

OFFERINGS

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PARISH DIARY

Each Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

FEASTS FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 4th: The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday 7th: St John Baptist de la Salle

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Maureen Allen, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Kay Kennedy, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo & Elsie Malone.

ANNIVERSARIES

William Irvin Reed, Joseph Cassidy, Theodore Schlatter, Christina Josephine Pilgrim, Sydney George Alexander, Johanna Lombard, Theresa Dilliway, Catherine Henry, Margaret Bringham, Mary Carraig, Leon Lorek, Mafalda Diliato, Alan White, Johanna Norton, Carlo Marchese, Ruby May Fenton, Giovanni Grassi, James McArdle, Francis Brocking, Henry Wright, Sr. Stanislaus Holohan, Mario Bedoye, Maureen Swinbourne, Mary Lott, Alice Baker, Sarah Watson, John McKenna, James Patrick Kennedy, Caroline Hopkins, William Philip Murphy, Alice Delaney, Ellen Desmond, Eugene Doyle, Bernadette Harris, Evelyn Fiaschi, Clare Chambers, George Higginson, Bridget Doyle, Michael McDonnell, Margaret Hardless, Mary O'Connell, Martin O'Brien, George Deeb, Alfred Paish Charles Philpot, Walter Hewitt, Mercie Young, John Malone, Michael Lynn, Ottie Hewitt, Richard Lumey, Nellie O'Brien, Mary Hobbs, Harriet Roberts, Gertrude Thompson, Marie Philomena Sinteff, Denis Kennedy, John Nash, Mabel Friend, Frederick Evenden, Theresa Mary McKay, Mary Browne, Samuel Moorhouse, Anne Hall, Catherine West, Sister Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Inge Quarta, Clara Hawkins, May Lott, Caroline Milburn, Arthur Burgess, Jane Beresford, Charles Harold Jarvis, Joyce McDonagh, Peter Horsfield, Caroline Louisa Currie, Catherine Barkell, Harold Ward, Michael Mullen, George Steele, Monique Ricquer

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Spring Clean and Tidy up

BIG thanks to everyone for a tremendous response to the recent Spring cleaning day. The church looks magnificent. For all those who wanted to come along and help but had weekend/holiday commitments, don't worry there will be other opportunities as we go forward.



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Deacon: Rev. Robert Beresford

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE THREE WEEK PERIOD					
Sunday 27th March to Sunday 10th April 2016					
Easter Sunday & Second & Third Sundays of Easter					
Week beginning 27th March					
Saturday	8.00pm	Tony Pierce			
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo			
	10.30am	People of the Parish			
	6.30pm	Walsh family			
Monday	9.30am	Mary Frances McNamara			
Tuesday	9.30am	Tim Malone			
Wednesday	9.30am	Eugene McEneaney			
Thursday	9.30am	Montague Laing			
Friday	9.30am	Bridie & Eugene Doyle			
Saturday	9.30am	Special Intention			
	6.30pm	Bridie Crehan			
Week beginning 3rd April			Week beginning 10th April		
Sunday	9.00am	Special Intention	9.00am	Dorothy Hall	
	10.30am	People of the Parish	10.30am	People of the Parish	
	6.30pm	Denis Parker	6.30pm	Special Intention	
Monday	9.30am	Chantry of St Mary Magdalen	9.30am	Peace in Our World	
Tuesday	9.30am	Mabel Patrick	9.30am	Charles Laing	
Wednesday	9.30am	Harriet Alexander	9.30am	Ellen Metcalf	
Thursday	9.30am	Caroline Woodhouse Currie	9.30am	Margaret Brennan	
Friday	9.30am	Ann Laing	9.30am	Special Intention	
Saturday	9.30am	Jane Beresford	9.30am	Mary Murphy	
	6.30pm	Geoff Westcott	6.30pm	Special Intention	

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion

The children will be taking a break for the Easter holiday. The next meeting for parents will be on **Tuesday 19th April**.

The children in Group 1 will meet on **Monday 25th April at 3.30pm**. The rehearsal for First Communion is on **Friday 29th April**. The First Communion Mass is on **Sunday 1st May at 12 noon**.

The children in Group 2 will meet on **Saturday 30th April at 10.00am**. The rehearsal for First Communion is on **Friday 5th May**. The First Communion Mass is on **Sunday 8th May at 12 noon**.

Parish Prayer Group

The **Parish Prayer Group** meets every **Tuesday at 8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us. Please enter via the presbytery.

Parish Men's Group

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group will be on **Wednesday 20th April** at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm**. All men of the parish are invited to join us for a friendly and relaxed evening lubricated by a pint or two.

Active Kids Vouchers

St Agatha's School is collecting these vouchers. Please place them in the box at the back of the church.

Celebrate Twickenham – Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly With Your God

This faith-filled event for all will take place on **18th & 19th June** at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. The programme includes 3 main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, mass, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and relaxation. There is a full programme for young people over the age of 4 plus a warm, welcoming crèche. Tickets cost £40.00 for adults, £20.00 for 18–21 year olds and £10.00 for children in nursery to year 13. The crèche for children of 4 and under is free. For details see the flyers at the back of the church or speak to John de Quidt.

The Mustard Seed

The next evening of renewal where we are given the opportunity to grow in faith in the power of the Holy Spirit will be on **Saturday 23rd April** at St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL, about one hundred yards from St Margarets rail station, at 7.45 pm for 8.00pm. The evening will include praise, reflection, teaching and individual prayer ministry for those who wish for it. It will conclude at 10.00pm. Many people from Kingston attend this monthly event. All are welcome.

REFLECTION

Moments of Death and Resurrection

As we go through life we all experience little deaths.

We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness and despair.

In times like these the world closes in on us, and we seem to have one foot in the grave.

But we also encounter little resurrections.

When we know love, acceptance, and forgiveness; when we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb.

Lord may the splendour of your resurrection scatter the shadows of death,

and enable us to walk in radiant hope towards the kingdom where there are

no more shattered hopes or broken dreams.

Rev F. O'Mahony S.D.B.

First Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37–43

God does not have favourites because God has the ability to treat each and every person as a favourite. When we have favourites we tend to treat some people better than others. God treats everyone as if they were his favourite; loving each person completely and wholly. This is the wonder of God's love.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1–4

Heavenly things are not otherworldly things but rather life-giving things. All things that are life-giving are a reflection of the presence of God and therefore in essence heavenly things. When we engage in heavenly things, we are in effect building up the kingdom of God.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1–9

This first Easter morning was a life-changing experience for the disciples. There was a major movement from the initial reaction of fear and incredulity to profound belief. The dead to rise again, victory to be snatched from the jaws of defeat, how could this be? Could it actually be true that love is the greatest and most life-giving power? Could it actually be true that Jesus and his unconditional love had transcended even death itself?

This was a happening that was unbelievable, incomprehensible, unimaginable and yet, very real.