

PARISH DIARY
 Monday 7.30pm: Pre-baptism meeting
 Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group
 Wednesday 8.00pm: Parish Men's Group

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: St Anthony of Padua
 Thursday: St Richard of Chichester

OFFERINGS
 First collection Gift Aid £556.91 Loose £343.33
 Retiring collection (Catholic Trust for England and Wales)
 Gift Aid £13.50 Loose £85.14

The retiring collection next weekend is for the Day for Life. This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics), and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in particular fields.

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, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone & Colette Patten.

ANNIVERSARIES

James Lamb, Anne Pettifer, Beatrice Heaton-Harris, Norah Chilton, Stella Patterson, John Hall, Patrick Hogan, Louise Wild-Smith, James Fitzgerald, Bridget Massie, Eileen O'Connor, Robert Stimson, Sylvia Lewis, Ernest Hopkins, Mary O'Flynn, Mary Keefe, Alexander Cameron, Kevin Heighton, Lilly Brain, Anne Cullen, Ethel Mary Duckett, Norah Wiseman, Vincent Rogan, William 'Billy' Kilkenny, Gregory Serna, Rose Patricia Smith, Larry Drinkwater, Bridget (Bridie) Flynn, Keith Finn, Anthony Borg, Kathleen Peacock, Laurence Mussi, Bernard O'Neill, Nora Smyth.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

St Catherine's School

On **Saturday 18th June** St Catherine's School, Twickenham is holding a Year 5 activities morning and open afternoon for both Prep and Senior levels. For further information or to reserve a place for either event please call Ms Chantal Goldburn on 020 3261 0142 or email cgoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 12th June 2016		
Eleventh Sunday of the Year (C)		
Saturday	9.30am	Kathleen Burke
	6.30pm	John Chandler
Sunday	9.00am	Kathleen Burke
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Vincenzo Straccialano
Monday	9.30am	Gertrude Etinoff
Tuesday	9.30am	Mary & Pat
Wednesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday	9.30am	Billy Kilkenny
Friday	9.30am	Geraldine Richardson
	6.30pm	John Chandler
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required - Diocesan rule	

People sometimes allow their sins to prevent them from drawing close to the Lord. They say: 'I'm a sinner; I'm not worthy.' But in today's Gospel we see a sinful woman drawing close to Jesus in love and trust to hear from him the words: 'Your sins are forgiven, go in peace.' Let us then approach the Lord, sins and all, confident that we will find acceptance and forgiveness.

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 NOTICES

Clergy Support Fund Campaign Update

The Campaign Team is pleased to report that **£2,950 has already been raised** through gifts from parishioners, with over £1.97 million raised across the Diocese so far. This is a good start, but more funds are needed to enable the Diocese to reach its overall goal of just over £4.5 million.

Archbishop Peter has identified the needs of our sick and retired clergy, who have served us so well over the years, as a priority for the Diocese and the Campaign Team will be running a small number of informal presentations in the Cloister after all Masses **this weekend Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June 2016**.

The presentations will include a moving short film featuring a number of locally retired priests and the opportunity to ask questions about the campaign. All parishioners are very welcome to find out more without any obligation. Information booklets will also be available over this weekend.

Celebrate Twickenham – Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly With Your God

This is the last chance to book for this faith-filled event for all which will take place on **Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th June** at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. The programme includes 3 main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, mass, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and relaxation. There is a full programme for young people over the age of 4 plus a warm, welcoming free crèche. For details see the flyers at the back of the church.

Catholic Miracle Rally

The Catholic Miracle Rally celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing loving power of his Spirit is moving in the Church today. The Rally will include talks, praise, worship, adoration, reconciliation, mass, a miracle healing service and a fire and light celebration. The Rally, at the Friends meeting House, in Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ, will take place on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July**. For further information go to www.corlumenchristi.org or telephone 01932 565747.

Education Commission – Archdiocese of Southwark

The Education Commission is currently recruiting for a Buildings Officer to work alongside its existing Principle Buildings officer. The successful applicant will:

- Be responsible for school buildings at 173 schools across the Archdiocese;
- Have a full and varied workload consisting of place planning, new builds and supervision of maintenance work, including some major developments.

The salary is between £28,000 and £35,000 depending on experience.

For an application form please contact donna.gray@educationcommission.org.uk.

The closing date for applications is **27th June**. Interviews on **7th & 8th July**. For further details, please see the poster on the church noticeboard.

REFLECTION

Jesus the healer

I had a dream that I came to the Lord trembling, ashamed, fearful and sad. And I told him my tale of betrayals.

When I had finished, I continued to kneel there, waiting for the punishment I felt I richly deserved.

But what did he do? He rose from his chair, took some ointment, and said, 'Let me dress your wounds.'

What wounds?, I asked, puzzled. 'I'm the one who has wounded other.' But then in a flash I saw he was right.

I too was wounded, for to sin is to suffer.

Astonished by his mercy, I let him dress my wounds. Afterwards I went away airborne with joy.

His sheer goodness made me feel that I too was good, and made me want to be like him.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12: 7–10, 13

Nathan confronts David. God has given him so much and would give it all again, still David sought the forbidden treasure of Uriah's wife. Analogous with the fruit of the tree in the garden, the heart often longs for what it cannot have; leading to all kinds of difficulty. David shows remorse and God relents from his anger.

Second Reading: Galatians 2: 16, 19–21

True life is in Christ. Paul eloquently explains that everything he says and does is rooted in the Paschal Mystery. Christ's free gift of himself, the ransom paid for sin. The fruit of the Tree of Life, the Cross, is the promise of eternal life in God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 7: 36 – 8: 3

The woman who showed Jesus her sorrow by tears and anointing is forgiven much because of her great love.

Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group will meet on **Wednesday 15th June** at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm. All men of the parish are invited to join us for an informal get-together, lubricated by the odd pint.

Art Exhibition

There will be an exhibition of paintings, drawings and prints by Malcolm Surridge, a parishioner of St Joseph's, New Malden, at the Arthouse Gallery, 76 Victoria Road, Surbiton, from **11th to 25th June**.

Gift Aid

Please collect your gift aid envelopes from the back of the church.