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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 Karin Rattray, 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.

**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (B)**

**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

<u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></u>	St John Mary Vianney, Priest, Memorial
9.30am	Denis Parker RIP
6.30pm	Phil O'Reilly RIP
<u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></u>	
9.00am	Jeremy Langstaff RIP
10.30am	People of the Parish
6.30pm	Thanksgiving for Merlyn & Keith Fraser
<u>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></u>	The Transfiguration of the Lord, Feast
9.30am	Wellbeing of Imelda Stephens
<u>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></u>	Holy Souls
9.30am	
<u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></u>	St Dominic, Priest, Memorial
9.30am	Thelma De Martin RIP
<u>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></u>	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr, Patron of Europe, Feast
9.30am	Margarete Rogers RIP
<u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></u>	St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr, Feast
9.30am	Tom Turnbull RIP
<u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></u>	St Clare, Memorial
9.30am	John & Bridge McDonagh & Departed Relatives RIP
6.30pm	Marie Ann Xiberras RIP
Exposition:	Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am
Morning Prayer:	Monday to Saturday 9am
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Parish Men's Group
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	St Agatha's Ladies Group
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Baptism Preparation Class

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill & Mary Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan.

Due to the new data protection rules we are unable to have names on the sick list unless we have written permission from the person to publicise their names. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

John Dracas, Richard North, Madeleine Miller, Brian Barrett, Sheila Eugenia Taylor, Christopher Byrne, Josephine McParlane, Ellen Wiseman, Margaret Broatbent, Alvaro Americo Britto, Mary Kathleen Frain, Shelagh Gray, Chris Sargent, James Jennings, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Mary Sweeney, Lilian Thompson, Mary Ellen Young, Jessie Wiseman, Bridget Lynn, Jane Mary Lamb, Nora Teresa Noonan, Ellen Fear, Bill Drinkwater, Frances Eliza Alexander, Kacper Jaskiewicz.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

**OFFERINGS**

First collection	Gift Aid	£483.37	Loose	£448.84
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£19.65	Loose	£46.04
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£997.90</b>		

**HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!**

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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**REFLECTION – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY**

Today we recount how the Israelites revolted against Moses, despised God because of the hunger for physical food. They quickly forgot all the great things that God had done for them. God, however, proved to be a great provider by feeding them with Manna from heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of bread and fish out of necessity. However, the crowd has been taken up only by the material things they could get from Christ. So, rather than first accepting Christ and the word of God he preached, they allowed physical hunger to overshadow their spiritual hunger. When we pay too much of attention to material things, we tend to forget the goodness of God in the past. So, rather than counting our blessings we might end up counting our woes, and blaming God for our misfortunes.

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**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

For all those on holiday over the coming weeks we hope that you have a refreshing and relaxing time, for those travelling, we pray that you will have a safe journey. For those visiting families, may it be moments to cherish and for those going on pilgrimage over the summer period, please keep the parish in your prayers. May God be with you all over this period. Pray for God's protection and safety for all families wherever they may be. God Bless you all.

**GARDEN SPRUCE UP**

Fr Anthony would like to thank everyone who so generously gave their time and helped him with the garden spruce up on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The church grounds and car park looked magnificent! A huge thank you to the children and young adults of the parish who also admirably gave their time to help on this very warm day! We look forward to seeing you again at further events through the year. Lastly, a very special thank you to Martin who worked tirelessly for two days to help with the preparation of the car park and the grounds. There are dozens of people involved in making everything run smoothly at St. Agatha's throughout the year; we thank you one and all.

**THANK YOU**  
**Volunteers!**  
 We couldn't do it without you

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## Transfiguration of the Lord Reflection – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August

The Feast of Transfiguration is a prefiguration of the splendour of Heaven. God is ready to do anything good to save us as long as we continue to walk with His Son Jesus. All that we need to do is to continue to respond, to walk faithfully, and to listen to Christ attentively. In today's Gospel, God revealed the gift He is about to offer us. This gift is Jesus Christ. He demands only one thing from us: 'Listen to Him!' Listening to Jesus means transforming our lives and changing our ways. It means living according to the word of God we hear every day, walking with God, trusting Him no matter what our circumstances, obeying His will and, paying attention to what the church teaches.

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### Church Car Park Modifications

On Wednesday 1st August the church car park was closed for maintenance and the automatic barrier is now fully operational and in action for security. The car park will be open from 8am to 8pm Monday – Friday and 8am to 9pm on Saturday & Sunday. There are new markings and notices in place; please only park in marked bays provided – this is to allow access at all times for the hospital chaplain and church staff, as well as emergency vehicles. Thank you.

### Parish Musicians

The musicians of the Parish will be taking their customary time off during the summer break. We would like to say a huge thank you to them all for everything they do throughout the year. From September they will need more musicians if there is to be an accompaniment at our usual Masses. If you can play the organ or the piano and would like to take a turn on Saturdays, at the 6.30pm Mass, or on Sunday mornings at the 10.30 Family Mass, please contact Fr. Anthony, or the Parish Secretary, thank you.

### Mass Intentions

Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church entrance. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. Masses can sometimes 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 well ahead of time. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting 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. If you require confirmation of a Mass time and date, please ensure you provide your contact details.

## The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Wednesday 15th August, we keep the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation in which we are expected to attend Mass. Masses will be at 7.30am and 9.30am and 7.30pm.

### Parish Men's Group

*The Parish Men's Group will be meeting during the summer break;* Men of the parish are invited to meet together on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come along and join us.

### Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Fr. Anthony and Fr Pius will, of course, still be available in case of emergency or a pressing enquiry.

### St Agatha's Ladies Group

Thank you to those who have already been in touch, please keep your ideas coming. We will hold an initial meeting on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 1pm** to discuss all ideas and a schedule. Refreshments will be provided. This group will be for all the busy ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest.

### Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to 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.

### Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

Fr. Anthony / Fr. Pius will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 between 10.30am and 12.30pm** and on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September between 2pm and 4pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificate

**St. Agatha's Vets FC** – St. Agatha's FC are a local vets football team traditionally made up of fathers of St Agatha's School pupils plus a few ringers! Over the last couple of years, they have had less and less representation from the school, and so they would love to change that next season. The team is mainly aged from mid-30s to mid-40s but does have a couple of guys in their 50s, and they sometimes sneak in a couple of younger ones as well! They play 24 fixtures between September and April, all in the local area, on a Sunday morning for 90 minutes, 11-a-side. If you would be interesting in playing, then they ask for the following: • To be at least a competent footballer (it isn't suitable for people who have not played football before, or who just fancy a kick about!) • To be match fit (or to be at least willing to get match fit!) • To be willing to commit to at least 2 Sunday mornings a month. The ethos is competitive and serious, but they are friendly and encouraging and they have a great team spirit. They have a Christmas Party in December and a weekend away with a match at the end of the season. If you are interested, please contact Luke McMillan by email, [mcmillanluke@hotmail.com](mailto:mcmillanluke@hotmail.com) with your contact details and a little bit about yourself (preferred playing position etc), and he promises to get back to you.

