

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group
Wednesday 8.00pm: Parish Men's Group

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

There are no feasts this week.

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £553.30 Loose £602.84
Retiring collection (Poor Parishes) Gift Aid £191.50 Loose £120.61
The retiring collection this weekend is for CAFOD.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Charles Hope, Ethel Pyke, Edward Mitchell, Vincenza Marchese, Sheila McCormick, Edwin Reeves, Bridget Fenton, Mary Kathleen Dudley, William Lucas, Bruno Zuffo, Bernard McArdle, Mary West, George Alexander, Thomas McCormack, Charles Waddell, Mervyn Woolger, Ursula Nolan. +++ May they rest in peace +++

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Tolworth

The school is looking for a suitably qualified practising Catholic to become its new Head Teacher. The post would start in September 2016. The deadline for applications is **29 February**. For more details email: governors@oli.rbksch.org.

Job Offer – Kingston Street Pastor Co-ordinator

The Oxygen Trust is looking to recruit a Kingston Street Pastor Co-ordinator. The role is to represent Kingston Street Pastors and to take significant responsibility for the promotion, management and co-ordination of the Street Pastors' initiatives in Kingston. This includes organising weekly teams for patrols and supporting volunteer team members in their work to help, listen to and care for the people of Kingston upon Thames. The salary is up to £15,600 for a 20 hour week and includes a 5% pension. Closing date for applications is **7th March 2016**. For further information email john.trend@oxygen-online.org.

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Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Brien

Deacon: Rev. Robert Beresford

Please visit our website regularly to keep abreast of important current issues.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 14th February 2016

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Kevin Maher
Sunday	9.00am	John Riordan
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Joseph Walsh
Monday	9.30am	Gerry Quigley
Tuesday	9.30am	Anne Hall
Wednesday	9.30am	Kevin & Rosaleen McNeice
Thursday	9.30am	Margot Tipping
Friday	9.30am	Desmond & Kitty Shier
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Sheila McCormick
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required – Diocesan rule	

Some people find it hard to believe that Jesus could be tempted. But as well as a divine nature, he also had a human nature. Besides, temptation in itself is not a sin. Did the devil actually appear to him? We don't know. The main thing is that his temptations were real, just as ours are. But what did his temptations consist in? The first temptation was to turn stones into bread. Besides the obvious meaning, the word 'bread' can mean material things in general. The devil was telling Jesus to use his special powers to give the people all the material things they could possibly want. But Jesus knew that material things by themselves will never satisfy people. His chief task was to nourish their minds and hearts with the word of God.

PARISH NOTICES

Lent Fast Day – Friday 19 February 2016

The focus of this year's Lent Fast Day is the need for safe water supplies to all. Potable water allows a community to raise itself out of the cycle of disease and famine. Further it removes the need for time consuming, and sometimes dangerous, treks to source the water. Children are freed-up to receive an education. CAFOD cites research that consistently shows substantive increases in school attendance, following the provision of a clean water source nearby. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. Fast Day Envelopes are available at all masses this weekend for your donation. Please return the envelopes across all masses of Sunday 21 February 2016. Good news. The UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent. Further, if you are a UK tax payer, you can Gift Aid your donation so CAFOD can claim back the equivalent of basic rate tax paid on the monies. More information from Cafod.org.uk. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

Sacramental preparation

There are no First Communion or Confirmation classes this week (half term).

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.

Parish Men's Group

The Group will meet on **Wednesday 17th February** from **8.00pm** at the Wych Elm.

A Day with Mary

This will take place on **Saturday 20th February** at St Joseph's Church, New Malden from 9.30am to 5.00pm. This will be a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. For further information see the notices at the back of the church.

Jubilee Year of Mercy – Open 24 hours

On **4th – 5th March** there will be a pilgrimage to the Holy Door of Mercy at St George's, the cathedral of our diocese. Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm. At 7.30pm there will be evening prayer will be followed by a night of music, art, film, prayer and reflection. For further details see the poster at the back of the church.

Active Kids Vouchers

St Agatha's School is collecting these vouchers. Please place them in the box at the back of the church.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Praying for Cuba

There will be a prayer meeting on **4th March** at **10.30am** at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Hill, Surbiton. See the poster at the back of the church for more details.

REFLECTION

Repentance alone is not enough

Repentance of itself is not enough – grace must be available.

But if grace is offered and not accepted
then nothing comes of that either.

There is no point in putting up a sail if there is no wind.

There is no point in planting a seed if the ground is frozen.

There is no point in pruning a tree if spring does not come.

It is not enough to cut into people's hearts in order to save them –
they must be touched by grace .

Lord, touch our hearts with your grace.

So that we may produce the fruits of repentance.

Fr F McCarthy S.D.B

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4–10

The Israelites have not yet crossed over to the Promised Land but they are very close. The direction given is to help prepare the Israelites' new life as they settle in 'the land of milk and honey'. All God asks of them is to present a basket of the 'first fruits' when they reach the Promised Land, remembering their struggles and with gratitude recalling and praising the One who gave hope, strength and providence when they called on Him.

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8–13

There is a very immediate, personal and powerful message declared: 'The word is very near you, it is on your lips and in your heart.' Allow these words to rest in you, awaken in you. If I search the depths of myself am I able to rest in the love and call the Lord has for me? Or do I judge myself? Paul reminds us of God's healing mercy when he encourages us to call on the Lord when we need Him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1–13

The Spirit who descended upon Jesus at his baptism now leads him into the desert for forty days. In this place of wilderness, Jesus endures the temptations of the devil. The three temptations are towards riches, glory and power, represented by bread, rule and defiance of nature. Jesus defends against and indeed refutes the evil one with a string of quotes from the book of Deuteronomy. Although the devil plays a central role in this story, it is ultimately God who is in control. It is not just one more attempt by the devil to undo God's work; it is an integral part of the mission of Jesus, who is to confront and destroy the powers of evil.

WALK WITH ME

Copies of this booklet are available at the back of the church. There is one copy for every family. There is no charge so please take one.