

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: St. Scholastica
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £516.03 Loose £541.49
Retiring Collection Gift Aid £19.50 Loose £65.77

This weekend's retiring collection will be for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Paul and June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ethel Maud Ward, Lucinda Potesta, Joseph McGuckin, Louise Maud Dawson, Antonio Ferritto, Bronislaw Jaroszynski, Mary Ellen Miles, Julia Woodhams, William Lovely, Margaret North, Elsie Brady, Harold Ladlier, Harold Mays, Bridget Woolgar, Florence Brockwell, Ellen McKay, Magdlen Saxby, Alice Burgess, Kevin Flynn, Ryan Wrathall, John Wall, Alfred Robert Frederick Brockwell, Michael Higgins, Patrick Howard, Susanna McMahon, Kathleen Brocking, Victoria Tanousis, Ernest James Priest, Fanny Margaret Cork, Morwen Short, Margaret Radley, Georgina Helen Petit, Selene Robinson, Peter Mulvaney, Alicia Coll, Anthony Scott, Edward Cook, Agnes Hope, Alison Weyers, Mary Connell.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Catholic Truth Society (CTS)

The CTS publishes books and resources that Catholics need to help them gain a deeper understanding of their faith and to share it with others. There is a new selection of booklets available for Lent at the back of the church.

Parish Prayer Group

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

Parish Office

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 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.



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 11th February 2018

Sixth Sunday (B)

Saturday 10 th	9.30am	Father Albert James RIP
	6.30pm	Wellbeing of Paula Seabrook
Sunday 11 th	9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Vincenzo Straccialano RIP
Monday 12 th	9.30am	Rosetta Vitolo RIP
Tuesday 13 th	9.30am	Fanny Margaret Cook RIP
Wednesday 14 th	7.30am	Wellbeing of Pat Jones
	9.30am	Alan Smith RIP
	7.30pm	Rosa Vitolo RIP
Thursday 15 th	9.30am	Wellbeing of May McCambridge
Friday 16 th	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 17 th	9.30am	Wellbeing of Jackie Regan
	6.30pm	Nicola Rispoli 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

Canon Anthony Ford RIP

A Memorial Mass is being held for Canon Anthony Ford, who died after a short illness on Friday, 15th December, in Jacksonville, USA, aged 78, on **Friday 16th February at 12 noon** at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Tolworth.

Important Upcoming Dates

18th February Baptism Preparation meeting
19th February Meeting for parents about the Sacrament of Reconciliation
20th February Fr. Vitalis V Kondo's Induction ceremony and Reception
21st February Confirmation Enrolment Meeting
21st February Parish Men's Group
23rd February CAFOD Family Fast Day

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14th february is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. There will be 3 masses at 7.30am, 9.30am and 7.30pm.

Reflection – “We begin lent on Wednesday. There is always a danger that we might want to focus on ourselves and on our own efforts at conversion. However, we must focus on God. The prophet Joel reminds us ‘God is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness and ready to relent’. God is more anxious for us to repent and to turn to him again than we are. God is more than ready to pour this grace and forgiveness into our hearts, all we have to do is ask! Prayer, fasting and almsgiving attune us to God’s voice and open our hearts to his transforming power. Joel also stresses the need to ‘call the people together, to summon the community’ lent is the time when we think not just of our selves but of those around us, fellow members of our own Christian community. We have a duty to pray for them, to help and encourage them as much as we can”.

Induction of Fr Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP

Fr Vitalis will be formally inducted as parish priest by Bishop Paul Hendricks on **Tuesday 20th February at 7.00pm**. All parishioners are invited to this joyful occasion. The reception will take place following the ceremony at St. Agatha’s School, a finger buffet is kindly being provided by Peppe’s Restaurant.

Sacramental Preparation

There will be a baptism preparation meeting at **2pm on Sunday 18th February** in the cloister. Please book your place by email parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk
Only one parent need attend.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May**. There will be an enrolment meeting for Candidates and their parents on **Wednesday 21st February at 7.15pm**. If you wish to enrol for this year’s programme please complete a form available from the back of the church and return it by **Sunday 11th February**. The first session will be on **Tuesday 27th February** and the Inscription Mass will be on **Sunday 4th March at 6.30pm**.

First Holy Communion

The forthcoming dates for the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are now as follows:

The meeting for parents about the Sacrament of Reconciliation has now been moved to Monday 19th February at 7.30pm.

The rehearsal for Group 1 will be on **Friday 23rd February** between **3.30pm and 4.30pm**; the Sacrament will be administered on **Saturday 24th February at 10.30am**. The rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 2nd March** with the Sacrament being administered on **Saturday 3rd March**.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR OUR NEW ST AGATHA’S CHURCH CHOIR

No need to be able to read music and no auditions! You do not need to be a professional singer! We are looking for enthusiastic singers of all ages to form a new choir at St Agatha’s Church. There will be an informal meeting on **Wednesday 28th February at 8pm** for anyone who is interested in joining. The meeting will be held at **87 Richmond Park Road**. Please sign up on the notice at the back of church if you are interested. We look forward to meeting you all. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, the forms are still available at the back of the church if you are interested.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 23 February 2018.

“You have been a bridge from a world of suffering to a better world.”

The above quote comes from Marian, a Zimbabwean Mother and now Market Gardener, following the vegetable seeds she and her community received from CAFOD.

Whilst the Fast day is a symbolic act of love and solidarity for people who have to go without food, it is also an important fundraising activity for CAFOD to support their works. To this end, Fast Day Envelopes for our donations will be available at all masses of Sunday 18 February 2018, and collected across all masses of Sunday 25 February. This year our donations will be matched pound for pound by the UK Government up to the amount of £5M, and further a UK Tax Payer can Gift Aid their donation to allow CAFOD to claim back the basic 20% tax. This will see a pound donation equating to £2.20. More information of the Government pound for pound, and Gift Aiding your donations can be found in the Church lobby, as can Marian’s story. CAFOD thanks you for your continued support.

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. Arrangements for The Rite of Election will take place later in the year.

Department for Education

The Department for Education is considering how to update the existing Sex and Relationship guidance which, was last updated in 2000, and is therefore now out of date. The updated guidance will support schools in delivering the new subjects of Relationships Education at primary schools and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) at secondary schools, as well as, potentially, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE). Under the draft proposals parents will not be permitted to withdraw their children from certain aspects of RSE. Therefore everyone is encouraged to complete a survey and ensure their views are heard at <https://consult.education.gov.uk/life-skills/pshe-rse-call-for-evidence/> The consultation closes on 12th February 2018.