

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: St Andrew Kim and his companions
Thursday: St Matthew, Apostle
Friday: Padre Pio
Saturday: Our Lady of Walsingham

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £542.27 Loose £469.00
Retiring collection (Catholic Education) Gift Aid £12.50 Loose £39.05
This week's retiring collection is for the Weekend for Evangelization.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group
Wednesday 7.30pm: Parish Men's 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Arnold Brenninkmeyer, William Brady, Daniel Cullinane, Eric Wilson, Eric Ross, Peter Jones, Stella Teresa Solly, Alice Goodchild, Michael Harrison, Mary Josephine Thomas, John Elliot, Julia Forde, Reginald Jackson, Kathleen O'Connell, Cathleen Seymour, Colman Tierney, Nora Gugen, Seamus Dooley, Caroline Battye, Kathleen Isabel Shanahan, Mollie Laing, Gertrude Fielder, George Pollard, Christopher Doyle, Isabella Lowe, Anthony O'Connell, Frances Mary Oborn, Winifred Arendse, Harry Lee, Margaret Cedro, Sharmain Tavares, Joseph Breem, Margaret Maguire, Patrick Quinn, Ida Phillips, Ellen Prince, Angela Young, Carlo Booth.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Diocesan Day for Catechists & Jubilee Day for Catechists

The annual day for catechists will take place at St George's Cathedral from 11.00am till 5.00pm on **Saturday 24th September**. For further details of the day see the notice in the porch or speak to Fr Gerry.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 18th September 2016

25th Sunday of the Year (C) – Home Mission Sunday

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Ethel Thorne
Sunday	9.00am	Peace in Our Time
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Special Intention
Monday	9.30am	Seamas Dooley
Tuesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention
Friday	9.30am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor
Saturday	9.30am	Rosie Reed
	6.30pm	Peace in Our World
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required – Diocesan rule	

The steward in Jesus' story was unreliable and dishonest. It's obvious that he had been so for quite some time. It probably started off in little ways, but eventually became a way of life. He must have known all along that he was living dangerously. But he got away with it for a long time, thus evading public judgement and even self-examination. However, in spite of his craftiness, he was eventually found out, and his master confronted him with his misconduct.

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 21st September** 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.

Fish and Chip Supper

There will be a shared fish and chip supper at **6.30pm** on **Friday 23rd September** in the Cloister. The cost is £7.00 per head payable on the night. Please sign up in advance so that the organisers know how many helpings to order. Please bring your own drinks. Latecomers will find that their meal has got cold.

Home Mission Sunday

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today with the theme: **Proclaim the joy of love**. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelization in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those whom we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the retiring collection which funds the bishops' national work of evangelization. The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. Commemorative prayer cards are available to take away. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity. For more information see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms16. God bless you and thank you.

Annual Southwark Day of Renewal

This will take place on **Saturday 8th October** at St George's Cathedral **from 9.45am to 4.45pm** on the theme of Charismatic Renewal and the Father's Mercy. The day will include a keynote presentation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a gentle Eucharistic Healing Service, and concelebrated Mass. All are most welcome.

St Agatha's School – Admission to Reception Class September 2017

Children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2017. There will be an open morning for prospective reception class parents on **Friday 14th October** starting at **9.30am**. The closing date for applications is provisionally **15th January 2017**. For more information visit the school website www.stagathas.kingston.sch.uk or telephone 020 8546 3879.

REFLECTION

Being with Christ

Jesus says: 'Whoever is not with me is against me; and whoever does not gather with me scatters.'
I sometimes feel that my life is like scrubland,
halfway between garden and desert.
I sometimes feel that I live in a world of twilight,
halfway between night and day.
I sometimes feel like lukewarm water, halfway between hot and cold.
I sometimes feel that I am in a state of indifference
halfway between love and hate.
I sometimes feel that I am trudging along a safe little path
halfway between good and evil.
Lord, save me from the illusion
that because I am not against you, I am therefore for you.
Above all, save me from being neutral.

Flor McCarthy S.D.B.

First Reading: Amos 8: 4–7

The prophet Amos was a fervent champion of the poor, the downtrodden and the oppressed of his day. In this reading he condemns the exploitation of the poor. He warns his listeners to treat others justly and to be aware of the evils of greed – a message which is as pertinent today as it was in the time of Amos.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1–8

Paul encourages us in this passage from his first letter to Timothy to think of others and to pray for them, especially for those in authority – again, this advice applies as much in the world we live in today as it did when Paul wrote this letter to Timothy

Gospel Reading: Luke 16: 1–13

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell us frankly that we cannot be slaves of God and money. He invites us to make definite and prudent choices about which master to follow in our lives. Each of us are stewards of the gifts God has given to us and Jesus gently but firmly reminds us that we have a great responsibility entrusted to us to use those gifts properly and faithfully.