

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: St Bonaventure
Saturday: St Mary Magdalene

PARISH DIARY

Monday 8.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting
Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group
Wednesday 8.00pm: Parish Men's Group

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £603.15 Loose £789.70
Retiring Collection (Apostleship of the Sea)
Gift Aid £61.40 Loose £122.79

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 & Michael Strong.

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Frances Cobb, Patrick Joseph Collins, Anne Keane.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Prudential Ride London / Surrey

This world class festival of cycling will once again pass through Kingston on **Sunday 30th 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 PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk/road-closures.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

Parish Priest: vacant
Deacon: Robert Beresford

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 16th July 2017

Fifteenth Sunday (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	William O'Leary RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Ophelia Nazareth RIP
Monday	9.30am	Welfare of Rosemary & Terry Nolan
	12.30pm	Requiem Veronica Clark
Tuesday	9.30am	Janet Nolan RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Patrick FitzGerald RIP
Thursday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Friday	9.30am	School End of Year Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Manuel da Costa RIP
	6.30pm	Sean & Doreen Claffey RIP
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.

Sacramental preparation

There will be a baptism preparation meeting at **7.30pm** on **Monday 17th July**. Only one parent need attend. Please do not bring children.

PARISH NOTICES

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 next meeting of the Parish Men's Group will be on **Wednesday 19th July** in the Wych Elm starting at **8.00pm**. All the men of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and conviviality, lubricated by an occasional pint.

Mustard Seed

The series of evenings of renewal with an opportunity to learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to grow in faith in the power of the Spirit will be on **Saturday 22nd 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 by St Margarets railway station (with direct trains from Kingston). The evening is open to all.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 22nd July** at St Anselm, Balham High Road, SW17 from **9.45am** to **5.30pm**. The day will include the Angelus, sung litany, mass in honour of Our Lady, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

There will be a further such day on **Saturday 29th July** at Our Lady and St Peter, Victoria Drive, SW19, starting at **10.00am**.

PACT – (Prison Advice and Care Trust)

PACT is a Catholic charity that provides services to hundreds of thousands of prisoners, children and families each year, to offer practical and emotional support, and most of all, hope. In order that it can reach all those in need of support, it relies heavily on volunteers. It urgently needs more volunteers from this area. It offers free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. No previous experience is necessary. To find out more see the parish notice board or contact ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk.

A Very Big Thank You

Fr Gerry, his family and Fr Geoffrey all wish to express their thanks to the parish and the school for making his farewell mass and retirement party so special. Fr Gerry was very touched by the many wonderful things said to him and by the many prayers for his happy retirement.

The mass and the subsequent hog roast and barbecue were very moving and a great success. A big thank you to all those who contributed to making this such a wonderful day. It would be invidious to mention particular people. You know who you are. However, a huge thank you is due to all those:

- who contributed to the liturgy, music and arrangements for the mass;
- who worked in the kitchen, both preparing and clearing up;
- who supplied and served the barbecue,
- who arranged and served the hog roast;
- who sourced and purchased the drinks and cash and carry items;
- who sponsored and served the drinks;
- who organised the outdoor sound system;
- who erected and took down the marquees and moved the chairs;
- who stewarded the gate; and especially
- who co-ordinated the whole day.

Many thanks too to the many parishioners and school parents for their most generous donations. These came to £4,000, which more than covered the cost of the event. Fr Gerry will be invited to decide how the surplus should be spent. Above all, however, huge thanks to all those who came and played a vital part in making the day so successful. Even the sun shone.

If anyone has photographs of this wonderful day, it would be nice to put a selection of them on the parish website. Please send these to Chris Mack chris@starlightproductions.tv. Thank you.

Your Healthcare

On **Sunday 16th July** one of our parishioners, Nicola Pratelli, will be a member of the Your Healthcare team which is taking part in the Kingston Dragon Boat Race. Your Healthcare provide Kingston's Community health services such as district nurses and health visitors. The team are raising funds for Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness. If you would like to sponsor them in raising funds for this great local cause please go to the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/YourHealthcareMinions>