

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: St Simon Stock

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

Wednesday 8.00pm: Parish Men's Group

OFFERINGS

First collection 30th April Gift Aid £547.10 Loose £770.04

St George's Cathedral Gift Aid £148.70 Loose £81.55

First collection 7th May Gift Aid £521.17 Loose £931.86

Ecclesiastical Education Gift Aid £131.80 Loose £51.44

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mabel Heck, Joyce Huntingford, Nora Conlon, David Walsh, Mary Oldknow, Rita Allen, Florence Busby, Maria Persechino, Salvatore Menale, Thomas Sheehy, James McCabe, Patricia Mulley, Flora Smith, Kenneth Albert Peacock, Michael Humphries, Eileen Renner, John Chandler, Elisabeth Lamb, Leslie Wiseman, Amelia Neve, Ann Sewell-Knight, John Kissane, Eleanor Condron, Elizabeth Brannelly, Eleanor McLeod, Kathleen Mary Little.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Celebrate – Twickenham

This Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend Conference will be held on **17th – 18th June** at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. The programme includes 4 main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and time for chatting over a cup of tea. So that parents with children can really benefit from the weekend, there is a full programme for all young people from the age of 4 upwards plus a warm, welcoming crèche. For further information and a booking form, please see the poster on the notice board or pick up a flyer at the back of the church. Or have a word with John de Quidt.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

Parish Priest: Vacant

Deacon: Robert Beresford

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 14th May 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Danny & Esty Collins
	6.30pm	David Edwards RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Bridie & Matthew Hickey RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Zoran & Natasha Popovic
Monday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday	9.30am	Joan Gallagher's intention
	6.30pm	Luigi & Teresa Pozella
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule	

APF Red Boxes

It is time for the red APF money boxes to come in for the spring counting. If you have an APF box, please bring it to mass and leave it on the table at the right hand side (as you look at the altar). Boxes that have been emptied are placed on the left hand table ready for collection. **Please ensure your name is written on the label at the base of the box.** In the past, some boxes have been handed in with no name on the base, so we don't know whose it is to return it to them. Please let Francesca Gilbert know on 07813-777408 if you have delivered a box back to the church, but have not received it back.

PARISH NOTICES

Our new parish priest

I am pleased to be able to report to the parish that during the next few weeks a new Parish Priest will be appointed to our parish. It has been decided that the Missionaries of St Paul, a religious order well known and established for some time in our diocese, will be given responsibility for the pastoral care of the Parish of St Agatha. The resident community here will consist in the outset of two priests, one of whom will be appointed as Parish Priest and the other will be responsible for the chaplaincy of Kingston Hospital. The existing chaplain at the hospital is, as many already know, Fr Julius Otoaye who is also parish priest of St Pius X, Norbiton. It is felt that the responsibilities of Chaplain and Parish Priest jointly are now becoming excessive and more time needs to be given by the Chaplain to the Hospital in regard to the care of both the patients and the staff. This means that very shortly we will have a religious community caring for this Parish community and helping us develop new and existing ways of living our faith and expressing that faith to the wider community here in Kingston upon Thames. Knowing very well the Parish community of St Agatha, I am certain that you will welcome the new priests who will live and work with you here, and if they experience, as I am certain they will, the same affection and support that Fr Gerry and I have received, then the time they spend here will be truly enriching for them.

As soon as a firm date has been agreed and we are advised of the new Parish Priest's name, I will confirm these details to you in the normal way via the Parish Newsletter.

Fr Geoffrey

Thank You

The First Communion Catechists and the Organist wish to thank the parents of the children who recently received their First Holy Communion for their generous gifts which were much appreciated.

They offer their congratulations and best wishes to those children for their devotion and commitment.

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday at 8.00pm** in the church for rosary, praise and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us.

Parish Men's Group

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group will take place on **Wednesday 17th May** at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm**. All men of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of discussion and friendship, lubricated by the odd pint or two.

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

Thank you to all parishioners who supported the Diocesan-wide Campaign to raise support for our sick and retired clergy. During the past few years, many parishioners have expressed appreciation for particular priests who have had a positive influence on their lives, and have enquired about the possibility of leaving a gift in their will to the Campaign. If this is a cause that resonates with you and you would like to find a way of thanking our retired priests for their service, please pick up an introductory leaflet from the back of the church.

Post-Easter talks on the Holy Spirit

Five talks on the Holy Spirit will be given on consecutive Thursdays at the Amigo Hall by St Georges's Cathedral, Southwark, at 7.00pm for **7.30pm**. The next talk on **Thursday 18th May** will be on The Spirit in Art by Piero Finaldi. For further information see the church notice board.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Sunday 21st May** at Walsingham from **11.40am to 6.00pm**. The day will include sung litany, mass in honour of Our Lady, silent adoration, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

Spirit in the City – A Festival Of Hope

This annual festival will take place on **Friday 9th June** from 7.00pm and on **Saturday 10th June** from 12.00pm to 8.00pm in Notre Dame de France Church, 5 Leicester Place, WC2H 7BX and in Leicester Square. For further details contact info@spiritinthecity.org, tel 020 7440 2663 or see the flyers at the back of the church.

Catholic Miracle Rally

This gathering will take place on **Saturday 8th** and **Sunday 9th June** at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ. For further details of this event, see the notice board at the back of the church or contact Cor et Lumen Christi on 01932 565747 or at coretlumenchristi.com.

The Life of Christ

This will take place at Wintershall daily from **20th to 24th June**, from **10.30am to 3.30pm**. For more information see the notice board at the back of the church or contact www.wintershall-estate.com or 01793 418299.