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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 Karin Rattray, 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.

**SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST 2018 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY (B)
 FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

<u>Saturday 11th</u>	St Clare, Memorial
9.30am	John & Bridge McDonagh & Departed Relatives RIP
6.30pm	Marie Ann Xiberras RIP
<u>Sunday 12th</u>	
9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
10.30am	Charlie Tulty RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Monday 13th</u>	
9.30am	Bertha D'Costa
<u>Tuesday 14th</u>	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, Memorial
9.30am	Thanksgiving for Merlyn & Keith Fraser
<u>Wednesday 15th</u>	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
7.30am	
9.30am	Angelo Aguiar RIP
7.30pm	
<u>Thursday 16th</u>	
9.30am	Holy Souls
<u>Friday 17th</u>	--
<u>Saturday 18th</u>	
9.30am	Louisa Giles RIP
6.30pm	Ed McCambridge RIP
Exposition:	Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am
Morning Prayer:	Monday to Saturday 9am
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill & Mary Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan.

Due to the new data protection rules we are unable to have names on the sick list unless we have written permission from the person to publicise their names. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.

ANNIVERSARIES

Frances Eliza Alexander, Kacper Jaskiewicz, Ellen Allen, Martha Ann Marsland, Teresa Mary Smith, Vincent Fucco, Josephine Teresa Ferritto, Francis Duckett, Bernard O' Neill, Marmaduke Valentine Smith, Annie Grealish, Bernard Joseph Bull, Cyril Francis Harriott, Mary Agnes Matkin, Bridget Crosby, Harry Walter, Sidney Selleck, Christina & Joshua Gordon, Dorothy Mercer, Alfred Godfrey, Mary Lewendon, William Walsh, Bridie Mapstone, Roger Edward Cubitt, David Brayshaw, Henry McArdle, Tessa Pitts, Thomas Flaherty.

+++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£553.57	Loose	£384.38
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£18.10	Loose	£62.16

TOTAL £1018.21

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 33:2-9

This is an alphabetical Psalm in which the successive verses commence with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet in sequence. God is praised, blessed and glorified, the object of boasting and the source of gladness. God has answered the psalmist's prayer for deliverance. *'I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my errors he set me free.'* This Psalm might well have expressed the sentiments of Elijah after his experience in the wilderness. *'The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him to rescue them.'* The angel who touched Elijah in his depressed sleep gave him water to drink and a hot scone to eat. *'Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.'* And in the strength of that food, Elijah found the energy to walk for forty days and forty nights to the holy mountain where he met the Lord in the gentle breeze.

This bread for the journey which Elijah tasted was a wonderful anticipation of the bread of life that Jesus would give. As we progress with John's gospel, there is an important transition in the final verse of today's reading. Up to this point Jesus has spoken in the past tense of the bread that had come down from heaven. Now he changes to the future tense... 'the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world.' With the psalmist we praise and bless, boast of and glorify the Lord whose flesh is given for life's journey to the holy mountain. *'taste and see that the Lord is good.'*

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Wednesday 15th August, we keep the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation in which we are expected to attend Mass. Masses will be at 7.30am and 9.30am and 7.30pm.

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 22 nd August	Parish Men's Group
Wednesday 12 th September	St Agatha's Ladies Group
Sunday 16 th September	Baptism Preparation Class

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reflection – Wednesday 15th August

The opening verse of today's first reading begins this way: 'The Sanctuary of God in Heaven was opened and the Ark of the Covenant could be seen in it.' In the Old Testament the Ark of the Covenant was a sign of God's presence among his people. This passage is mentioned because Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant. She bore in her womb the Son of God, the Word made flesh, for nine months. When Christ goes up to take his place at the right hand of God the Father, Mary, the Ark of the New and Eternal Covenant, follows him in glory and splendour. Today's responsorial psalm confirms this further: 'On your right stands the Queen in garments of gold.' Therefore, far from being an imposition of the church, the Dogma of the Assumption of our Lady, declared in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, is part of the bedrock of the Christian faith, because it is profoundly biblical.

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

Summer Holidays

For all those on holiday over the coming weeks we hope that you have a refreshing and relaxing time, for those travelling, we pray that you will have a safe journey, for those visiting families, may it be moments to cherish and for those going on pilgrimage over the summer period, please keep the parish in your prayers. May God be with you all over this period. Pray for God's protection and safety for all families wherever they may be. God Bless you all.

Church Car Park Modifications

On Wednesday 1st August the church car park was closed for maintenance and the automatic barrier is now fully operational and in action for security. The car park will be open from 8am to 8pm Monday – Friday and 8am to 9pm on Saturday & Sunday. There are new markings and notices in place; please only park in marked bays provided – this is to allow access at all times for the hospital chaplain and church staff, as well as emergency vehicles. Thank you.

Parish Musicians

The musicians of the Parish will be taking their customary time off during the summer break. We would like to say a huge thank you to them all for everything they do throughout the year. From September they will need more musicians if there is to be an accompaniment at our usual Masses. If you can play the organ or the piano and would like to take a turn on Saturdays, at the 6.30pm Mass, or on Sunday mornings at the 10.30 Family Mass, please contact Fr. Anthony, or the Parish Secretary, thank you.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church entrance. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. Masses can sometimes be booked several weeks in advance so if you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you let the parish office know well ahead of time. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting Mass Intentions. If no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date. If you require confirmation of a Mass time and date, please ensure you provide your contact details



NEW MONTHLY FAITH TALKS

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton has launched a new monthly event: "Theology on Tap." Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall (Alexander House) over a glass of wine or other refreshment. **The next event will be from 6pm-8pm on 19 August with Dr. Gavin Jarvis from Cambridge who will be speaking on 'What is Truth, a scientist's perspective'.** All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs. Details of future events will be announced in due course and will aim to be scheduled for the last Sunday in each month. Please save the dates!

Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group will be meeting during the summer break; Men of the parish are invited to meet together on Wednesday 22nd August at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come along and join us.

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Friday 24th August to Monday 3rd September**. Fr. Anthony and Fr Pius will, of course, still be available in case of emergency or a pressing enquiry.

St Agatha's Ladies Group

Thank you to those who have already been in touch, please keep your ideas coming. We will hold an initial meeting on **Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 1pm** to discuss all ideas and a schedule. Refreshments will be provided. This group will be for all the busy ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 16th September 2018, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

Fr. Anthony / Fr. Pius will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Tuesday 18th September 2018 between 10.30am and 12.30pm** and on **Friday 28th September between 2pm and 4pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates.

An Introduction to Liturgy

The Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF) will host their annual introductory course to Liturgy and Worship which is held each autumn over two Saturdays at CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS. Saturdays 13th October and 3rd November 2018, 10.30am-4pm. £25 per person. If you want to find out more or wish to register for the course please contact crcs@ccftootingbec.org.uk or call 020 8672 7684.

