

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm:

Parish Prayer Group

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:

St Barnabas, Apostle

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£486.49	Loose	£228.92
Retiring collection (CAFOD)	Gift Aid	£22.20	Loose	£48.43

The retiring collection next weekend is for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales. This Trust supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. This collection helps supply the Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.

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 & Colette Patten.

LATELY DEAD

The Requiem Mass for John Chandler will be held on **Thursday (9th June)** at 12.30pm. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Price, Father John Cremin, Francis Culligan, Francis Lamb, Amy Florence Webb, Thomas Muldoon, Sheila Margaret Atkinson, Mary Roath, Elenora Alexander, Donald Bird, Stephen Carrig, Nora Willgoss, Henry Egan, Joseph McDonagh, Mary Brewer, Michael Bourke, Christopher Gray, Patrick Anthony Jarret, Modesta Divito, Sean McConvey, Rowland Stimson, Mary Ellen Lewis, Marisa Davies, Mother Brigid Taylor, John Trelfer, Denis Carpey, James Lamb, Anne Pettifer, Beatrice Heaton-Harris, Norah Chilton, Stella Patterson.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

EU Referendum

Not sure of the real issues or how to vote? There will be a debate with speakers putting the case for remaining in or leaving the EU at St Paul's Church, Queens Road, Kingston, KT2 7SF on **Sunday 5th June** at **6.30pm**. The debate will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.



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Please visit our website regularly to keep abreast of important current issues.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 5th June 2016		
Tenth Sunday of the Year (C)		
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Michael & Ellen Burke
Sunday	9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor
	10.30am	Sean McConvey
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Therese Agius
Tuesday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	9.30am	Gertrude Etinoff
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention
	12.30pm	Requiem John Chandler
Friday	9.30am	Nicky Harrison
Saturday	9.30am	Kathleen Burke
	6.30pm	John Chandler
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required - Diocesan rule	

There are many things that cause tears to fall, but without doubt the greatest offender is death. Death brought tears to the eyes of Jesus too. But in Jesus, God visits all who mourn and gives them hope and consolation. Let us draw close to him who at Nain dried the tears of a widow crying for her dead son.

Gift Aid

Please collect your gift aid envelopes from the back of the church.

PARISH NOTICES

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who kindly attended parish presentations in respect of supporting the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. The Campaign Team is pleased to report that £1,175 has already been raised through gifts from parishioners, with over £1.97 million raised across the Diocese so far. This is a good start, but more funds are needed to enable the Diocese to reach its overall goal of just over £4.5 million. Archbishop Peter has identified the needs of our sick and retired clergy, who have served us so well over the years, as a priority for the Diocese and the Campaign Team will be running a small number of informal presentations in the Cloister after all Masses on **Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June 2016**. The presentations will include a moving short film featuring a number of locally retired priests and the opportunity to ask questions about the campaign. All parishioners are very welcome to find out more without any obligation. Information booklets will also be available over this weekend.

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

This faith-filled event for all will take place on **Saturday 18th & Sunday 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.

Catholic Miracle Rally

The Catholic Miracle Rally celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing loving power of his Spirit is moving in the Church today. The Rally will include talks, praise, worship, adoration, reconciliation, mass, a miracle healing service and a fire and light celebration. The Rally, at the Friends meeting House, in Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ, will take place on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July**. For further information go to www.corlumenchristi.org or telephone 01932 565747.

St Catherine's School

On **Saturday 18th June** St Catherine's School, Twickenham is holding a Year 5 activities morning and open afternoon for both Prep and Senior levels. For further information or to reserve a place for either event please call Ms Chantal Goldburn on 020 3261 0142 or email cgoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk.

REFLECTION

Giving them back to the Lord

We give them back to you, O Lord, who first gave them to us;
and as you did not lose them in the giving,
so we do not lose them in the return.
Not as the world gives do you give, O Lover of souls.
For what is yours is ours also, if we belong to you.
Life is unending because love is undying,
and the boundaries of this life are but a horizon,
and an horizon is but the limit of our vision.
Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further.
Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.
And while you prepare a place for us, as you have promised,
prepare for us also that happy place;
that where you are we may be also,
with those we have loved, forever.

Bede Jarrett O.P.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17: 17–24

The woman asks what she has done wrong to Elijah. She sees her child's sickness as a punishment from God. Elijah presents the child to God with heartfelt prayer. His prayer was heard. Prayer is not wishful thinking; prayer is a direct communication with God who even in distress makes his power known.

Second Reading: Galatians 1: 11–19

The faith Paul received is not a personal gift for him alone; he has a strong compulsion to bring the Good News to the whole world. The Christian faith is never a private matter; it is for everyone of every time and place. Every Christian is called to make Christ known – by word and action.

Gospel Reading: Luke 7: 11–17

God has visited his people. Christ has come to conquer death and give life.

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 15th June** at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm. All men of the parish are invited to join us for an informal get-together, lubricated by the odd pint.