

FEASTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Monday: St Sixtus II and Companions  
 Tuesday: St Dominic  
 Wednesday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
 Thursday: St Lawrence  
 Friday: St Clare  
 Saturday: St Jane Frances de Chantal  
 Monday: St Maximilian Kolbe  
 Tuesday: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Wednesday: St Stephen of Hungary  
 Saturday: St John Eudes

PARISH DIARY

Tuesdays 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group  
 Wednesday 16th 8.00pm: Parish Men's Group

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, 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, Colette Patten.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Fr John Lavery, parish priest of this parish, who died on 26th July in County Down, Northern Ireland. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila Eugenia Taylor, Christopher Byrne, Josephine McParlane, Ellen Wiseman, Margaret Broatbent, Alvaro Americo Britto, Mary Kathleen Frain, Shelagh Gray, Chris Sargent, James Jennings, Elizabeth O'Keefe, Mary Sweeney, Lilian Thompson, Mary Ellen Young, Jessie Wiseman, Bridget Lynn, Jane Mary Lamb, Nora Teresa Noonan, Ellen Fear, Bill Drinkwater, 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, Wilfrid William Hayward, Josephine Carroll, Ann Power, Giuseppe Sammarco, Libera Ricci Strafino.

+++ May they rest in peace +++



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Parish Priest: vacant  
 Deacon: Robert Beresford

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 6th August 2017		
Eighteenth Sunday (A)		
Saturday	9.30am	Margaret Uchendu's intention
	6.30pm	Dorothy Hall RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Michael Strong RIP
	10.30am	People of The Parish
	6.30pm	Richard & Joyce Williams 50th Wedding anniversary
Monday	9.30am	Doreen & Sean Claffey RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.30am	Michael Strong RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Fr John Lavery RIP
Friday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Doreen & Sean Claffey RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
	10.30am	People of The Parish
	6.30pm	Michael Strong RIP
Monday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	7.30am	Michael Strong RIP
	9.30am	Doreen & Sean Claffey RIP
	7.30pm	Fr John Lavery RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Louisa Giles RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Michael Strong RIP
Friday	9.30am	Owen & Sheila Kelly RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Owen & Sheila Kelly RIP

**Tuesday 15th August** is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am and 7.30pm.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Other services

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

### Security of the church and presbytery

At present, the security of the church and presbytery is fully operational. Both alarms and locks are in full use. Anyone wishing to gain access to the church outside normal service times should discuss this with Fr Geoffrey in advance.

### Catholic Truth Society Bookstand

All parishioners are invited to note that the CTS bookstand has been refreshed with an array of new titles. Please take a few minutes to browse. There is some good stuff there for you to buy at very reasonable prices.

### Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group normally meets on Tuesdays at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, praise and intercession. You are all most welcome to join us. Because the church may be locked, please contact Francesca Gilbert in advance to clarify whether and where the group will be meeting.

### Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group will continue to meet during August at its normal time and venue. Please join us and bring your male friends at the Wych Elm **from 8.00pm**.

### Healing Service

On **Saturday 26th August**, there will be a healing service, conducted by the Cor et Lumen Christi Community at the Mustard Seed at St Margaret's Church, 130 St Margaret's Road, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL. This is part of a monthly series of evenings on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and comes highly recommended. The evening will start at **7.30pm**, following the parish mass at 6.30pm. It will finish by 10.00pm. This is an ideal opportunity to experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit at a local venue. The venue is only a hundred yards from St Margaret's Railway Station, though the train services will run less frequently than normal because of the upgrading of London Waterloo.

Forthcoming Pilgrimages – see the notice board at the back of the church.

- **Dowry of Mary pilgrimage** – Walsingham, **Sunday 10th September**.
- **ACN pilgrimage to Fatima** – From **12th to 15th September**.
- **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from **9th to 17th October**.

### Future Clergy at St Agatha's

My dear brothers and sisters, at last I am able to give you some firm information regarding the future clergy who will be taking responsibility for the pastoral care of this wonderful parish of Saint Agatha.

I am pleased to inform you that Father Julius Otoaye MSP will be moving into the presbytery of St Agatha's on Monday 28th August. But before that date you may see Father Julius about as he will be moving his possessions into the presbytery so that Father Henry Tiku-Wenna can move into the presbytery at Saint Pius X, Norbiton. At a later date, yet to be announced, Father Julius will be joined by another MSP priest here at Saint Agatha's.

As for me, in accordance with Canon Law, as I am in my 75th year of age, the Archbishop has agreed to my retirement from being attached full time to a parish. He has also agreed that I will continue to live in the area and has asked that I make myself available to supply and help in the parishes of this deanery and in the diocese in general as and when he feels it necessary. Therefore, my final day with responsibility for St Agatha's parish will be the last Sunday in August (27th August).

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the parishioners of this parish for the care and support given to me over the last fourteen years, and to ask you to offer the same support and care to the priests who will accompany you on your individual journeys and the great task entrusted to them and to our community of making the "Kingdom" a reality here in Kingston.

Assuring you of my affection and prayers,

Father Geoffrey

### Fr Gerry's farewell

Fr Gerry's family have sent a card thanking all the parishioners for the wonderful reception for his retirement. They always enjoy their visits to St Agatha's and welcomed the opportunity to renew old friendships. A photobook of the farewell party has been produced. Parishioners wishing to see it should go to <https://www.bonusprint.co.uk/view-online-photo-book/e2500767-bbb6-41eb-965c-5da090150495>, via the parish website. To purchase a copy please contact Debbie Speed – [deborahspeed0@gmail.com](mailto:deborahspeed0@gmail.com).

Thanks to the very generous donations from parishioners and parents at the school and some significant sponsorship, **the income from the party exceeded the expenditure by just over £1000**. Fr Gerry is being invited to decide how this should be spent. Thank you all very much.