

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

There are no feasts this week.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 12.00pm: First Holy Communion mass Group 2
Monday 3.30pm: Final First Holy Communion class
Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

This weekend's retiring collection will be for Ecclesiastical Education. This helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports some ongoing training for the clergy.

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 & Colette Patten.

ANNIVERSARIES

Capt. Eugene William De'Kerckhove, Patrick McNally, Patricia Fenton, Marie Rogers, Ivy Walsh, James Young, Geoffrey Allen, Mary Finley, Mary Postins, Oscar George Friend, Mary Jordan, John O'Leary, Emily Jones, Margaret Little, Brian McCarthy, Mrs. Mcquillan, Mary Sinteff, Mary Smith, Kathleen Wiseman, Francis Bruce, Mary Murphy, Patrick Dunne, John McMahon, John Paterson, Mabel Heck. +++ May they rest in peace +++

Reflection

I came that they may have life abundantly

Do we know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want*. Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep.

What can shepherding teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. In the summer months, the sheep were usually kept out in the fields and then gathered into a fold at night which was guarded by a shepherd throughout the night.

Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls*. Do we know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

Don Schwager – Servants of the Word – Sword of the Spirit Community



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 7th May 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A) – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Saturday	9.30am	Fr Barry Angus RIP
	6.30pm	Raymond & Patricia Gilbert RIP
Sunday	9.00am	John Edwards RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	12.00pm	First Communion Mass Group 2
	6.30pm	Zoran & Natasha Popovic
Monday	9.30am	Maureen Allen RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Jeremiah & Kate Hurley
Wednesday	9.30am	Marianne Xiberras
Thursday	9.30am	Paddy Walsh RIP
Friday	9.30am	Simon Shilston RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Danny & Esty Collins
	6.30pm	David Edwards 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	

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life

A single Catholic man or woman who wants to be a disciple of Christ and lives a Christian way of life may well be called to the consecrated life or the priesthood. They do not have to be heroic nor do they have to feel completely at ease with the idea. They must simply open their heart to the Holy Spirit and believe that God calls people like them to be priests and religious. If they sense that call directed to them, they should discuss it with a religious or priest. It is a discussion that can bring great joy.

The rest of us are called to pray for and support those considering this option.

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion mass for Group 2 will be on **Sunday 7th May** at **12noon**.

The final class for both groups will be on **Monday 8th May** at **3.30pm**.

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday** at **8.00pm** in the church. Please come along and join us during this Easter Season.

APF Red Boxes

It is time for the red APF money boxes to come in for the spring counting. If you have an APF box, please bring it to mass and leave it on the table at the right hand side (as you look at the altar). Boxes that have been emptied are placed on the left hand table ready for collection. **Please ensure your name is written on the label at the base of the box.** In the past, some boxes have been handed in with no name on the base, so we don't know whose it is to return it to them. Please let Francesca Gilbert know on 07813-777408 if you have delivered a box back to the church, but have not received it back.

St Agatha's School

Royal Geographical Society with Sir David Attenborough

St Agatha's were proud to have been one of only four primary schools to be invited to the launch, by the Friends of Richmond Park, of a campaign called 'Tread Lightly'. Twenty of our Year 4 pupils were great ambassadors of our school at this event which was about protecting Richmond Park. They were delighted to meet Sir David and share their views about why this park that means so much to them. The message that the children have brought back to share with us all is 'Take nothing from the park and leave nothing in the park. Tread Lightly'.

Celebrate – Twickenham

This Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend Conference will be held on **17th –18th June** at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. The programme includes 4 main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and time for chatting over a cup of tea. So that parents with children can really benefit from the weekend, there is a full programme for all young people from the age of 4 upwards plus a warm, welcoming crèche. For further information and a booking form, please see the poster on the notice board or pick up a flyer at the back of the church. Or have a word with John de Quidt.

Parish Men's Group

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group will take place on **Wednesday 17th May** at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm**. All men of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of discussion and friendship, lubricated by the odd pint or two.

Post-Easter talks on the Holy Spirit

Five talks on the Holy Spirit will be given on consecutive Thursdays at the Amigo Hall by St Georges's Cathedral, Southwark, at 7.00pm for **7.30pm**. The next talk on **Thursday 11th May** will be on Our Lady and the Holy Spirit by Fr Benedict Bedingfield CSJ. For further information see the church notice board.

Military Wives Choir

St Peter's, Norbiton is hosting a concert presented by the military Wives Choir on **Saturday 13th May** at **7.00pm**. Tickets are £7.50 for adults, £5.00 for under 12s. Book in advance to avoid disappointment. Last year was a sell out. Tickets are available from St Peter's Church office, Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm (cash only) or from southlondon@militarywiveschoirs.org.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Sunday 21st May** at Walsingham from **11.40am** to **6.00pm**. The day will include sung litany, mass in honour of Our Lady, silent adoration, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

Spirit in the City—A Festival Of Hope

This annual festival will take place on **Friday 9th June** from 7.00pm and on **Saturday 10th June** from 12.00pm to 8.00pm in Notre Dame de France Church, 5 Leicester Place, WC2H 7BX and in Leicester Square. For further details contact info@spiritinthecity.org, tel 020 7440 2663 or see the flyers at the back of the church.

Catholic Miracle Rally

This gathering will take place on **Saturday 8th** and **Sunday 9th June** at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ. For further details of this event, see the notice board at the back of the church or contact Cor et Lumen Christi on 01932 565747 or at coretlumenchristi.com.

The Life of Christ

This will take place at Wintershall daily from **20th to 24th June**, from **10.30am to 3.30pm**. For more information see the notice board at the back of the church or contact www.wintershall-estate.com or 01793 418299.