

**CLERGY** 

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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 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY (B) FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Special Intention

6.30pm Desmond & Kitty Shier RIP

Sunday 17h

9.00am Special Intention for Fathers of the Parish

10.30am People of the Parish

6.30pm Marco Vincenzo Straccialano RIP

Monday 18th

9.30am

Tuesday 19th

9.30am Gerry Quigley RIP

Wednesday 20th

9.30am

Thursday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, memorial

9.30am NO MASS

10.30am Requiem Mass Marie Ann Xibberas

Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Martyrs, feast

9.30am Eleanor Margaret Alexander RIP

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9.30am

6.30pm Marie Ann Xiberras RIP

Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call Confessions:

Saturday 10.00-10.30am Exposition:

Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

Saturday 16th June A Day with Mary, St. Joseph's, New Malden

Wednesday 20th June St. Agatha's Men's Parish Group Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June St. Agatha's School Summer Fair Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July Baptism Preparation Class

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter

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**

Anne Cullen, Ethel Mary Duckett, Norah Wiseman, Vincent Rogan, William 'Billy' Kilkenny, Gregory Serna, Rose Patricia Smith, Larry Drinkwater, Bridget (Bridie) Flynn, Keith Finn, Anthony Borg, Kathleen Peacock, Laurence Mussi, Bernard O'Neill, Nora Smyth, Kathleen Margaret Humphreys, Thomas Sheehan, James Anderson, Mary Bridget Clarke, Sarah McLynn, Mary McKeon, Ian Hamilton, Kenneth Powell, Dave Hope, Margaret Begley, Joseph Smyth, Charles O'Donoghue, John Norman, Cornelius Sheehy, Lilian Elizabeth Murray, Sirio Fiaschi, Yvonne Gawthope, Dennis Sweeney.

## +++ May they rest in Peace +++

#### **OFFERINGS**

First collection Gift Aid £595.00 f478 54 Loose Retiring Collection Gift Aid f6906 £110.81 Loose

## TOTAL £1508.36

The retiring collection for last weekend was for Catholic Trust for England & Wales. The retiring collection for this weekend is for Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit.

#### **REFLECTION**

Both the parables in today's gospel point to the role that we are called to play in God's plan. He takes care of the major part and leaves us with a small role. However, the role he has assigned to us is fundamental. The farmer has to first of all scatter the seed and only then will God be able to do the rest. Likewise, although the mustard seed itself is small, it has to be first sown into the ground. Once it is sown then its hidden ability to grow into the greatest of shrubs is triggered and it becomes one in which even birds can take shelter. Since 'a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step' we are given the task of taking a decisive step and play a crucial role.

#### LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Anne Xiberras who died recently. Her requiem will be on Thursday 21st June at 10.30am. Please pray also for Joan Gallagher who has also died recently and whose requiem will be on Monday 25th June at 11.00am. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

## MISSIONARY SISTERS SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We will be holding a special appeal for Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) this Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June. We welcome Sister Yudith who will be speaking at all masses and sharing with us news of their mission work and her own personal experiences.

#### **AUDIT OF CHURCH KEYS / NEW CHURCH KEYS**

We are undertaking an audit of who holds keys to the church and presbytery and we have now had several locks changed. 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 as soon as possible if you hold any keys or to request the new keys.

## **DATA PROTECTION REGULATION**

A 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.

#### **GIFT AID SCHEME**

The new gift aid envelopes are available; it is now imperative that the envelopes are collected within the next two weeks; please contact the Parish Secretary as soon as possible to discuss collection or delivery.

**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 Men's Group

The men of the parish are invited to meet together on Wednesday 20th June at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Come along and meet our new clergy, Fr. Anthony and Fr. Pius.

**Sacramental Preparation** 

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, **at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism within the next few months, please complete an application form and join us for this class; we will not be holding another class until September 2018. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

## Alive Publishing — The Loose Change Parish Bucket Initiative.

We still have the red large plastic bucket in the church porch to give you an opportunity to put any loose change in. This is a nationwide programme to raise money in support of Prisoners and Missionaries. Through everyone's generosity they are able to send Bible Alive, Bibles, books and other resources which encourage and support them in their faith and ministry.

#### **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.

## **APF Red Boxes**

It is time for the red APF money boxes to come in for the spring counting. If you have an APF box, please bring it to Mass next weekend and leave it on top of the bookcase where the hymn books are kept at the right hand side (as you look at the altar). Boxes that have been emptied are placed on the left hand bookcase ready for collection. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE LABEL AT THE BASE OF THE BOX. In the past, some boxes have been handed in with no names on the base, so we don't know who to return it to! 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.

#### **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; <a href="mailto:maria\_peters21@hotmail.com">maria\_peters21@hotmail.com</a>.

#### Feel the Spirit

Some of St Agatha's very own young parishioners will be participating in the event.



# THEOLOGY A TAP

\*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 24th June when Fr. Julian, who as well as being resident in the parish, lectures in church history at St John's Seminary, Wonersh

All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs. Details of future events will be announced in due course and will aim to be scheduled for the last Sunday in each month. Please save the dates!

