

**FEASTS FOR THE WEEK**  
Saturday St Parick, Patron of Ireland

**OFFERINGS**

First collection	Gift Aid	£625.10	Loose	£425.10	TOTAL	£1,050.20
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£10.50	Loose	£66.49	TOTAL	£76.99

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Christina Ward, Marie Ann Xibberas, Clare Horgan, 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**

Mr. H. Cockerhill, Mabel Rooke-Ley, Marie Monaghan, Arthur Tunesi, John Dignum, Helen Halden, Edna Morgan, Daniel Cremin, Richard de Kerckhove, Josephine May, Edith Anne Connellan, Forbes Stimson, Ann Elizabeth Harding, Agnes Hall, Winifred O'Connor, Timothy Malone, Alphonse Schembri, Gerry Byrne, Herbert Lewis, Thomas Francis Mulcahy, Mary Pickard, Rita Da Silva, Aaron Bennett, Mary Chisholm, Virginio Anghileri, Anne Lally, Frederic Leo Strawson, John McSorley, Robert Thomas Amon Kotei, Patricia Scott, Maria Winifred Taylor       +++ May they rest in peace   +++

**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](mailto: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.

**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 or explore their faith more. If you fall into either of these categories please contact Fr. Vitalis. The course will commence later in the year.



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**CLERGY**

Fr. Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP — Parish Priest  
Fr. Julius Otoaye MSP  
Rev. Robert Beresford — Deacon

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday 11th March 2018

Forth Sunday of Lent (B)

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Thomas Naughton RIP
	6.30pm	Bob Kenderdine RIP
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Jack Roycroft RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Fara De Souza RIP
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Judy Duck RIP
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Wellbeing of Ita Lohan
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Patricia White Special Intention
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Thomas Gerard Luson RIP
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Personal Intention of Thanksgiving
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Caroline Baskell RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

A Lenten Reconciliation service will be held on **Thursday 22nd March at 7pm** here in the Parish of St Agatha's for those who would like to go to confession before Easter. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the healing sacraments and a powerful help on our Journey of Faith.

**Important Upcoming Dates**

- 13th March Confirmation group session 3
- 14th March 1st Choir Practice—Please note change of date
- 16th March St Patrick's Night Dinner
- 22nd March Sacrement of Reconciliation
- 24th March Easter Spring Clean
- 24th March The Mustard Seed

### Reflection:

On Laetare Sunday the Church invites us to rejoice for our salvation is near! Today's readings challenge us to review the past thoughtfully and look into the future joyfully! The history of God-human relationships is one of total fidelity (God) and opportunistic faithfulness (humans). A common temptation we humans all have is to want to manipulate God to our advantage. We want to earn God's favour by the things we think we do for Him. But St Paul reminds us that it is by the grace of God that we have been saved through faith. It is obvious, God's grace does not give us what we deserve, but what He delights in giving, in spite of our unworthiness. How else can we explain God's compassion on the chosen people despite their exceeding unfaithfulness! It is good to remember that none of what we think we do for God by way of our Lenten practices like fasting, abstinence etc., will earn us any special favour. On the contrary, by our good deeds we merely open ourselves to God's mercy and love for us. And that is the good news.

### CAFOD

Every year we participate in the CAFOD Lent Fast Day, not only as a way of raising funds for CAFOD, but also as a way of growing in faith and in understanding some of the issues faced by the World's poor and we thank you for your continuing support. This Family Fast Day our parish has raised £1029.38 (inc Gift-Aid) to help end hunger and poverty around the world. This will be doubled by the UK Government, meaning a total of £1895 (Gift-Aid not doubled) has been raised so that more of our brothers and sisters can live lives free from hunger. Thank you for fasting in solidarity and please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers throughout Lent.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and Benediction

Will take place every Sunday during Lent at 5.30pm.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be conducted after Friday morning Masses and at 7pm on Fridays during Lent.

### St Agatha's Church Choir—IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE!

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in joining the choir; the meeting on Wednesday 28th went well and a choir committee has now been formed. The first choir practice will now be held on **Wednesday 14th March from 7–8pm** in the church. If you are interested do come along and try it; if you feel you cannot commit to joining us regularly we will welcome people to join us for special services as long as you attend several rehearsals beforehand. It doesn't matter if you haven't a wonderful voice it will improve with practice. You don't need to be able to read music. Much of what we sing can be learnt by listening carefully.

### Preparation for First Holy Communion

The next classes for our young people who are preparing for First Holy Communion will be on

**19th March and Monday 23rd April at 3.30pm.**

The rehearsal for Group 1 will be on **Friday 27th April at 3.30pm.**

The First Holy Communion mass will be on **Sunday 29th April at 12noon.**

The rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 5th May at 3.30pm.**

The First Holy Communion mass will be on **Sunday 6th May at 12noon.**

### Confirmation

Session 3—**Tuesday 13th March**, session 4—**Tuesday 20th March.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May.**

### St Patrick's Night Dinner

The parish St Patrick's Night Dinner will be held on **Friday 16th March** in the Cloister at **7.30pm**. The price is £10.00 per head, drinks extra. The menu will comprise soda bread and toppings; bacon, parsley sauce, cabbage & potatoes, apple pie & custard, cheese and biscuits. Please sign up on the notice at the back of the church.

### St Agatha's Church Easter Spring Clean

We call on kind Parish volunteers to help prepare our beautiful church inside and outside for Easter Holy Week. If you can spare a couple of hours after the morning Mass on **Saturday 24th March** to help polish brass/iron altar cloths, etc.. Please add your name to the notice board list by the front door. Teens are especially welcome (those aged 11 – 13 to be accompanied by an adult please – no smaller children). Volunteers who would like to help spruce up the garden – please bring gardening tools with you.

### 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 24th March** 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.

### The Passion of Jesus

On **Good Friday, 30th March**, 20,000 people will gather to watch the Easter story in **Trafalgar Square, Central London**. Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location in the capital. The 90-minute production is completely free of charge – a gift to Londoners and visitors. No tickets are required. There is a performance at **12noon and 3.15 pm**. The production is open air with visibility maximised using large screens. There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. British sign language interpretation is provided. The designated Disabled Seating Area will be on the North Terrace at the top of the stairs in front of the National Gallery. Level access is available from East and West of the Square. All stewards in the Square will be able to assist and direct.

### Altar Servers' Rally 2018

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Monday 7th May** at **The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent**. **Bishop Paul Mason** is the principal celebrant. The annual rally gives servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. If you have not attended before please take the time to 'come and see'. All servers and their families and friends are welcome. A poster with more details is on the church noticeboard.

Altar Servers perform a very important role in liturgical services. After approx. 2 years regular serving, servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and receive the Guild bronze medal. If you or your child are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Fr. Vitalis.