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The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

**SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2018 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (B)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

Saturday 7 th	
9.30am	Wellbeing of Betty Creton
6.30pm	Natalino Evangelista RIP
Sunday 8 th	Sea Sunday
9.00am	People of the Parish
10.30am	May McCambridge RIP
6.30pm	Teresa & Luigi Pozella RIP
Monday 9 th	
9.30am	Rosa Vitolo RIP
Tuesday 10 th	
9.30am	Christina Ward RIP
Wednesday 11 th	St Benedict, Abbot, Feast.
9.30am	Rose Pereira RIP
Thursday 12 th	
9.30am	Alfred Knight RIP
Friday 13 th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 14 th	
9.30am	Claire & Andrew Chambers
6.30pm	John Davis RIP
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call
Exposition:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule

Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday 12 th July	St Agatha's School Year 6 Production
Sunday 15 th July	Baptism Preparation Class
Wednesday 18 th July	Parish Men's Group
Thursday 19 th July	St Agatha's School Year 6 Leavers Mass
Friday 20 th July	St Agatha's School End of Year Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill & Mary Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan.

Due to the new data protection rules we are unable to have names on the sick list unless we have written permission from the person to publicise their names. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Duckett, James McDonnell, Vincent Bruce McCall, Jane Readon, Jessica Lilian Morgan, Sidney George Charles White, Frederick Norman, Irene Coll, Ian McIntyre, Hannah Coughlan, Stephen Robin John, Bela Szollosi, Frederic Joseph Wilkie, Daniel O'Dwyer, Margaret Mary Lane, Margaret Hopwood, Mario Cattaneo, Julia Martin, Agnes O'Connor, Patrick MacNamara, Thomas Francis Pryce, Jane Agnes Dillon, Elisabeth Coveney, Rose Pereira, Rosanna Healy, Louisa Crosbie, Sarah Birch, Kathleen Godfrey, George Staunton, James Reed, Ann Deuvall, Horace Cave, Sean & Joan O'Connor, Georgina Perez.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

LOOKING UP – A REFLECTION OF PSALM 122

Rejection is an experience suffered by Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus in today's readings. We read of rebels who are defiant and obstinate, of insults and persecutions, and of the prophet who is despised in his own country. The Psalm is an echo of these negative experiences. *'We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain'*. This Psalm is one of the collection called songs of ascent which were chanted by the pilgrims going up the temple hill in procession. It is easy to think of prayer as going up... the elevation of the heart and mind to God, as the classical definition puts it. *'To you have I lifted up my eyes, You who dwell in the heavens'*. The heart of prayerfulness is attentive to God. The psalmist pictures the eyes of the slave fixed on the master's hand, the eyes of the servant girl on the hand of her mistress. The attentive servant can take direction from the slightest nod or glance. This is a beautiful example of the sensitivity of the prayerful soul to God's presence and direction... *'so our eyes are on the Lord our God'*. The psalmist prays in the name of all who are victims of rejection, contempt and scorn. His advice is to look beyond the problems, to raise up one's eyes to God above, confident that his mercy will prevail. *'Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy'*.

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

DEACON BOB BERESFORD

Rev. Bob Beresford is very grateful to Bishop Paul Hendricks, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Vitalis and the Parish for the Mass of Thanksgiving on his birthday. He thanks everyone for all the messages and cards, and special thanks to those who organised everything.

GIFT AID SCHEME

The new gift aid envelopes are available; it is now URGENT that you contact the Parish Secretary if you are part of the scheme and have not collected your envelopes, even if you no longer need them as we need to update the details.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA – SEA SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2018

On Sea Sunday the Catholic Church, along with other churches, remembers seafarers and prays for them, their families and those who support them. This year's Sea Sunday supporting video can be viewed at: <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/sea-sunday>

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£537.00	Loose	£539.86
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£109.85	Loose	£64.37

TOTAL £1251.08

The retiring collection for this weekend is for
The Apostleship of the Sea.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

St Agatha's Ladies Group

Attention Ladies in the parish! We are looking to form a new group just for the Ladies from September. This group will be for all the busy ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest. Thank you to those who have already been in touch, please keep your ideas coming. We will hold an initial meeting in September to discuss all ideas and a schedule. If you would be interested in joining, please contact the Parish Secretary with your details and any tips and ideas!

Sacramental Preparation

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 15th July 2018, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism within the next few months, please complete an application form and join us for this class; we will not be holding another class until September 2018. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Audit of Church Keys / New Church Keys

We are continuing an audit of who holds keys to the church and presbytery and we have now had several locks changed. We will do our best to provide new keys to anyone who opens or closes the church or has a need for a key. Could you please contact the parish secretary as soon as possible if you hold any keys or to request the new keys.

Data Protection Regulation

The new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new legislation. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish secretary.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church entrance. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. Masses can sometimes be booked several weeks in advance so if you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you let the parish office know well ahead of time. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting Mass Intentions. If no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date. If you require confirmation of a Mass time and date, please ensure you provide your contact details.

Accommodation Needed

Primary school teacher and parishioner of St Agatha's, seeks a privately owned one bedroom flat for rent, in the following areas: Kingston, Richmond, Putney, New Malden, Norbiton, Coombe, Sheen, Ham, Roehampton. If you have any relevant information, please can you kindly contact Maria at; maria_peters21@hotmail.com

Mustard Seed

The next evening of renewal with an opportunity to grow in faith in the power of the Holy Spirit will be on Saturday 21st July at St Margaret's RC Church, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL, at 7.45 pm for 8.00pm until 10.00pm. The evening will include praise, reflection, teaching plus individual prayer ministry for those wishing for it. The church is just by St Margaret's railway station (with direct trains from Kingston). All are welcome.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on Saturday 21st July at St Anselm's Church, Balham SW17. These days of prayer, held in Catholic churches and shrines, are open to everyone and are free. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. For more details please see the poster on the church notice board.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th September 2018. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Gatwick with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100 Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Please contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

“Summertime 2018”

**Altar Servers
Summer Break**


**Tuesday 7th –
Friday 10th August**

Woldingham, Surrey

A few days for boy and girl servers aged 10- 15 of the Southwark Diocese

Meet in a holiday atmosphere

Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport,
Chessington World of Adventures, Swimming, Laser Elite.



Cost £145
Cost for week covers:
All board and lodging
Laser Elite
Chessington
Swimming

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**Ask your parish priest or sacristan for an application form,
or contact Fr. Stephen, or download from
stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com**

‘Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to discover you, the intelligence to understand you, the diligence to seek after you, the patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord, Amen’. ~ **St Benedict.**