

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Monday: St Damascus 1
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday: St Lucy
Thursday: St John of the Cross

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£524.52	Loose	£629.60
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£27.00	Loose	£55.61

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, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ernest Joseph Mead, Frank Sewell-Knight, Nora Duffield, Hilda Duckett, John Smith, Vivien Braby, John Boyden, Arthur McLeod, James Wilson, Arthur O'Connor, Elisabeth Hall, Natalie Marie Williams, Margaret Dignum, Norah Owens, Hannah Walsh, Katherine Trigg, Teresa Short, Bernadette Morrissey, Elisabeth Mahoney, Mary Anne Clarke, Edith Kate Letchworth, Dominic Fuouco, John Henry Isaac, Adelaide Clement, Julia Walsh, Elizabeth Milnes, Elizabeth Trelfer, Bishop Brown, George William Smith, Thomas Easter, Charles Arday, James Flynn.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Parish Prayer Group

The **Parish Prayer Group** meets every **Tuesday** at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us.

Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group will not meet in December because of the close proximity of its usual meeting date to Christmas.

Crib Offerings

At the specific request of the Archbishop, the crib offerings this year will go to the Catholic Children's Society



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PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

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to keep abreast of important
current issues.*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 10th December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Saturday	9.30am	Eamonn Hickey RIP
	6.30pm	Fr Emmanuel Esukpa MSP RIP
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Thomas Kerrigan RIP
	6.30pm	
Monday	9.30am	Philomena Chetty
Tuesday	9.30am	James & Kathleen Boyle RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	
Thursday	9.30am	Rosa Beresford RIP
Friday	9.30am	
Saturday	9.30am	
	6.30pm	
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	

As Fr Vitalis has already stated, we will sing an opening hymn and a recessional hymn at the 9.00am Sunday mass. Please remember to pick up a hymn book as you come in.

Parishioners will notice that not all the masses during the coming week have intentions. This is because of a lack of intentions submitted to the clergy.

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion preparation

The children have now broken up for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on **Monday 8th January**.

Christmas Eve Christingle Service

Christmas is coming.... which means that we are getting closer to our **Christingle Service**. This is a very special way of celebrating the real meaning of Christmas with all our friends, family and the whole St Agatha's community. **Actors** – Years 3–6 only; **Readers** – Year 6 and secondary school children. The younger children are invited to dress up as a shepherd, king, angel, donkey etc

If your child wants to take part and act, or do a reading please sign the poster at the back of the church. The deadline is today **Sunday 10th December**, so please sign up asap. (NB Please leave a mobile number and email address and we will notify you of your child's part the following week). Please make sure you are available on the rehearsal dates below before you sign up.

Parent volunteers – If there are any parents who would like to help with dressing the children, make-up, lighting or rehearsing with the actors or readers we are very keen to hear from you too! Please sign up at the church or email Helen Mennis helenmennis@blueyonder.co.uk or Louisa Collyer-Hamlin louisacollyerhamlin@yahoo.co.uk

Rehearsal dates & Christingle-making

Sunday 17th December Costume fitting and giving out readings – **11.30 – 12.30pm (after 10.30 mass)**.

Saturday 23rd December Practice in church **10.30 – 12.30pm, Full dress rehearsal and Christingle making** in the Cloister. All ages are welcome to join us in the Cloisters to make our Christingles & have a drink and biscuit. (Mums & Dads especially welcome! We'll even give you a cuppa!)

Sunday 24 December Christingle Service **4.00pm** (costumes & make-up from **3.00pm**). Warning: the church will be very full. If you don't want to stand, arrive early.

Day by Day

The booklet of daily readings and inspiring reflections for Advent – **Day by Day** – is still available at the back of the church. There is one copy for each family. There are also separate booklets for children and infants. Please take one – there is **no charge**.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please contact Fr Vitalis as soon as reasonably practicable so that he may put your name down to start the course in January. The Rite of Election will take place in February.

Christmas gifts and supplies

The Christmas cards and calendars are still on sale in the cloister after the masses this weekend. Shop now before supplies run out.

School News

The school PSA regrets that it will not be selling Christmas trees this year.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 16th December** at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU, starting at **10.45am**. 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.

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 16th December** 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 Margarets railway station (with direct trains from Kingston). All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

We are invited to join the St Joseph's, New Malden, pilgrimage to Fatima from **Monday 28th May to Thursday 31st May 2018**. This will be led by Fr Uche Njoku, the parish priest of St Joseph's. The cost is £490 per person based on a minimum of 30 passengers. The price includes Air Portugal flights from Heathrow, full board accommodation and transfers in Portugal. Booking forms are available from the St Joseph's parish office catholicnewmalden@icloud.com. For further details see the notice in the church porch.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2018

The Medjugorje Irish Centre is organising a series of pilgrimages to Medjugorje during 2018. For details see the poster on the notice board in the porch.