

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

There are no feasts this week.

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid £541.58	Loose £475.71
Retiring Collection (CAFOD)	Gift Aid £73.97	Loose £520.63

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Christina Ward, Marie Ann Xibberas, Clare Horgan, Grace Gibbs, Paul and June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Agnes Wall, Doradea Marie Grassi, William Joseph McKenzie, Sarah Lewis, James Keeble, Tom Naughton, James Baker, John Christopher Letchworth, Margaret Laverty, George Davis, Kathleen Needham, Sarah Fox, John Fox, Martin Moone, Father Casper Lutz, Cynthia Cantoni, James Crowley, Phyllis Glenn, Louisa Margareta Marks, Patrick Bowen, Margaret Quaid, Daisy Cook, Christina Ross, John Dorsett, Dorothy Searle, Alice Leslie, Robert Thomas Kotei, Josie Alexander, Eileen Lumley, Margaret O'Sullivan, Mary Garrow-Fisher, Thomas Gerard Leslie Luson, John Conway, Cecil Cox, Christine Andrews, Elizabeth Clarke, J. P. McGowan, Renee Fox, Mr. H. Cockerhill, Mabel Rooke-Ley, Marie Monaghan, Arthur Tunesi. +++ May they rest in peace +++

Walk with Me

This Lenten booklet is available **free of charge** at the back of the church. There is one copy for each family. It contains daily Scripture readings and some brief reflections for Lent.

Parish Prayer Group

The **Parish Prayer Group** meets on Tuesdays at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us.

Parish Office

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email the Parish Secretary at parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from **9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday**. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please contact Fr. Vitalis. The course will commence later in the year.



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CLERGY

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Rev. Robert Beresford—Deacon

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 4th March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Saturday 3 rd	9.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Ursula Duggan RIP
Sunday 4 th	9.00am	Pat Jones—Wellbeing
	10.30am	Thomas Kerrigan RIP
	6.30pm	Albert Ribeiro RIP
Monday 5 th	9.30am	Fr. Caspar Lutz RIP
Tuesday 6 th	9.30am	Intention of Mark Ciantar
Wednesday 7 th	9.30am	Anna Morgan RIP
Thursday 8 th	9.30am	Year 4 School Mass
Friday 9 th	9.30am	Rosetta Vitolo RIP
Saturday 10 th	9.30am	Thomas Naughton RIP
	6.30pm	Bob Kenderdine RIP

Confessions: Saturday 10.00–10.30am, 18.00–18.15pm and at call

Exposition: Saturday 10.00–10.30am

Baptisms: By previous arrangement

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule

'We can't, from only our own resources, produce the fruit that will last, unless we allow the living word of God to nurture our faith and trust in God who loves each one of us unconditionally and with a steadfast love'
—Peter Smith, Archbishop of Southwark.

Important Upcoming Dates

4th March	Confirmation Inscription Mass
5th March	First Holy Communion class
6th March	Confirmation—session 2
7th March	Choir Committee Meeting
10th March	Confirmation Retreat Day
15th March	1st Choir Practice
16th March	St Patrick's Night Dinner

Reflection:

Today's readings invite us to re-examine our understanding of God's commandments. A proper understanding of the commandments is very essential for finding their source—God. The Ten Commandments propose a way of life that upholds God's name and our human dignity. They are not so much about what we must do as they are about how we should think and act in our daily life. Their purpose is not just the avoidance of evil but directing our life towards a higher goal. They challenge us to look deep within ourselves to identify the real intent behind our actions. Jesus knew that the money-changers and sellers in the temple were motivated by greed rather than service to God and to his people. Lent invites us to a conversion of heart, a heart that recognises the fact that 'the precepts of the Lord are right, they give joy to the heart.' what, then, in the light of God's commandments, primarily, motivates all our actions?

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and Benediction

Will take place every Sunday during Lent at 5.30pm.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be conducted after Friday morning Masses and at 7pm on Fridays during Lent.

St Agatha's Church Choir

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in joining the choir; the meeting on Wednesday 28th went well and a choir committee has now been formed. They will be meeting in the church on **Thursday 7th March** to discuss a programme. The first choir practice will be held on **Thursday 15th March from 7–8pm** in the church. If you are interested do come along and try it; if you feel you cannot commit to joining us regularly we will welcome people to join us for special services as long as you attend several rehearsals beforehand. It doesn't matter if you haven't a wonderful voice it will improve with practice. You don't need to be able to read music. Much of what we sing can be learnt by listening carefully.

Children's Liturgy

More helpers are needed to join the team of volunteers taking Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10.30am Sunday Masses. No experience needed, only a willingness to assist the leader, particularly if you have a child attending. If you feel you can help, please come along to one of the sessions.

Readers

Readers play an important role in the celebration of the Mass by reading the Scriptures as part of the Liturgy of the Word, in doing so, they help the church to understand the Word of God. We are fortunate to have a small group of readers for all the weekend Masses but new readers are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a reader at St Agatha's or would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Secretary at parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday.

St Patrick's Night Dinner

The parish St Patrick's Night Dinner will be held on **Friday 16th March** in the Cloister at **7.30pm**. The price is £10.00 per head, drinks extra. The menu will comprise soda bread and toppings; bacon, parsley sauce, cabbage & potatoes, apple pie & custard, cheese and biscuits. Please sign up on the notice at the back of the church.

St Agatha's Church Easter Spring Clean

We call on kind Parish volunteers to help prepare our beautiful church inside and outside for Easter Holy Week. If you can spare a couple of hours after the morning Mass on **Saturday 24th March** to help polish brass/iron altar cloths, etc.. Please add your name to the notice board list by the front door. Teens are especially welcome (those aged 11 – 13 to be accompanied by an adult please – no smaller children). Volunteers who would like to help spruce up the garden – please bring gardening tools with you.

Altar Servers' Rally 2018

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Monday 7th May** at **The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent**. **Bishop Paul Mason** is the principal celebrant. The annual rally gives servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. If you have not attended before please take the time to 'come and see'. All servers and their families and friends are welcome. A poster with more details is on the church noticeboard.

Altar Servers perform a very important role in liturgical services. After approx. 2 years regular serving, servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and receive the Guild bronze medal. If you or your child are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Fr. Vitalis.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

The next classes for our young people who are preparing for First Holy Communion will be on **Monday 5th and 19th March and Monday 23rd April at 3.30pm**.

The rehearsal for Group 1 will be on **Friday 27th April at 3.30pm**.

The First Holy Communion mass will be on **Sunday 29th April at 12noon**.

The rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 5th May at 3.30pm**.

The First Holy Communion mass will be on **Sunday 6th May at 12noon**.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May**.

The Inscrption Mass will be on **Sunday 4th March at 6.30pm**.

The second session will be on **Tuesday 6th March**. Retreat day **10th March**.