thursday 4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop,
Memorial**

9.30am Christopher McMahon RIP

Friday 5th

9.30am Patrick Sheehy RIP

Saturday 6th

9.30am Wellbeing of Betty Creighton

6.30pm John Davis RIP
Marie-Anne & Edward Xiberras 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.

British Summer Time Ends – Clocks Go Back

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour in the early hours of this **Sunday, 31st October 2021**; Masses will therefore be one hour later than they would otherwise have been.

Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries

WELCOME

This Sunday we welcome Rev Fr. Mark Odion, MSP, the newly elected Regional Superior (UK region) of the Missionary Society of St Paul to our parish. This is his first official visit to St Agatha's. We know that you will make him feel welcome.



SYNOD 2021 2023

A couple of weeks ago, we listened to the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter on the Synod, which invited us to pray, discern and submit our comments on three important aspects of the life and work of the Church, namely Communion, Participation and Mission. If you would like to reread the Pastoral Letter, you will find it posted on the Synod noticeboard in the church porch.

The Synod, launched by Pope Francis, is an unprecedented opportunity for every parishioner to submit their positive and constructive views on these three issues. Answers will be totally anonymous, they will be collated and submitted to the Diocese, from where they will be passed on to Rome. This is your opportunity to express your views; we would urge you to take it!

As you leave, you will be handed a questionnaire. You can either complete this and post it in a box at the back of the church or, even better, visit the parish website Synod page at:

<https://www.stagathaschurch.org.uk/synod-2021-2023> and click the link to the survey

to complete it online, or scan the QR Code to open it on your mobile.

You will have two weeks to complete the questionnaire. Please don't lose your chance.



Our Parish delegates will be at the back of the church to distribute the questionnaire and answer any questions.

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 23rd January 2022, 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-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.

+++ REV FR MICHAEL GWINNELL RIP +++

For those who missed Fr Michael's funeral in January 2021, his ashes will be interred at St Cecelia's Church, North Cheam on Saturday 6th November 2021. Mass will be at 12pm. All are welcome. Refreshments afterwards at the Lord Nelson.

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

John Fannon, Ernest Herd, Katie Sullivan, John O'Connor, William Regan, Joan Egan, Frederic Corden, Daniel Kelly, Kathleen Pollard, John Masters, Roy Palmer, Tom Grey, Philippe Sinteff, Francis John Browne, Annie Kennedy, Paula Lewis, Albert Welham, Mark Brasier, Barbara Beard, Gladys Browne, Anne Mary Cordier, Letitia Browne, Edward Xiberras, Jimmy Moran, John Davis, Frederic Coundley, Thomas Bush, Patrick Sheehy, Jimmy Gerrity, Jose Serna, Peter Marron, Peter Hardy, George Killingbeck, Lina De Kerckhove, Cyril Thompson, Monique Nguyen.

+++**May They Rest In Peace**+++

All Saints Day, Cycle B
Sunday, October 31, 2021

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Gospel Reflection

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

The  **Blessed**
Beatitudes  **are:**

the poor in spirit **the meek** **the**
they that mourn **merciful**

they which do hunger & thirst after righteousness

the pure in heart

they which **the peacemakers**
are persecuted for righteousness' sake

Rejoice! & be exceeding **GLAD,**
for **GREAT** is
your reward in Heaven.

~Matthew 5~

Family Reflection

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favourite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



Children's Liturgy

We are looking forward to restarting Children's Liturgy! Please join us on Sunday 21st November at the 10.30am Mass when we will also have a children's liturgy session.

Children's Liturgy is usually held every other Sunday during term time at the 10.30am Mass. The children are asked to come forward after the opening prayer of the Mass and then they proceed to the Old Sacristy or Cloister where the Liturgy takes place. They return to join the full congregation at the offertory. Any work they have done is brought up during the offertory as their gift to God and the Community.

Children's Liturgy is run by the parents/adults in the parish who are keen to pass on their faith to the children. They use a variety of resources and each session is based on the readings of the day. We are URGENTLY looking for more people to help as either a session leader or helper to be able to return to our usual children's liturgy schedule from January 2022. Please contact the parish office for further information.



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.

[Register for our COP26 webinar:](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-update)

www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-update Join us live from Glasgow on 9th November 2021 to hear from Neil Thorns, CAFOD's Head of Advocacy, Communication and Education, and a Vatican representative on the progress made at COP26. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and listen to the latest discussions at the global united Nations summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it.

CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on Saturday 6th November 2021 at 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: www adaywithmary.org/



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

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!

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.

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. ~ Saint Augustine of Hippo