

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George
Wednesday: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thursday: St Leo the Great
Friday: St Martin of Tours
Saturday: St Josaphat

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £594.60 Loose £351.10
Retiring collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £34.50 Loose £65.25
Next weekend's retiring collection is for the Archbishop's Administration Fund.

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

Jose Serna, Peter Marron, Peter Hardy, George Killingbeck, Lina De Kerckhove, Cyril Thompson, Monique Nguyen, Harriet Alexander, Sydney Rhodes, Enid Waller, Frederick Hubble, Frank McCantie, Frederick Miller, Ivy Wilson, Julia Mary Twomey, Isabella Newton, John Saxby, Bridget Goldsmith, John Forde, Leo Duckett, Fr. Hugh Glen, Lilian Taylor, Patrick Francis Crowley, Gerald Stewart, John Finn, George Caine, Jane Gardner, Thomas Egan, Julia Larkins, William Henry Jones, Catherine Delaney, George Smith.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

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Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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Deacon: Rev. Robert Beresford

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 6th November 2016

32nd Sunday of the Year (C)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	John Davis
Sunday	9.00am	Maureen Landy
	10.30am	Ian Fraser
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	William Beresford
Tuesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Wednesday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	9.30am	Private Intention
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Joan Downey
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule	

Each Sunday we end the Creed with these words: 'We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.' Belief in an afterlife is one of the most important of our beliefs as Christians. Without it, our lives on earth are a journey to nowhere. With it, our lives on earth are a journey to the promised land of eternity. Hope is a vital part of life. What bread does for the body, hope does for the spirit. We spend a great deal of our lives waiting, hoping and longing for one thing or another. But we know that this world can never fulfil our deepest hopes and longings. Only God can do that. God has made us not for death but for eternal life. 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3: 14-15)

PARISH NOTICES

November List

The November List is now available. Please fill in the names of your deceased relatives and friends and place your list on the altar.

Annual visit to Kingston Cemetery

The annual parish visit to Kingston Cemetery will take place on **Sunday 6th November**. Please meet at **3.00pm** at the Chapel of Rest at the cemetery in Bonner Hill Road where there will be blessing for all the Holy Souls. This will be followed by the blessing of the graves. As in previous years, we will be joined by the clergy and parishioners from Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth

Prebaptism meeting

There will be a Prebaptism meeting in the Presbytery on **Monday 14th November** at 7.30pm. Only one parent need attend. Please do not bring children with you.

First Communion Preparation Programme 2016/17

There will be a meeting in the church on **Tuesday 15th November** at **7.30pm** for parents of candidates for First Communion. Application forms may be obtained from St Agatha's School or from the Presbytery.

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 Men's Group

The Group will meet on **Wednesday 16th November** at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm** for an evening of fellowship and sharing, lubricated by a pint or two. This is open to all men of the parish.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards and gifts are still on sale in the Cloister after all masses this weekend. Please purchase them now while stocks last.

Bible Alive

The November issue of Bible Alive is now available in the church porch, price £2.50. It contains some thought provoking articles, a daily reflection and prayers and is strongly recommended.

Kingston Joel Night Shelter

The Night Shelter will be holding a pre-Christmas celebration on **Thursday 24th November** for its supporters and volunteers to celebrate the completion of the new dormitory. If you would like to attend, please speak to John de Quidt by 15th Nov.

REFLECTION

Returning to God

We are born in exile and die there too.

As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.

When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him.

Like homesick cranes that fly night and day back to their mountain nests, so let all our lives take their voyage to you, O Lord.

For you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts will never rest, until they rest in you.

Only those who have flown home to you have flown at all.

Flor McCarthy S.D.B.

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14

The reading from Maccabees is an abridged version of the account of the martyrdom of a mother and her seven sons. It emphasises both the conviction of the mother and her sons to adhere to the tenets of their faith and it alludes to the theme of resurrection. The scene is set during the Jewish revolt against the Seleucid king, Antiochus, and the restoration of the Temple about two hundred years before the birth of Christ.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16 - 3: 5

These are the first words of the letter from St Paul to a community he helped to found. These are good and kind sentiments; words of encouragement which Paul wants to convey. It is interesting that he mentions 'work' and 'word'. Our Christian faith is not just something to be spoken about, but something lived in the day to day building up of the Body of Christ. The mention of the Lord in the final sentence seems to allude to the Holy Spirit pointing the Thessalonians to the Father and the Son.

Gospel Reading: Luke 20: 27-38

The mention of 'seven' goes back to the first reading and to resurrection. Sadducees did not believe in resurrection and the Pharisees did. The reading is not necessarily about resurrection but rather the constant barrage that Jesus had to endure in the hopes that these learned men might trick him or trip him up. However, which of us hasn't pondered over questions and conundrums such as these from time to time, especially at the death of people close to us and in particular at this time of year. Jesus was well able to settle their argument, but perhaps not in the way the Sadducees would have liked. He explains the resurrections and affirmed our belief in a God, not of the dead but of the living.