

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm:

Parish Prayer Group

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Friday:

St Mary Magdalene

Saturday:

St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Mary Mackey, Mary Smith.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Volunteers needed—10.30am family mass

Those who attend the 10.30 family mass at St Agatha's will know it's a lively service intended to be very welcoming to families; it's great to see so many children attending. Children play an active role in the service, whether reading and saying prayers on the altar or attending children's liturgy, and they are always enthusiastic and keen to participate. We have a long list of children keen to be involved.

As always, these activities happen because a group of parents spend a little time preparing each week. We are looking for some more volunteers to help to spread the (small) load more evenly. It might feel daunting at first but we have lots of resources ready prepared and at the start of next term will have a social get together where we will go through the resources, explain what needs to be done and answer any questions you may have. All with the help of some liquid refreshment.

To volunteer or for more information please email Helen Mennis (helenmennis@blueyonder.co.uk) or put your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church. If you are unsure let Helen know and you can pair up with one of the existing volunteers who has done it before and see whether you feel you could help out.

Date for the diary – more details later

Saturday 8th October Southwark Day of Renewal – St George's Cathedral

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Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Brien

Deacon: Rev. Robert Beresford

Please visit our website regularly to keep abreast of important current issues.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 17th July 2016

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Florence & Peter Houllier
Sunday	9.00am	Kay Williams
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Vincenzo Straccialano
Monday	9.30am	Special Intention
	6.00pm	School Leavers' Mass
Tuesday	9.30am	Jacqueline Sewter
Wednesday	9.30am	School End of Year Mass
Thursday	9.30am	Peace in our World
Friday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	John Chandler
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required – Diocesan rule	

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 Parish Men's Group will meet on **Wednesday 27th July**, i.e. a week later than normal, at the Wych Elm from **8.00pm**. All men of the parish are invited to join us for an evening of relaxed discussion, lubricated by the odd drink.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish social evenings

The social evening on 8th July for all those who help in the parish in any capacity was a great success. Many congratulations to the organisers. We look forward to the next such event.

The next event is the Senior Parishioners' fish and chip social on **Friday 22nd July** at **6.30pm** in the Cloister. Late arrivals are warned that their supper may get cold. If you have not already done so, please sign up on the forms at the back of the church by Sunday 17th July. The cost is £7.00 per head payable on the night. Donations for the raffle will be gratefully accepted.

Prudential Ride London / Surrey

This world class festival of cycling will once again pass through Kingston on **Sunday 31st 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 11.00am. London Road and roads to Kingston Bridge will be closed from 5.00am until about 2.45pm. 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. Further details will be available shortly.

The 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 23rd July** at St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL, by St Margarets rail station, 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. All are welcome.

Healing Signs and Wonders

On **Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th September** The Cor et Lumen Christi Community are holding a Healing Signs and Wonders gathering at the City of London School for Girls, St Giles Terrace, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8BB. The event will comprise teaching from international speakers, praise and worship, adoration, reconciliation, prayer for healing, empowerment and consolation and holy mass.

Booking is compulsory because only 600 places are available. The booking fee is £15.00. To book or for further information on this and other Cor et Lumen Christi events please go to www.coretlumenchristi.org or call 01932 565747.

REFLECTIONS

In his presence

Lord, I place myself in your presence.

After the strain and turmoil of the day I rest quietly here, as a little boat, which has been tossed by the waves and buffeted by the wind, rests secure in a sheltered harbour.

Here my projects lose their power over me. A healing process begins.

My fragmented self is reassembled, and I am made whole again.

In your presence, I experience my true worth, which consists not in doing but in being.

I surrender myself into your hands. I am at peace.

Flor McCarthy S.D.B.

First Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10

An act of warm hospitality towards three strangers from Abraham and his wife Sarah leads to a great blessing that reverberates through the generations, reminding us of the importance of a spirit of generosity towards those unknown to us.

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 24-28

Paul shows his willingness to cheerfully suffer in order to bring God's message and Christ's hope to those who had previously been thought of as beyond salvation.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 38-42

The memorable image of the two sisters Mary and Martha, one listening carefully to the Lord, the other bustling in care for their guest, represent the two vital aspects of Christian discipleship, reflection leading to action.

Gospel Reading

Jesus came to the house of Martha and Mary. Martha got completely carried away by the details of hospitality, but Mary sat at his feet and listened to him. During this mass we have the opportunity to do what Mary did, namely, spend some time in the presence of the Lord. Let us enliven our faith in his presence among us.

Offerings

First collection	Gift Aid	£554.50	Loose	£343.62
Retiring collection (Apostleship of the Sea)				
	Gift Aid	£27.50	Loose	£105.24

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD.