

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: St Benedict, Patron of Europe  
Wednesday: St Bonaventure

PARISH DIARY

**Sunday 9th July 12.00—4.00:** Fr Gerry's retirement mass & party  
Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection 2nd July Gift Aid £491.50 Loose £442.11  
Retiring Collection Gift Aid £12.00 Loose £62.26

This weekend's retiring collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea which provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, 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 & Michael Strong.

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Margaret Johnson, Eve Pearce, Anne Brown, Antonio Tomassi, Harriet Johnson.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Fr Gerry's Retirement Celebration

As previously announced, this will take place today **Sunday 9th July** after the 10.30am mass which Fr Gerry will celebrate. This will be followed by a hog roast and a barbecue in the car park. Proceedings will end at 4.00pm. In order to prevent vehicles entering the car park and, more importantly, unaccompanied children leaving it, the entrance will be stewarded by volunteer parishioners in high visibility jackets. Please follow any instructions given by the stewards for your own safety.



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Deacon: Robert Beresford

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 9th July 2017		
Fourteenth Sunday (A)		
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Margaret Uchendu's intention
	10.30am	Fr Gerry O'Brien's intention
	6.30pm	Sean & Doreen Claffey
Monday	9.30am	David Edwards RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Rose Pereira RIP
	11.30am	Requiem Sean & Doreen Claffey
Wednesday	9.30am	Alfred Knight RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Don Palmer RIP
Friday	9.30am	Brian Jones RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	William O'Leary RIP
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Exposition:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule	

Requiem masses

Please note (and consider this your invitation to) two forthcoming requiem masses:

- on **Tuesday 11th July** at **11.30am** for Sean and Doreen Claffey;
- on **Monday 17th July** at **12.30pm** for Veronica Clark.

Please pray for them, their families and friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

## PARISH NOTICES

### Your Healthcare

On Sunday 16 July one of our parishioners, Nicola Pratelli, will be a member of the Your Healthcare team which is taking part in the Kingston Dragon Boat Race. Your Healthcare provide Kingston's Community health services such as district nurses and health visitors. The team are raising funds for Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness. If you would like to sponsor them in raising funds for this great local cause please go to the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/YourHealthcareMinions>

### Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, praise and intercession. You are all most welcome to join us.

### Parish Men's Group

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group will be on **Wednesday 19th July** in the Wych Elm starting at **8.00pm**. All the men of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and conviviality, lubricated by an occasional pint.

### Mustard Seed

The series of evenings of renewal with an opportunity to learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to grow in faith in the power of the Spirit will be on **Saturday 22nd 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 by St Margarets railway station (with direct trains from Kingston). The evening is open to all.

### Ursuline School, Wimbledon

The Ursuline School in Wimbledon is celebrating 125 years of excellent education for young women based on the principles laid down by the Order's foundress St Angela Merici, serviam, generosity of spirit, respect for yourself and others, kindness, perseverance and gratitude. The school is holding an alumni event on **Thursday 13th July** from **7.00pm-9.00pm**, to which it hopes as many former students as possible will come. Tickets are now on sale. Contact [Alumnae@uhs.wm](mailto:Alumnae@uhs.wm) or [www.eventbrite.com/ursuline-alumnae-125th-celebration-tickets-34620208977](http://www.eventbrite.com/ursuline-alumnae-125th-celebration-tickets-34620208977).

### A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 15th July** at St John Fisher Church, Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 from **10.00am** to **5.30pm**. The day will include the Angelus, sung litany, mass in honour of Our Lady, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

### Reflection

Jesus's prayer contrasts the "wisdom of the world" with the wisdom which comes from above – from the Father of heaven who is all wise and good. Jesus' prayer contains an implicit warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God. What makes us ignorant and blind to the wisdom of God? Certainly intellectual pride, coldness of heart, and stubbornness of will shut out God and His wise rule and fatherly care for our personal lives. Pride is the root of all vice and evil and the strongest influence propelling us to sin against God and to do wrong to our neighbour. Sinful pride first vanquishes the heart, making it cold and indifferent towards God. It also closes the mind to God's truth and wisdom for our lives.

Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "little children" in the sense that they see purely and simply without any pretence or falsehood. They instinctively recognize their utter dependence and reliance on others – especially those who can teach and form them to live strong, healthy, mature lives. No one can grow in wisdom and maturity unless they are willing to be taught and formed in how to live wisely and to distinguish between good and evil, truth and falsehood.

Simplicity of heart is closely linked with humility – the queen of virtues that forgets oneself in order to love and serve others for their sake. The humble of heart are the freest of all – emptied of vanity and self-concern they can single-mindedly focus on the welfare of others. The Lord Jesus is our model. Jesus' "gentleness" is not weakness or powerlessness. It is "strength under control" which is at the service of good rather than evil.

Jesus humbled himself to lift us out of our misery and slavery to sin in order to raise us up to glory with Him and the Father. Jesus came not to bruise the weak but to heal, to pardon and not to condemn, to restore us to abundant life by defeating sin, Satan, and death. It was love for His eternal Father and for each one of us that motivated Jesus to humble Himself to death on the cross in order to rescue us from slavery to sin and death. The Lord Jesus shows us the truth path of love and victory, freedom and joy, through the cross that defeats pride and hatred, greed and selfishness, guilt and condemnation.

True humility – which is the opposite of false modesty or feeling bad about oneself – frees us to pursue what is good, right, holy, and true. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Only the humble in heart can receive the wisdom which comes from God and the understanding of God's perfect goodness and plan for our lives.

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

### Pride and humility