

**FEASTS FOR THE WEEK**  
Monday 14th - St. Matthias, Apostle

**OFFERINGS**

The retiring collection this weekend is for World Communications Day.  
Next weekend's retiring collection will be for Aid to the Church in Need

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

David Rattray, 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**

Kathleen Wiseman, Francis Bruce, Mary Murphy, Patrick Dunne, John McMahon, John Paterson, Mabel Heck, Joyce Huntingford, Nora Conlon, David Walsh, Mary Oldknow, Rita Allen, Florence Busby, Maria Persechino, Salvatore Menale, Thomas Sheehy, James McCabe, Patricia Mulley, Flora Smith, Kenneth Albert Peacock, Michael Humphries, Eileen Renner, John Chandler, Elisabeth Lamb, Leslie Wiseman, Amelia Neve, Ann Sewell-Knight, John Kissane, Eleanor Condron, Elizabeth Brannelly, Eleanor McLeod, Kathleen Mary Little, Rosina Jane Brown, James Cullen, Edward Mulcahy, Patrick Gallagher, Maire Dutrulle, Delia Marsella, Mary Smith, John Danzey, John Carrig, Michael Peluso, Mathew Hickey, Anthony Friend, Edna Ward.

+++ 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.

**THEOLOGY & TAP**  
QUENCH YOUR SPIRITUAL THIRST

**\*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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) - World Communications Day

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mary Murphy RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 13 <sup>h</sup>	9.00am	Anne Laing RIP
	10.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Vincenzo Straccialano RIP
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Cecilia Grose RIP
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	No Intention
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	No Intention
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Wellbeing of David Rattray
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Wellbeing of Eileen Caveeley
	6.30pm	Eileen De Silva & Rita Raymond 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

**Reflection: Living the Paschal Mystery**

It can be difficult to say goodbye. Relationships, friendships, and bonds of love enter a new phase when we say goodbye. We may never see our loved ones again, or in the same way. People will develop, grow, and change. And we give them the freedom to do so. Jesus gives us this freedom today. He knows he is returning to the Father, leaving those who were entrusted to him on their own. Yet, he will promise (in another reading) to send another advocate, the Spirit. But as for Jesus, he will no longer be with them, his friends. If dying on the cross were not enough, Jesus also knew that he was letting go of friendships. He knew the end was in store, and so he placed these relationships in prayer with the Father. This can be a model for us as we enter new phases of relationships, or when we say goodbye to those we love. At some point we turn over to the Father, entrusting them and the relationship to his care. Though the relationship may be buffeted by storms, and the relationship will be secure and last the test of time. Giving over this trust to the Father can be an exercise in humility, knowing that we are not in control. When we turn over control like this, it can seem that we are not in control. When we turn over the control like this, it can seem that we are dying to our own wishes and desires. But in letting go, we are giving new life.

**Gift aid scheme**

The new gift aid envelopes will be available from **Saturday 19th May**. If you are part of the scheme, please do ensure you come and collect your envelopes from the back of the church.

### 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.

### Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday 13th May	Confirmation Mass
Wednesday 16th May	Men's Parish Group
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Saturday 19th May	Gift Aid Scheme Envelopes
Sunday 3rd June	Baptism Preparation Class

### First Holy Communion

A big thank you to the following for helping in the preparation of the children for this year's First Holy Communion Masses, held the past two Sundays: Fr Vitalis, Fr Julius, Deacon Bob, Alison, Eileen, Barbara, Nadia, Pat, Tracy, Judy, Nadia, Jennie, Sebastian and Martha. Both Masses were very special and happy occasions. Congratulations to all the children and to their parents and families who supported them.

### Confirmation

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass takes place this **Sunday 13th May at 12noon**.

### St Agatha's Church Choir

The next choir practice will be on **Wednesday 16th May from 8 - 9 m** 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.

### 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>*