

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St Ignatius of Antioch
Tuesday: St Luke

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £286.30 Loose £172.34
Retiring collection (Family Fast Day)
Gift Aid £207.00 Loose £270.73
Next weekend's retiring collection will be for World Mission Sunday.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group
Wednesday 8.00pm: Parish Men's Group
Wednesday 7.30pm: Proposed Parish Bible Sharing Group

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, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone, Colette Patten & Ken Pereira.

ANNIVERSARIES

Marion Mitchell, Leslie Abernethy, Joan Groser, Anne Flagg, Agnes Mary A'Hern, Irene Hanysek, Mary Alice Charlesworth, Emily Jones, Marie Maxwell-Arnot, Mary Moore, Elizabeth (Betty) Pryce, Bridget Culbert, Henry Joseph Winn, Joseph Kennedy, Keith Doolan, Christine Lepech-Bayram, Wilfrid Henry, Peter Hayward, Charles McDonald, Alfred Watson, Luigi Vago, Ada Mary, Constance Brassington, Mary Coulter, Donald Holton, Donald McDonald, Francis Bernard Page, Christina Norris, Patrick McDonagh, Horace Jelf, Beatrice Hughes, Bridget Pilgrim, Patric Treacy, Robert Flynn, Ian Wilson, John Walsh, Belinda McDonagh, Ted McMahon, Antonio Marshall, Agnes Rose Young, Mabel Gibbs, Sylvia Morling, Mary Cecilia Pope, James Carmody, Gerald Gaskin

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Hospital chaplain

If you, or a member of your family are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform the ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius. His phone number is 8942 2178.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Brien

Deacon: Rev. Robert Beresford

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 16th October 2016

29th Sunday of the Year (C)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	John Davis
Sunday	9.00am	Ken Pereira
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Joseph & Irene Coll
Monday	9.30am	Ted McMahon
Tuesday	9.30am	Mariano Ysasi
Wednesday	9.30am	Irma Chow
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention
Friday	9.30am	Private Intention
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Jean Childs

Confessions: Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call

Baptisms: By previous arrangement

Marriages: Six months notice required - Diocesan rule

In the parable of the unjust judge (Gospel), Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to lose heart. The judge is approached by a widow - she represents the powerless ones. It is presumed that she has right on her side. But the judge is not interested in the rights of a penniless widow. However, when she persists in her plea, he finally relents, but only to get rid of her. The message is intended for the disciples who are faced with suffering and persecution. If an amoral judge can be moved by the persistent pleading of a widow, how much more will God see justice done for his faithful ones who cry out to him continually. The only question is: will they be found capable of confident and persevering prayer, or will they throw the towel in and abandon the faith, just because their prayer isn't answered immediately?

PARISH NOTICES

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. Please enter via the Presbytery.

Parish Men's Group

The Group will meet on **Wednesday 19th October** at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm** for an evening of fellowship and sharing, lubricated by a pint or two. This is open to all men of the parish.

Parish Bible Sharing Group

It is proposed that the Parish Bible Sharing Group will meet on **Wednesday** evenings at **7.30pm**. The location, date, time and frequency of meetings may vary according to demand. In order to help us ascertain the level of interest, could those who might wish to participate please contact Veronica Isorna on 07801 492610 or at veronicaisorna@gmail.com as soon as possible. Making an enquiry does not commit you to attending on a regular basis.

APF Red Boxes

It is time for the red APF money boxes to come in for the autumn counting. If you have an APF box, please bring it to Mass next weekend 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. 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 phone no. 07813-777408 if you have delivered a box back to the church, but have not received it back.

Kingston Mental Health Carers' Forum (KMHCF)

The KMHCF fully understands that being a carer can be a demanding and isolating experience and that obtaining information and support can be complicated and confusing. The Forum can direct carers to the various services that are available for information, support and training.

The Forum provides an opportunity for Carers to express their views and opinions directly to the Health Service Providers for the improvement of facilities for both Carers and Service Users. It is consulted by Commissioners and Health & Social Care Providers to develop a clear understanding of the specific needs of local Carers for the ultimate benefit of them and those for whom they care.

For further information telephone 07983 063578 or email info@kmhcf.org.uk or see the leaflets at the back of the church.

REFLECTION

Prayer

I am neither a man of letters nor of science, but I humbly claim to be a man of prayer. It is prayer that has saved my life. Without it I would have lost my reason long ago. If I did not lose my peace of soul, in the midst of my many trials, it is because of the peace that came to me through prayer. One can live several days without food, but not without prayer. Prayer is the key to each morning, and the lock to each evening. It is a sacred alliance between God and us. Let everyone try this experience, and they will find that daily prayer will add something new to their lives, something which cannot be found elsewhere.

Mahatma Gandhi

First Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13

Early in the exodus experience, between their deliverance and their reaching the Sinai wilderness, the Israelites find themselves at Rephidim. This is the setting for their complaint to Moses about a lack of water and his miraculous sourcing of water from a rock. Immediately following that provision, the Amalekite offensive is reported. A fresh reason for panic and despair, it is, again, subverted by the intervention of Moses and the power of the Divine working, it appears, through him.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2

This section of the letter includes both warning and exhortation. Persecution from without can be expected, but false and confused teaching from within is as great a danger to the Church. Populist, compromised doctrine is an ever-present attraction. The true pastor will be thoroughly grounded in scripture and will hold fast 'to what you have been taught and know to be true'. This passage could be viewed as identifying a role for 'tradition', alongside scripture, in the Church's teaching mission.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 1-8

The teaching immediately preceding today's Gospel parable has been apocalyptic in tone, with advice about end times. The rhetorical question which concludes today's passage is posed against this backdrop, with its speculation about the capacity of the average believer to remain faithful until the return of the 'Son of Man'. The kind of perseverance which may be required, in the meantime, is characterised by the widow who is the key figure in this story. Her persistence in pursuing her cause is a lesson to the Christian as to the unwavering conviction which needs to underpin faith and accompany prayer. As her resolve bore fruit, so, surely, will theirs.