

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

There are no feasts this week.

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£554.78	Loose	£451.62	TOTAL	£1085.92
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£19.50	Loose	£60.02		

Next weekend's retiring collection will be for Ecclesiastical Education.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

GOOD FRIDAY 30TH MARCH— COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES—£299.56

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Christina Ward, Marie Ann Xibberas, Clare Horgan, Grace Gibbs, Paul and June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

ANNIVERSARIES

Caroline Milburn, Arthur Burgess, Jane Beresford, Charles Harold Jarvis, Joyce McDonagh, Peter Horsfield, Caroline Louisa Currie, Catherine Barkell, Harold Ward, Michael Mullen, George Steele, Monique Ricquer, Mary Doyle, Eleanor Dean, Arthur Helliwell, Cormac Scott Byrne, Alice McMahon, James Mullens, John Browne, Una Matthews, Denise Hawkes, Tess Hegarty, Ken Sykes, Emanuele Giammacco, David Jones, Ellen Moore, Carmello Giamocco, Catherine Cusiack, Mary Squires, Bridget Kieley. +++ **May they rest in peace** +++

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: **Joan Wareham**, who died on **Sunday 1st April**, **Andrew Chambers**, who died on 4th March and whose funeral will be held on **20th April**, and **Tony Chapman** who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. **AMEN**

Parish Prayer Group

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

Parish Office

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 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics or explore their faith more. If you fall into either of these categories please contact Fr. Vitalis. The course will commence later in the year.

Lost Property

Unfortunately, our Lost Property Box is overflowing! There are many lost items in our lost property box by the main entrance, especially hats, scarves, gloves, umbrellas etc. there are also a couple of pairs of glasses.



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CLERGY

Fr. Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP — Parish Priest
Fr. Julius Otoaye MSP
Rev. Robert Beresford — Deacon

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 15th April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 14 th	9.30am	Jane Beresford RIP
	6.30pm	Caroline & Bertram Woodhouse—Currie RIP
Sunday 15 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Joan Wareham RIP
	6.30pm	Wellbeing of Simon Shields
Monday 16 th	9.30am	Private intention of Thanksgiving
Tuesday 17 th	9.30am	Tony Chapman RIP
Wednesday 18 th	9.30am	Tony Chapman RIP
Thursday 19 th	9.30am	Tony Chapman RIP
Friday 20 th	9.30am	Mary and Bartley Connelly RIP
Saturday 21 st	9.30am	Charles Laing RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish

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

Reflection on the Night Prayer

Our Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9

Every Sunday is a little Easter as Christians gather in the memory of the risen Lord. So it is appropriate that the Night Prayer of the church for Saturday should use Psalm 4, as it were, entering the sleep of Christ between his death and his rising. It is a grand form of prayer to relax with the Lord at the end of the day. This Psalm is a model of what we need to touch. *I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once.* Two of the greatest obstacles to sleep are unresolved business from the past and anxiety about the morrow. Shakespeare's Macbeth, burdened with a guilty conscience, envied innocent sleep, '*sleep that knits up the ravel'd sleeve of care, the death of each day's life, sore labour's bath, balm of hurt minds...*' *From anguish you released me.* I need to thank God for helping me through the day. Were there any particular situations of stress? Anguish? Pain? Frustration? Moments when anger began to bubble? It was God's help, perhaps unnoticed at the time which carried me through. *Have mercy and hear me.* Did I fail God today? Hurt anybody? Compromised my principles? *What can bring us happiness?* What were the good moments today? When did I feel a deep contentment? Did the Lord *lift up the light of his face on us?* A good night's sleep brings great peace. *I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 17th April	Confirmation session 5
Wednesday 18th April	Men's Parish Group
Wednesday 18th April	Choir Practice
Monday 23rd April	First Holy Communion Class
Tuesday 24th April	Confirmation session 6



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who have given so generously of their time and skill and helped to organise, prepare and present the Holy Week and Easter Services and all the Services during Lent:

To everyone who helped prepare the Church for Easter – to all the church cleaners, gardeners, flower arrangers, to our musicians, singers, readers, sacristans, eucharistic ministers and altar servers for their contributions during Holy Week and Easter and to everyone who took part in the ceremonies, we thank you.

A BIG thanks to everyone for the tremendous response to the Easter Spring cleaning day. The church looked magnificent. *A very special thank you to the children and young adults of the parish who also generously gave their time to help on this day; we look forward to seeing you again at further events through the year.*

Thank you to all the children from St. Agatha's school for their solemn and powerful presentation of 'The Stations of the Cross' for the school service held on Holy Thursday.

We are so proud of our young parishioners who presented the "Living Stations of the Cross" as part of the Good Friday Service; they did an absolutely amazing job!

And lastly, a specific thank you to our Priests; Fr. Vitalis and Fr. Julius for the countless hours hearing Confessions at the church, and also at schools across the borough, and celebrating the Sacraments to prepare the parish for the Easter Season, and for our beautiful Holy Week liturgies! A special thank you to Rev. Bob Beresford, our Deacon, for his continued assistance with these sacraments.

There are dozens and dozens of people involved in making everything run smoothly at St. Agatha's during the festive periods; we thank you one and all.

St Agatha's Church and Presbytery Repairs and Maintenance

We are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced contractor to provide a Responsive Repairs day to day service and occasionally an emergency out of hours service to the Church and Presbytery properties. This would be a varied requirement including but not limited to general maintenance and decorating, locksmith tasks, electrical and plumbing assistance to more extensive developments as they occur.

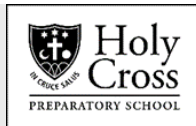
If you have a business providing these services and would be interested in assisting us, please contact the Parish Secretary to discuss in further detail our requirements and the services you could provide.

Job vacancy at Holy Cross Preparatory School, Kingston -upon-Thames

Head of Pre-Prep & Early Years and Class Teacher

Holy Cross Prep is an outstanding Catholic prep school for girls, with excellent standards and a caring and inclusive ethos. It is located on a beautiful 8 acre site with first-rate facilities and was chosen by The Sunday Times as Independent Prep School of the Year for 2013-2014.

Start date: **1st September 2018**, Full time and permanent. Closing date **26th April 2018**. For further details, please visit our website www.holycrossprep.co.uk or contact **Sophie Castle on 0208 942 0729**.



Preparation for First Holy Communion

The next class for our young people who are preparing for First Holy Communion will be on **Monday 23rd April at 3.30pm**.

The rehearsal for Group 1 will be on **Friday 27th April at 3.30pm**.

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on **Sunday 29th April at 12noon**.

The rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 5th May at 3.30pm**.

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on **Sunday 6th May at 12noon**.

Confirmation

The next two preparation Sessions, after Easter break, will be on **Tuesday 17th and Tuesday 24th April**. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May**.

Children's Liturgy

More helpers are needed to join the team of volunteers taking Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10.30am Sunday Masses. No experience needed, only a willingness to assist the leader, particularly if you have a child attending. If you feel you can help, please come along to one of the sessions.

St Agatha's Church Choir

The next choir practices will be on **Wednesday 18th and 25th April from 7-8pm** in the church. If you are interested do come along and try it; if you feel you cannot commit to joining us regularly we will welcome people to join us for special services as long as you attend several rehearsals beforehand. There is no need to have sung in a church choir before and it doesn't matter if you haven't a wonderful voice it will improve with practice.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish are invited to meet together on **Wednesday 18th April** at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm** for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come and join us.

Marriage Encounter Weekend – Purley, Surrey

A Weekend of Discovery for Married Couples, 'Encounter Weekend', is a non-residential event on **28/29th April** at Margaret Roper Primary School, Russell Hill Rd, Purley CR8 2XP. It is aimed at couples with average to good marriages of a few years or decades. For more details contact: Phil and Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com.

Altar Servers' Rally 2018

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Monday 7th May** at **The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent**. **Bishop Paul Mason** is the principal celebrant. The annual rally gives servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. If you have not attended before please take the time to 'come and see'. All servers and their families and friends are welcome. A poster with more details is on the church noticeboard.

Altar Servers perform a very important role in liturgical services. After approx. 2 years regular serving, servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and receive the Guild bronze medal. If you or your child are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Fr. Vitalis.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. scheduled to take place in Liverpool from **7th to 9th September 2018**. 10,000 people have been invited, including 570 delegates from Southwark Archdiocese, two per parish. We are still seeking representatives from St Agatha's parish; if you are interested in representing us, please speak with Fr. Vitalis.