

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St Dominic  
Tuesday: St Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)  
Wednesday: St Lawrence  
Thursday: St Clare

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated this coming weekend.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £485.00 Loose £230.66  
Retiring collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £15.50 Loose £62.54

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for George Henry Dyke who died on 23rd July 2016. His funeral service will be at Teddington Cemetery on **Monday 22nd August at 12noon**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

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

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, Ellen Allen, Martha Ann Marsland, Teresa Mary Smith, Vincent Fucco, Josephine Teresa Ferritto.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Advance notice

Please note that the morning mass on **Tuesday 16th August and Wednesday 17th August** will be at 9.00am and not 9.30am. On **Thursday 18th August**, there will be a Eucharistic Service at 9.30am.

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*Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever*

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Brien

Deacon: Rev. Robert Beresford

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 7th August 2016

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Peace in Our World
Sunday	9.00am	In Thanksgiving
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Lindsay Munn
Monday	9.30am	Thomas Kerrigan
Tuesday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Sarah & Louis Cronin
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required - Diocesan rule	

The emphasis in the Gospel is on readiness for the return of the Lord. Even though the disciples are only a 'little flock' in a hostile world, they must not be discouraged, but must look with confidence to the Father who has chosen them for his kingdom. They are like bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom (Jesus) to return from the wedding feast. Since they do not know the exact hour of his return, they must maintain a constant watchfulness and faithfulness.

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.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

This nationally accredited certificate provides an introduction to Catholic theology for teachers, catechists, chaplains and school governors. To find out more, come to the introductory evening on **Thursday 15th September** at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS from **7.30pm—8.30pm**. For enquiries ring 020 8672 7684 9 or go to [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk). Further information may be found on the notice board and at the back of the church.

### Clergy Support Fund Campaign

Many thanks to all parishioners who have generously donated in order to help support our sick and retired priests in Southwark Diocese. Funds raised and pledged from the St Agatha's parish currently stand at £6,237.00. The current total in gifts and pledges across the Diocese has now reached over £2 million. We still have some way to go in order to reach our goal of just over £4.5 million and hope to organise a parish event in support of our sick and retired clergy this Autumn. If you would like to make a donation to the Campaign in the meantime, you can now do so online at [www.southwarkclergysupportfundcampaign.org](http://www.southwarkclergysupportfundcampaign.org). Please navigate your way to the BT MyDonate button on the left hand side of the homepage. You will be offered the option of making a one-off donation or regular gift at intervals and amounts of your choosing. Alternatively traditional giving forms can be downloaded from the Donate page. The Diocese would like to express its sincere thanks for the support of all parishioners in helping to sustain our retired clergy.

### Mustard Seed

The next evening of praise, teaching and prayer will be on **Saturday 27th August** at St Margaret's Church, East Twickenham. More details to follow.

### Healing Signs and Wonders

On **Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th September** The Cor et Lumen Christi Community are holding a Healing Signs and Wonders gathering at the City of London School for Girls, St Giles Terrace, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8BB. The event will comprise teaching from international speakers, praise and worship, adoration, reconciliation, prayer for healing, empowerment and consolation and holy mass. Booking is compulsory because only 600 places are available. The booking fee is £15.00. To book or for further information on this and other Cor et Lumen Christi events please go to [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or call 01932 565747.

### Southwark Day of Renewal

This will take place on **Saturday 8th October** at St George's Cathedral from 9.45am to 4.45pm. More details shortly.

## REFLECTIONS

## Beatitudes of life

Blessed are the faithful:

they are like safe anchors in a world of broken moorings.

Blessed are the just: they are to society what leaven is to bread.

Blessed are the generous: they keep alive our faith  
in the essential goodness of people.

Blessed are the caring: they shine like beacons  
in a world darkened by indifference.

Blessed are the genuine:

they glow like gems in a world full of falseness.

Blessed are those who are not afraid of sacrifice:

on the day of the harvest they will sing for joy.

And blessed are those who refuse to look back:

they will be found worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Flor McCarthy S.D.B.**

### First Reading: Wisdom 18: 6–9

The editors of the lectionary make the task of reader and homilist difficult here! The author references the night of the exodus from Egypt as a time when the Lord's actions fulfilled the expectations of his people: that he would act to save them from their enemies. This is why they can now sing the ancient songs of praise. For us today, God's actions in the past mean that we can trust his promise of salvation.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1–2, 8–19

The reader should not be afraid of the longer version. A beautiful reflection on how Abraham, and also Sarah, lived by faith, trusting in the promises made to them, even when it seemed that the only means by which these promises could be fulfilled (Isaac) was being taken from them. Those who make the journey of life by faith have their eyes fixed on their heavenly homeland.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 32–48

Again the celebrant need not be afraid of the longer version! The shorter version presents the images of people who persevere throughout the night: servants waiting for their master to return and a householder who protects his house against the burglar, together with the admonition, 'You too must stand ready'. The longer version, however, opens up broader horizons thanks to Peter's question is this a parable for us or for everyone? In response, Jesus expands his teaching to suggest what it actually means to be ready: knowledge and action! The good servant knows his master's wishes and acts on them promptly. For those who know the master's wishes, there are no excuses.