

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid £547.43	Loose	£369.81
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid £38.50	Loose	£50.17

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Christina Ward, Marie Ann Xibberas, Clare Horgan, Grace Gibbs, Paul and June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony Scott, Edward Cook, Agnes Hope, Alison Weyers, Mary Connell, Charles Hope, Ethel Pyke, Edward Mitchell, Vincenza Marchese, Sheila McCormick, Edwin Reeves, Bridget Fenton, Mary Kathleen Dudley, William Lucas, Bruno Zuffo, Bernard McArdle, Mary West, George Alexander, Thomas McCormack, Charles Waddell, Mervyn Woolger, Ursula Nolan, Julia Turner, Nestor Paralta, Maria Onorato, Michael Whelan, Giovanna Capaldi, Mary Ellen O'Donoghue, John Mclaughlin Sim, Josephine Flynn, Kathleen Law, James Brooks, John Connell, Susan Thomas, +++ May they rest in peace +++

WALK WITH ME

Copies of this booklet are available at the back of the church. There is one copy for every family. There is no charge so please take one.

Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group will meet on Wednesday 21st February at the Wych Elm at 8.00pm

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 Office

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 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.



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Fr Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP

Fr Julius Otoaye MSP

Deacon Robert Beresford

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 18th February 2018

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Saturday 17 th	9.30am	Wellbeing of Jackie Regan
	6.30pm	Nicola Rispoli RIP
Sunday 18 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Alfred and Edith Knight RIP
	6.30pm	Sheila McCormick RIP
Monday 19 th	9.30am	Stella Browne Special Intention
Tuesday 20 th	9.30am	Tess Crawley RIP
Wednesday 21 st	9.30am	Eulalia Pereira RIP
Thursday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 23 rd	9.30am	Wellbeing of Mary O'Maghony
Saturday 24 th	9.30am	Bernard Boyle RIP
	6.30pm	John Keane 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

Induction of Fr Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP

Fr Vitalis will be formally inducted as parish priest by Bishop Paul Hendricks on **Tuesday 20th February at 7.00pm**. A reception will take place following the ceremony at St. Agatha's School; a finger buffet is kindly being provided by Peppe's Restaurant. All parishioners are invited to this joyful occasion.

Important Upcoming Dates

18th February	Baptism Preparation meeting
19th February	Meeting for parents about the Sacrament of Reconciliation
20th February	Fr. Vitalis V Kondo's Induction ceremony and Reception
21st February	Confirmation Enrolment Meeting
21st February	Parish Men's Group
23rd February	CAFOD Family Fast Day
24th February	The Mustard Seed, Twickenham

Reflection:

Peter's letter in today's second reading illustrates that the Christian community has always seen the dramatic events associated with Noah and the flood as a symbol of the sacrament of baptism. Initially, the waters of the flood were a destructive force wiping out all the flora and fauna that covered the earth, but as those same waters subsided they nourished the new emerging life. The waters of baptism cleanse us from sin and also pour into our hearts the new life of the Spirit. The Jesus who was driven into the desert—in our Gospel extract—had himself recently emerged from the waters of the River Jordan. Baptised by John, the Spirit descended upon him and the Spirit remained with him not just during his days in the desert but throughout his public ministry, inspiring and guiding him. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us during this Lent constantly inspiring and guiding us.

Sacramental Preparation

There will be a baptism preparation meeting this **Sunday 18th February** at **2pm** in the cloister.

First Holy Communion

The forthcoming dates for the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are now as follows:

The meeting for parents about the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 19th February at 7.30pm.

The rehearsal for Group 1 will be on **Friday 23rd February** between **3.30pm and 4.30pm**; the Sacrament will be administered on **Saturday 24th February** at **10.30am**. The rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 2nd March** with the Sacrament being administered on **Saturday 3rd March**.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May**. There will be an enrolment meeting for Candidates and their parents on **Wednesday 21st February** at **7.15pm**. If you wish to enrol for this year's programme please complete a form available from the back of the church and return it by **Sunday 11th February**. The first session will be on **Tuesday 27th February** and the Inscrption Mass will be on **Sunday 4th March** at **6.30pm**.

CAFOD Family Fast Day—Friday 23 February

CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23 February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. This Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously. In light of recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities on cafod.org.uk [a copy is on the parish noticeboard].

SINGERS NEEDED FOR OUR NEW ST AGATHA'S CHURCH CHOIR

No need to be able to read music and no auditions! You do not need to be a professional singer! We are looking for enthusiastic singers of all ages to form a new choir at St Agatha's Church. There will be an informal meeting on **Wednesday 28th February at 8pm** for anyone who is interested in joining. The meeting will be held at **87 Richmond Park Road**. Please sign up on the notice at the back of church if you are interested. We look forward to meeting you all. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, the forms are still available at the back of the church if you are interested.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please contact Fr Vitalis. Arrangements for The Rite of Election will take place later in the year.

"Cakes, Conscience and Freedom" 1st March 2018

Catholic Union Charitable Trust lecture on **Thursday 1 March 2018 at 6.30pm**. Professor Roger Trigg on "Cakes, Conscience and Freedom". Professor Trigg is the author of "Equality, Freedom and Religion". He will address the tension between freedom of religion and the principles of equality and non-discrimination in cases such as Ashers Bakery (the so-called "gay cake" case) in the UK.

VENUE: Notre Dame University, 1 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG (off Trafalgar Square). Free admission. Followed by a Reception. To register to attend, please use Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/catholic-union-charitable-trust-13493819133>) or contact the Catholic Union on 020 8749 1321 or email: info@catholicunion.org.uk.

Knock Pilgrimage 14th March 2018

Spaces are still available on the fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, on 14th March 2018, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, 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 £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime 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.

Twickenham Choral Society 17th March

Twickenham Choral Society presents Bernstein and Co. At All Saints Church, Kingston. Saturday 17th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 reserved, or £16 unreserved (full-time students £10 and £8). LAURIDSEN: Lux Aeterna. GODFREE: Requiem. FINZI: Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice. BERNSTEIN: Chichester Psalms. Conductor: Christopher Herrick www.twickenhamchoral.org.uk