

## FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

There are no Feasts this week.

## OFFERINGS

Retiring collection last week was for St. Georges Cathedral.

First collection	Gift Aid	£472.99	Loose	£479.08	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1161.43</b>
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£149.30	Loose	£60.12		

## 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

Roland Tierney, Mary Bowen, Jeremiah Murphy, Nora Thorpe, Capt. Eugene William De' Kerckhove, Patrick McNally, Patricia Fenton, Marie Rogers, Ivy Walsh, James Young, Geoffrey Allen, Mary Finley, Mary Postins, Oscar George Friend, Mary Jordan, John O'Leary, Emily Jones, Margaret Little, Brian McCarthy, Mrs. Mcquillan, Mary Sinteff, Mary Smith, Kathleen Wiseman, Francis Bruce, Mary Murphy, Patrick Dunne, John McMahon, John Paterson.

+++ **May they rest in peace** +++

## 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](mailto: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.



## \*NEW\* MONTHLY FAITH TALKS

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton is launching a new monthly event: "Theology on Tap".

Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall (Alexander House) over a glass of wine or other refreshment.

**The first event will be from 6pm-8pm on Sunday 27 May when Deacon Peter Sebastian will speak about "The role of the Permanent Deacon in the life of the Parish."**

All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs. Details of future events will be announced in due course and will aim to be scheduled for the last Sunday in each month. Please save the dates!



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## CLERGY

Fr. Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP—Parish Priest

Fr. Julius Otoaye MSP

Rev. Robert Beresford—Deacon

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Claire & Andrew Chambers RIP
	6.30pm	Private Intention for Wellbeing
Sunday 6 <sup>h</sup>	9.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Paul Davidson
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Alice Coll RIP
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Patrick Sheehy RIP
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Margaret Brennan RIP
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Whole School Mass
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Claire & Andrew Chambers RIP
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mary Murphy RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

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

## Reflection:

Christianity is God reaching out to humanity in love; God calls us through his Son our Lord Jesus Christ to a relationship. Through Abraham (Genesis 12) God introduced himself as the one true God; the history of salvation began. However, the salvation he brought through his Son, Jesus Christ, is not exclusive to the children of Abraham. It includes the whole human family. The Apostle Peter was taught this doctrine through the conversion of Cornelius. Peter says, 'The truth I have come to realise is that God does not have favourites, but anybody of any nationality who fears and does what is right is acceptable to him.' This conviction of the universality of the salvation of Christ Jesus is the animating impetus to the missionary endeavours of the Church to reach every nationality so as to bring the message of Christ to everyone who, like Cornelius, 'fears God and does what is acceptable'. Learning to fear God and practice justice opens us and the world to the Kingdom of God—that is the most profound purpose of all inter-religious dialogue.

## Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion Mass Group 2
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Altar Servers Rally
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Session
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Choir Practice
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Final Preparation
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation Mass

### General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As you should be aware, there is new data protection legislation coming into force on 25th May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. We know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. **Please could all volunteers** let either Fr. Vitalis or the Parish Secretary know as soon as possible if this applies to you so that we can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and we thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### APF Red Boxes

It is time for the red APF money boxes to come in for the spring counting. If you have an APF box, please bring it to Mass next weekend and leave it on top of the bookcase where the hymn books are kept at the right hand side (as you look at the altar). Boxes that have been emptied are placed on the left hand bookcase ready for collection. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE LABEL AT THE BASE OF THE BOX.** In the past, some boxes have been handed in with no names on the base, so we don't know who to return it to! Please let **Francesca Gilbert** know on phone no. **07813 777408** if you have delivered a box back to the church, but have not received it back.

### Aid to the Church in Need

We will be holding a special appeal for **Aid to the Church in Need** on **Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May**. Aid to the Church in Need supports important projects which are undertaken by the local Church – bishops, priests, Sisters and lay people – in the 140-plus countries where they give aid. From rebuilding churches destroyed by acts of violence, training seminarians, to providing copies of their Child's Bible. The projects range from big to small and cover a whole range of ideas – including some very unusual ones – to help nurture the faith of persecuted and suffering Christians. **There will be a cake sale after the 10.30am Family Mass on the Sunday with all proceeds going to this worthy charity.**

### Sean and Doreen Claffey RIP

We will be holding a memorial Mass for **Sean and Doreen Claffey** on **Wednesday 6th June at 11.30am**. Everyone is welcome but please RSVP to the Parish Secretary on 020 8546 4633 or [parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk)

### Sale of Books

A large number of books have been placed in the Cloister. Parishioners are most welcome to take any of them. Any donations will be gratefully received; there is a small box for donations on the table.

### Seeking Information - Margaret Little

We are searching for any relative(s), or friends of the family, of Margaret Little of Latchmere Road, Kingston, who died on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1995, 90 years old. Her funeral was held at St. Agatha's on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1995, followed by a service at Kingston Crematorium. Please get in touch with the Parish Secretary if you can help with any information, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem.

### First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion Mass (group 2) will be on **Sunday 6th May at 12noon**.

### Confirmation

The next preparation Sessions will be on **Tuesday 8th and 11th May**.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May at 12noon**

### St Agatha 's Church Choir

The next choir practice will be on **Wednesday 9th May from 7-8pm** in the church. We are still looking for new members! If you are interested please 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. There is no need to have sung in a church choir before and it doesn't matter if you haven't a wonderful voice it will improve with practice.

### A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 12th May at Our Lady of Fatima, W12** starting at **9.30am**. These days of prayer, held in Catholic churches and shrines, are open to everyone and are free. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. For more details please see the poster on the church notice board.

### Parish Men 's Group

The men of the parish are invited to meet together on **Wednesday 16th May** at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm** for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come and join us.

### Sacramental Preparation

There will be a baptism preparation meeting at **3pm on Sunday 3rd June 2018** in the cloister. Please book your place by email [parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk) or call **020 8546 4633**. Only one parent need attend. If you are considering your child 's baptism within the next few months, please complete an application form and consider joining us for this class. Parents **must** attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child 's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

### Celebrate Twickenham! 2018

A Charismatic Catholic Conference. **16 — 17th June 2018** at St Mary's University - Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, United Kingdom. For ALL - singles, couples, and families. Tickets for both days. One day tickets not available. YOU HAVE TO PRE BOOK! Unfortunately, you can 't just turn up as many weekends are full to capacity.

**Theme: "See I am doing new things " Isaiah 43:19**

4 main stage talks from David Wells, Maria Heath, and Valerie Elliot, see website for speaker details. Lots of workshops to choose from. Mass with Bishop John Wilson.

*The programme includes main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and time for chatting over a cup of tea. So that parents with children can really benefit from the weekend, there is a full programme for all young people from the age of 4 upwards plus a warm, welcoming crèche. For further information and a booking form, please see the poster on the notice board, pick up a flyer at the back of the church or visit <https://www.celebrateconference.org/twickenham#book>*

### National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

**The Bishops of England and Wales** are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. scheduled to take place in Liverpool from **7th to 9th September 2018**. 10,000 people have been invited, including 570 delegates from Southwark Archdiocese, two per parish. We are still seeking representatives from St Agatha 's parish; if you are interested in representing us, please speak with Fr. Vitalis.