#### PARISH DIARY

Monday 7.30pm: Prebaptism meeting Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

### FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St Benedict Patron of Europe

Friday: St Bonaventure

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Saturday:

#### **OFFERINGS**

First collection Gift Aid £516.70 Loose £341.25 Gift Aid £73.50 Loose Retiring collection (CAFOD) £90.21

This weekend's retiring collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea.

### 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**

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, David Crew, Frances Trout.

+++ 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. Please enter via the presbytery.

## Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group will meet on Wednesday 27th July, i.e. a week later than normal at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm. All men of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of relaxed discussion, lubricated by the odd drink.

Dates for your diary - more details later

3rd/4th September - Healing Signs and Wonders - Central London.

8th October - Southwark Day of Renewal - St George's Cathedral.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 10th July 2016		
Fifteenth Sunday of the Year—Sea Sunday		
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	9.00am	Bridget Sullivan
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Thanksgiving
Monday	9.30am	Kay Williams
Tuesday	9.30am	Margaret Quigley
Wednesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday	9.30am	Amelia van den Bosch
Friday	9.30am	Peace in our World
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Florence & Peter Houllier
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required - Diocesan rule	

Today we will hear again the great parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable Jesus tell us that God wants us to care for one another. The priest and the Levite stand condemned for a sin, not of commission but of omission – they refused to help the man who had been beaten up. Sins of omission may be our worst sins, yet we don't always think of them as sins.

## Prebaptism meeting

There will be a Prebaptism meeting on Monday 11th July at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Only one parent need attend. Please do not bring children with vou.

#### PARISH NOTICES

## Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's retiring collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

#### **EU Referendum**

Parishioners may be interested to read the statement issued by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on the outcome of the EU Referendum.

"A great tradition of the United Kingdom is to respect the will of the people, expressed at the ballot box. Today we set out on a new course that will be demanding on all. Our prayer is that all will work in this task with respect and civility, despite deep differences of opinion. We pray that in this process the most vulnerable will be supported and protected, especially those who are easy targets for unscrupulous employers and human traffickers. We pray that our nations will build on our finest traditions of generosity, of welcome for the stranger and shelter for the needy. We now must work hard to show ourselves to be good neighbours and resolute contributors in joint international efforts to tackle the critical problems of our world today."

# Prudential Ride London / Surrey

This world class festival of cycling will once again pass through Kingston on **Sunday 31st July**. It will affect all those coming to morning mass by car from East of Park Road or South of Canbury Park Road. Queens Road and the lower part of Kingston Hill will be closed from 5.00am until about 11.00am. London Road and roads to Kingston Bridge will be closed from 5.00am until about 2.45pm. The route from the Portsmouth Road to Coombe Lane West, via the High Street, Clarence Street, Wood Street, Fairfield North, London Road and Coombe Road will be closed from 7.00am until about 7.00pm. Some bus routes will be affected. There will be pedestrian crossing places along the route and the town centre will remain open as normal. Further details will be available shortly.

### **Bible Alive**

The July issue of Bible Alive is on sale at the back of the church, price £2.50. It contains some interesting articles and thoughtful reflections and is highly recommended.

REFLECTION Beatitudes for carers

The good Samaritan was someone who cared.

Blessed are those who care: they will let people know they are loved.

Blessed are those who are gentle:

they will help people to grow as the sun helps the buds to unfold.

Blessed are those who listen: they will lighten many a burden.

Blessed are those who know how to let go:

they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves.

Blessed are those who, when nothing can be done or said,

do not walk away, but remain to provide a comforting and supportive presence:

they will help the sufferer to bear the unbearable.

Blessed are those who recognise their own need to receive:

they will be able to give all the better.

And blessed are those who give without hope of return:

they will give people an experience of God.

Flor McCarthy S.D.B.

## First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Moses encourages the people to look beyond lip service in obedience to God's commands or seeking answers from far away sources, but to look instead into their own hearts in order to understand the message that God has for them.

## Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

In this hymn to Jesus, Paul describes in poetic terms how this same Jesus whom he had once persecuted has been revealed to him and to the world as the image of the unseen God, the pattern and model for humanity made possible by his sacrifice on the cross.

# Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

The radical nature of Christ's teaching reaches its summit in the history of the Good Samaritan which challenges his listeners to re-examine their prejudice towards Samaritans and all of us to explore our deepest fears and ingrained prejudices against others.

# **The 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 23rd July** at St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL, by St Margarets rail station, 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. All are welcome.