

### FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday: St Edward the Confessor

### OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £494.50 Loose £492.54

Retiring collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £24.00 Loose £95.05

This week's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

### PARISH DIARY

Monday 7:30pm Prebaptism meeting

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

Friday 6.15pm: Fish and Chip Supper

### 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

Mary Eliza Gosford, Peter Quinn, Nancy Davis, Thomas Joseph Crowley, Ann Higginson, Jack Chilton, Bertha Argent, Daniel McDonnell, Sister Monica Meaney, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, Annabelle Montague-Smith, James Coughlan, Mary McGilvray, Robert John Wiseman, Mary Elliott, George Henry Summersby, Andrew Leo Cremin, Pauline Welham, Timothy O'Brien, Clement Flynn, Umilta Ahwai, Kathleen McNulty, Leo Barrett, Mary Kennedy, Sybil Edna Isaac, Marguerite Mary Lucas, Elizabeth Mawer, Michael Jones, Kathleen Power, Rose Fry, Ethel Scully, Mary Darnell, Nestor Garcia, Marion Mitchell, Leslie Abernethy, Joan Groser, Anne Flagg.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

### Hospital chaplain

If you, or a member of your family are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform the ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius. His phone number is 8942 2178.

### Anybody want Saucepans?

Following a tidy up in the Cloister kitchen, there are a number of saucepans looking for a good home. Would anybody who would like them please contact Rosemary Nolan on 020 8546 5642.



*Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever*

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### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 9th October 2016

28th Sunday of the Year (C)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Don Palmer
Sunday	9.00am	Private Intention
	10.30am	Walter & Ian Fraser
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Rose Teresia Dakin
Tuesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Wednesday	9.30am	Mary Lamb
Thursday	9.30am	Esme Peres
Friday	9.30am	Charle Forbes
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	John Davis
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	

We are gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. The word *Eucharist* means 'thanksgiving'. In celebrating the Eucharist we are giving thanks to God for all the blessings he has conferred on us, especially through Jesus, his Son. Let us call to mind that we haven't always shown gratitude to God for his goodness to us, nor have we always shown gratitude to others for their goodness to us.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Harvest Fast Day – Friday 7th October 2016

As the Year of Mercy draws to a close, Pope Francis calls on us to be “a witness of mercy”. That mercy might be felt by a migrant seeking a new start, or as in the example of Nicanora in Bolivia, a farmer struggling to support her family. CAFOD invite us to journey with Nicanora and her family as they, hopefully, move from poverty to abundance.

Fast Day Envelopes are available across all masses this weekend for your donation. If you are a current UK tax payer, your donation is eligible for ‘Gift-Aid’ whence CAFOD could claim a further 25% back from HM Revenue & Customs. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

### Prebaptism meeting

There will be a Prebaptism meeting in the Presbytery on **Monday 10th October** at 7.30pm. Only one parent need attend. Please do not bring children with you.

### 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.

### St Agatha’s School – Admission to Reception Class September 2017

Children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 are eligible to start school at St Agatha’s in September 2017. There will be an open morning for prospective reception class parents on **Friday 14th October** starting at **9.30am**. For more information visit the school website [www.stagathas.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.stagathas.kingston.sch.uk) or telephone 020 8546 3879.

### Fish and Chip Supper

There will be a fish and chip supper in aid of the RNLI (lifeboats) in the cloister on **Friday 14th October**. The cost is £7.00 per head. Bring your own drinks. Please arrive at **6.15pm** for food at 6.30pm prompt. Please sign up on the forms at the back of the church and put the tear off slip in the box provided.

### Proposed Bible Study Group

It is proposed to set up a Parish Bible Study Group possibly meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, starting on **Wednesday 12th October**. The date, time and frequency of meeting could vary according to demand. In order to help us ascertain the level of interest, could those who might wish to participate please contact Veronica Isorna on 07801 492610 or at [veronicaisorna@gmail.com](mailto:veronicaisorna@gmail.com).

## REFLECTION

Once there was a young man who had never thought of donating blood. But then his father got very ill and was hospitalised. One day the son was sitting by his father’s bedside as he was getting a blood transfusion. As he watched the blood flowing into his father’s veins, he suddenly realised that someone had donated the blood that was now keeping his father alive. Straightaway he made up his mind to become a donor, and he was as good as his word. Many are willing to avail of the generosity of others, but few are willing to give something back. That is why gratitude is so important. It makes us want to give something back.

## Gratitude

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

### **First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14–17**

Naaman, a Syrian army general, is advised by an Israelite servant girl in his household to seek healing from the prophet Elisha. When Naaman and his entourage eventually arrive at Elisha’s house, he is affronted that the prophet does not deal with him directly and, instead, advises him through a messenger. Once he submits to that advice, however, he is healed. His request for ‘earth’ to carry home with him, from Israel, indicates the commonly held perception that a god could only be worshipped within his own domain.

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8–13**

The necessity of endurance, in all seasons, is emphasised here. Christ suffered and died. Paul has, in turn, suffered and experienced real hardship on account of his service. The leaders of the Christian community cannot expect to share the inheritance of the risen Jesus, if they balk in the face of their own suffering. A saying or hymn, presumably familiar to early believers, is quoted approvingly. It spells out the consequences both of remaining faithful to Christ and, alternatively, of putting oneself first.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 11–19**

The theme of leprosy re-appears in the gospel passage, paralleling Naaman’s story. Here again, as with Naaman, the act of healing is not immediately obvious. It was in carrying out Elisha’s instructions to bathe that he encountered healing. Similarly, it is in obeying Jesus’ command to ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests’ that cleansing is experienced in the lives of the ten men. Just as Naaman went on to praise God, in the light of his healing, so the Samaritan leper, who becomes the focus of this gospel episode, praises God ‘at the top of his voice’. Both are keen to express gratitude: Naaman, in his concern to offer a gift to the prophet, the Samaritan, in his readiness to fall at the feet of Jesus. Both are foreigners who, ultimately, confess their faith in the God of Israel.