

## FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

There are no feasts this week.

### PARISH DIARY

Sunday 5.45pm: Stations of the Cross  
Monday 7.15pm: Confirmation Preparation Class  
Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group  
Friday: Lent Fast Day

### OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid £619.50	Loose £265.54
Retiring collection	Gift Aid £223.40	Loose £143.50

(Poor parishes)

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

### 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

Elizabeth Agnes Wall, Doradea Marie Grassi, William Joseph McKenzie, Sarah Lewis, James Keeble, Tom Naughton, James Baker, John Christopher Letchworth, Margaret Laverty, George Davis, Kathleen Needham, Sarah Fox, John Fox, Martin Moone, Father Casper Lutz, Cynthia Cantoni, James Crowley, Phyllis Glenn, Louisa Margareta Marks, Patrick Bowen, Margaret Quaid, Daisy Cook, Christina Ross, John Dorsett, Dorothy Searle, Alice Leslie, Robert Thomas Kotei, Josie Alexander, Eileen Lumley, Margaret O'Sullivan, Mary Garrow-Fisher, Thomas Gerard Leslie Luson, John Conway, Cecil Cox, Christine Andrews, Elizabeth Clarke, J. P. McGowan, Renee Fox, Mr. H. Cockerhill, Mabel Rooke-Ley, Marie Monaghan, Arthur Tunesi, John Dignum, Helen Halden, Edna Morgan

+++ May they rest in peace +++

### Hospital chaplain

If you, or a member of your family are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform the ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius. His phone number is 8942 2178.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

St Agatha's School is once again collecting the Active Kids vouchers. Please drop off your vouchers at the school or in the box at the back of the church.



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Rev. Gregory Ackron

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### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 5th March 2017

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Special Intention
	6.30pm	Francesco Marozzo RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Thomas Kerrigan RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	In Thanksgiving
Monday	9.30am	Special Intention
Tuesday	9.30am	Fr Michael Clifton RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Tom Turnbull RIP
Thursday	9.30am	School year 4 Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eva Hendricks RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Private Intention
	6.30pm	Eva Hendricks RIP
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule	

### Stations of the Cross

This devotion provide an opportunity for us to walk the road to Calvary with Our Blessed Lord. **They will take place every Sunday during Lent at 5.45pm.**

### Lent Fast Day Prayer

God of Love, Maker of all, transform my heart throughout my Lenten journey of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Help me to see the dignity in all my sisters and brothers, made in your image and likeness. Inspire me to share the fruits of your creation so that all your people can become artisans of their own destiny. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## PARISH NOTICES

### FR GERRY

My dear brothers and sisters, I am writing this brief item for the parish newsletter with a very heavy heart. It seems only yesterday that Father Gerry was taken ill and had to be taken to Kingston Hospital. As you know, Father's Health and mobility have been in decline over the past year, and for Father his greatest fear was that the time for him to leave his beloved parish was drawing ever closer. As anyone who knew Father Gerry will appreciate without me telling them, Father has never put his needs above those of the people he served (his family, that is you and me), but the time has now come when his needs must become what we want for him.

Father too has realised that he cannot do the many things that a parish family of this size requires and it is therefore with a heavy heart that he has decided that now is perhaps the best time for him to place the care of the parish of St Agatha in new and younger hands. It is therefore his decision that now is the right time for him to retire from active parish life. Naturally, he will continue to be close to this parish in spirit and to be involved in our lives with his love and his prayers.

I am certain that you will with me wish **OUR** Father Gerry every blessing asking him at the same time to continue to care and bless us while we and he enter into the next part of our journey of life.

Fr Geoffrey

Fr Gerry will be living for the time being at Coloma Court, West Wickham. We will provide a telephone number on which he can be contacted in due course.

### Fr Gregory Ackron

We are pleased to welcome Father Gregory to the Parish of St Agatha. The Archbishop has asked Father Gregory to move from the Parish of Sevenoaks to stay here at St Agatha's until the Parish to which he has been appointed becomes vacant in a short while.

The Archbishop has asked Father Gregory to be resident here in the Presbytery so that he can assist Father Geoffrey in the day to day administration of the parish until more permanent arrangements are made.

### Preparation for Confirmation

The next class for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Monday 6th March at 7.15pm.**

### Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday at 8.00pm** in the church. During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross followed by the Rosary. Please come along and join us during this Holy Season. Please enter by the main door of the Church.

### Catholic Truth Society publications

Parishioners will notice that a CTS stand with many new CTS publications has been reintroduced in the porch. It is hoped that new pamphlets will be displayed at various seasons of the year for parishioners' perusal. Parents with young children are particularly advised to make full use of this service. If anyone wishes for any particular pamphlets this can be arranged. The CTS is the main agency in this country for the proclamation of Catholic teaching. The new parish organiser is Richard Collyer-Hamlin. Payments should be put in the wall box marked 'papers'.

### My Day by Day

This Lenten booklet is available **free of charge** at the back of the church. There is one copy for each family. It contains daily Scripture readings and some brief reflections for Lent.

### Lent Fast Day – Friday 10th March 2017

Please support CAFOD's Lent Fast Day by giving what you can to help the world's poorest people. In recent weeks, we have seen how Florence in Zambia and Nicanora in Bolivia, are being helped by CAFOD and her local partners in the respective countries. This Fast Day we can continue to support CAFOD's work. Envelopes, for your donations, are available at all masses of this weekend. The envelope carries brief details of CAFOD's work, further information from [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). The retiring, collection at all masses of Sunday 12 March 2017 will be for your donation to the Lenten Fast Day Appeal. Remember that UK tax payers can 'gift-aid' their donation and allow CAFOD to claim back the equivalent of the basic rate for the given amount. Details of the 'gift-aid' process can be found on the envelope. **CAFOD thank you for your continued support.**

### Pilgrimages – Advance Notice

Details have been received of two forthcoming pilgrimages:

From **18th – 25th August**, there will be a diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Canon Edward Perera, the parish priest of Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth. For further information and a booking form, please contact Canon Perera on 8399 9550 or on [info@olionline.co.uk](mailto:info@olionline.co.uk).

From **9th to 17th October** there will be a pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Fr John Carmel Perotta of the Sons of Divine Providence. For more information please contact Fr Perotta on 8977 5130 or on [johnperotta208@gmail.com](mailto:johnperotta208@gmail.com).