

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	St Paul Miki & Companions
Wednesday	Saint Josephine Bakhita
Friday	St Scholastica
Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday is the Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking; Saturday is the World Day for the Sick.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 3.30pm	First Holy Communion Preparation Class
Monday 7.15pm:	Confirmation Preparation Class
Tuesday 8.00pm:	Parish Prayer Group
Saturday 6.45pm:	KCAH Quiz Night @ St Paul's, Kingston Hill

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£562.90	Loose	£424.00
Retiring collection	Gift Aid	£22.40	Loose	£47.08

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD; next weekend's is for Racial Justice Sunday.

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, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone & Colette Patten.

ANNIVERSARIES

Catherine Sellwood, Alan Hanley, Catherine McDonnell, Francis Brain, William Gentry, Karmimurz Skicki, Noreen Halloran, Mary Joyce, Salvatore Grassi, Alice Bennett, Father Albert H. Jenner, Kathleen Lombard, Amadeis Mouta, Noreen Mullane, Frances Marie, Edith Campbell, William Hardy, Cornelius O'Reilly, Ethel Maud Ward, Lucinda Potesta, Joseph McGuckin, Louise Maud Dawson, Antonio Ferritto, Bronislaw Jaroszynski, Mary Ellen Miles, Julia Woodhams, William Lovely, Margaret North, Elsie Brady, Harold Ladlier, Harold Mays, Bridget Woolgar, Florence Brockwell, Ellen McKay.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

World Apostolate of Fatima

On **Saturday 18th February**, from **1.45pm** Cardinal Nichols will receive, bless and crown the WAF National Pilgrim Virgin statue in Westminster Cathedral and will renew the consecration of this country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For further details see www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 5th February 2017

Fifth Sunday of the Year (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Joan Kelly RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Pauline Welham RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday	9.30am	Raymond Flannelly RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday	9.30am	Fr Albert Jenner RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Margaret Quigley & family
Friday	9.30am	Millicent Mary Laing
Saturday	9.30am	John & Rose Pereira
	6.30pm	Fr Gerry's Intention
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule	

FR GERRY

Please continue to pray for the health and welfare of Fr Gerry. He will be living for some weeks at Coloma Court, West Wickham for a period of rest and recuperation. We will provide a telephone number on which he can be contacted in due course.

Parish Prayer Group

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

PARISH NOTICES

Sacramental Preparation

There will be a First Holy Communion preparation class on **Monday 6th February** at **3.30pm** in the church.

The Confirmation preparation class will be on **Monday 6th February** at **7.15pm**.

Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness Quiz Night

The quiz night will be held at St Paul's Church, Queens Road on **Saturday 11th February** from **6.45pm to 9.30pm**. Tickets are £12 per head including a light supper. There will be a cash bar and the obligatory raffle. Tickets may be ordered from "KCAH Quiz Night" St Peter's Church Hall, London Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6QL. For further details see the notice in the church porch.

St Agatha's Quiz Night – Teachers/Staff vs Parents and Carers

Spend an evening with good beer, fine wines and great company at the first St Agatha's Quiz night against the teachers and staff! Feel free to make up your own teams of 6–8 players or just come on the night to join a team! There will be lots of fun and prizes to be won but, more importantly, reputations are at stake!

The event will take place at the Canbury Arms on **Thursday 23rd February**. Please arrive by **7.30pm** to reserve your table, the quiz night starts at **8.00pm**. The cost is £5 per person. For details see http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/sta_gathasquiznight

Healing of the Family Tree

There will be a special mass for healing within our family lineage on **Tuesday 21st February** at St Barnabas Catholic Church, Vine Road, Molesey at **7.30pm**.

Diocesan Mass and Day of Renewal

This celebration of fifty years of Catholic Charismatic Renewal will take place on **Saturday 18th February** at St Aloysius Church, 20 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA from **10.30am to 4.30pm**. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. The afternoon will comprise adoration, praise, worship and ministry. For further details see the church noticeboard.

National Celebration of Jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal

A National celebration of the golden jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, with well-known international speakers, will be held on **Saturday 4th March** in West Bromwich. Coaches are being organised from the London area. The fee for the celebration is £12. The cost of the coach is £30. For more information see the parish noticeboard or speak to John de Quidt or Georgina Livesey.

St Peter's Church, Norbiton

St Peter's Church celebrates its 175th anniversary this year with a number of events. See the notice in the church porch. We are particularly invited to the afternoon celebration on **Saturday 18th February** between **4.00pm and 7.00pm**.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7–10

There is a saying with which we are all familiar – 'When all is said and done, there's a lot more said than done'. Faith, hope and charity only really come alive when they are done.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1–5

Paul is only too aware of his own weakness and limitations. Yet in the midst of knowing this he experiences the power of God active in him. Because of this he can sincerely share the crucified and risen Christ with the Church. We too have been commissioned to preach the Word and can only do so authentically when we realise our own weakness and double standards.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 13–16

In Jesus' time salt was used for much more than seasoning food. When mixed with animal dung, made into a patty and placed on a slab of salt, the chemical reaction gave off quite a heat. This was how ovens were fired. Eventually the catalytic ability of the salt slab would wear out, but it still had its use as a piece of paving. The Gospel is really about Jesus urging his disciples to be on fire and in doing so to let his light shine that all can see.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Let your light shine

The most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness. We can be a source of light. We have hands that can care, eyes that can see, ears that can hear, tongues that can speak, feet that can walk, and above all hearts that can love. Unfortunately, through laziness, selfishness and cowardice, our light can be dimmed, so that we become shadows of the people that we could be. Lord, help us to believe in our own goodness, and let the light of that goodness shine. On seeing this light others find their way, and you will be glorified.

Flor McCarthy S.D.B.

THE MERCY OF LOVE – MERCY BRINGS JOY

Mercy gives rise to joy, because our hearts are opened to the hope of a new life. The joy of forgiveness is inexpressible, yet it radiates all around us whenever we experience forgiveness. Its source is in the love with which God comes to meet us, breaking through walls of selfishness that surround us, in order to make us in turn instruments of mercy... The experience of mercy brings joy. May we never allow this joy to be robbed from us by our troubles and concerns. May it remain rooted in our hearts and enable us to approach with serenity the events of our daily lives... We need to acknowledge the joy that rises up in a heart touched by mercy.

Pope Francis – Misericordia et Misera part 3