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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 Karin Rattray, 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.

**SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2018 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY (B)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

Saturday 14 th	
9.30am	Claire & Andrew Chambers
6.30pm	John Davis RIP
Sunday 15 th	
9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
10.30am	Lawrence Byrne RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 16 th	
9.30am	Thanksgiving for Rev. James B Hurley
Tuesday 17 th	
9.30am	Noel Byrne RIP
Wednesday 18 th	
9.30am	Special Intention for Mary Kerrigan
Thursday 19 th	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 20 th	
9.30am	St Agatha's School End of Year Mass
Saturday 21 st	
9.30am	John O'Connor RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday 15 th July	Baptism Preparation Class
Wednesday 18 th July	Parish Men's Group
Thursday 19 th July	St Agatha's School Year 6 Leavers Mass
Friday 20 th July	St Agatha's School End of Year Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill & Mary Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan.

Due to the new data protection rules we are unable to have names on the sick list unless we have written permission from the person to publicise their names. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ann Deuvall, Horace Cave, Sean & Joan O'Connor, Georgina Perez, Margaret Johnson, Eve Pearce, Anne Brown, Antonio Tomassi, Harriet Johnson, David Crew, Frances Trout, Annie Evenden, Patricia Green, Peter Henry Bowden, Antony Cox, Eileen Flynn, William Miles, Margaret Smith, Jesse Higgs, Jacqueline Sewter, Mary Hutton, Josephine Lamb, Cathrine (Trudy) McIntyre. +++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£505.50	Loose	£363.49
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£8.00	Loose	£97.13

TOTAL £974.12

The retiring collection for last weekend was for

The Apostleship of the Sea.

The retiring collection for next week is for

The Missionary Society of St Paul.

**A VOICE THAT SPEAKS OF PEACE –
A REFLECTION OF PSALM 84:9-14**

The readings feature the call of Amos and the apostles to the mission of proclaiming the word of God. Amos responded to God's call and became a scathing critic of the selfish use of wealth. Verbs of mission, like 'go' or 'send', occur more than two hundred times in the gospels. The mission of the word extends far beyond personal salvation. It is a call to take on the ethnics of responsibility for the betterment of society. In the face of the rampant individualism of today, Pope John Paul II wrote that the great challenge facing the church at the beginning of the third millennium is to be the home and school of communion. The Psalmist resolves to listen to the call of the Lord. *'I will hear what the Lord God has to say'*. The message that he hears concerns working for peace... *'a voice that speaks of peace'*. The task of making peace is not confined to the political leaders of the world. Civil leaders depend to a great extent on public opinion. Mercy, faithfulness, justice and peace are pictured by the Psalmist as rapt in the one embrace. Mercy moves beyond vengeance. Vengeance might achieve equal retribution but it will not resolve personal relationships. Mercy can heal the hurts. Fidelity is the foundation of trustfulness. There can be no prospect of peace without the structures of justice. When mercy, faithfulness and justice embrace, then peace has every chance of blossoming. If we *'hear what the Lord God has to say'* we will work responsibly for justice and peace.

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

Missionary Society of St Paul, MSP, Appeal

Next weekend we welcome Fr, Francis Ezennia, MSP, who will do a Mission appeal for the MSP at all Masses. Your prayers, material and financial support are most needed for: • the training of 120 MSP seminarians studying to become priests, • to help sustain some challenging missions like South Sudan and agriculture and water projects. MSP priests serve in more than 20 countries; Fr. Anthony and Fr. Pius are among the MSPs currently serving in the UK. The Missionaries of St Paul are committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and the wonderful works of the Father in the Holy Spirit, but they cannot do this alone, they need your help.

GIFT AID SCHEME

Next week we will be writing to everyone who has envelopes awaiting collection. It is now URGENT that you contact the Parish Secretary if you are part of the gift aid scheme and have not collected your 2018 envelopes, even if you no longer need them, as we need to update all details.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 2018

CAFOD are delighted to let us know that the donations for the Family Fast Day 2018, from all UK sources, exceeds £4.2 million. This is truly wonderful because the UK Government will be matching every Family Fast Day offering. CAFOD have planned projects to help 245,000 people in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Eritrea; this will mean that fewer parents will struggle to grow vegetables to help feed their families and more children will become healthier and more likely to attend school. Thank you for fasting in solidarity and we thank you for your continuing support.

St Agatha's Ladies Group

Attention Ladies in the parish! We are looking to form a new group just for the Ladies from September. This group will be for all the busy ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest. Thank you to those who have already been in touch, please keep your ideas coming. We will hold an initial meeting in September to discuss all ideas and a schedule. If you would be interested in joining, please contact the Parish Secretary with your details and any tips and ideas!

New Church Keys

We will do our best to provide new keys to anyone who opens or closes the church or has a need for a key. Could you please contact the parish secretary to request the new keys.

Data Protection Regulation

The new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new legislation. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish secretary.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church entrance. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. Masses can sometimes be booked several weeks in advance so if you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you let the parish office know well ahead of time. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting Mass Intentions. If no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date. If you require confirmation of a Mass time and date, please ensure you provide your contact details.

Accommodation Needed

Primary school teacher and parishioner of St Agatha's, seeks a privately owned one bedroom flat for rent, in the following areas: Kingston, Richmond, Putney, New Malden, Norbiton, Coombe, Sheen, Ham, Roehampton. If you have any relevant information, please can you kindly contact Maria at; maria_peters21@hotmail.com

Parish Men's Group

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

Mustard Seed

The next evening of renewal with an opportunity to grow in faith in the power of the Holy Spirit will be on Saturday 21st July at St Margaret's RC Church, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL, at 7.45 pm for 8.00pm until 10.00pm. The evening will include praise, reflection, teaching plus individual prayer ministry for those wishing for it. The church is just by St Margaret's railway station (with direct trains from Kingston). All are welcome.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on Saturday 21st July at St Anselm's Church, Balham SW17. These days of prayer, held in Catholic churches and shrines, are open to everyone and are free. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. For more details please see the poster on the church notice board.

THEOLOGY & TAP

QUENCH YOUR SPIRITUAL THIRST

NEW MONTHLY FAITH TALKS

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton has launched a new monthly event: "Theology on Tap. Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall (Alexander House) over a glass of wine or other refreshment.

The next event will be from 6pm-8pm on Sunday 29th-July when Dr Matthew Ward will give a talk entitled "Musica Christiana: re-hearing the Cosmic Music in the 21st century."

All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs.
FUTURE DATES - 19 August - Dr Gavin Jarvis, 30 September - Fr Michael Lovell.
Please save the dates!

Prudential Ride London / Surrey

This world class festival of cycling will once again pass through Kingston on Sunday 29th July. It will affect all those coming to morning mass by car from East of Park Road or South of Canbury Park Road. Queens Road and the lower part of Kingston Hill will be closed from 5.00am until about 11.45am. London Road and roads to Kingston Bridge will be closed from 5.00am until about 3.00pm. The route from the Portsmouth Road to Coombe Lane West, via the High Street, Clarence Street, Wood Street, Fairfield North, London Road and Coombe Road will be closed from 7.00am until about 7.00pm. Some bus routes will be affected. There will be pedestrian crossing places along the route and the town centre will remain open as normal. For further details see the map on the church noticeboard or go to:

www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/road-closures

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th September 2018. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Gatwick with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100 Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Please contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.