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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 19TH AUGUST 2018 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY (B)

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th	
9.30am	Louisa Giles RIP
6.30pm	Ed McCambridge RIP
Sunday 19th	
9.00am	People of the Parish
10.30am	Gerard Hendricken RIP
6.30pm	Private Intention
Monday 20th	
9.30am	St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church, Memorial Intention of Claire Westcott
Tuesday 21st	
9.30am	St Pius X, Pope, Memorial Intention of Christina Ward & Daughters
Wednesday 22nd	
9.30am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial Sondra De Silva RIP
Thursday 23rd	
9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday 24th	
9.30am	St Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast Ronald Raymond RIP
Saturday 25th	
9.30am	Charlei Tulty RIP
6.30pm	Phil O'Reilly RIP
Exposition:	Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am
Morning Prayer:	Monday to Saturday 9am
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill & Mary Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser.

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

Frances Eliza Alexander, Kacper Jaskiewicz, Ellen Allen, Martha Ann Marsland, Teresa Mary Smith, Vincent Fucco, Josephine Teresa Ferritto, Francis Duckett, Bernard O' Neill, Marmaduke Valentine Smith, Annie Grealish, Bernard Joseph Bull, Cyril Francis Harriott, Mary Agnes Matkin, Bridget Crosby, Harry Walter, Sidney Selleck, Christina & Joshua Gordon, Dorothy Mercer, Alfred Godfrey, Mary Lewendon, William Walsh, Bridie Mapstone, Roger Edward Cubitt, David Brayshaw, Henry McArdle, Tessa Pitts, Thomas Flaherty.

+++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£490.82	Loose	£489.35
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£13.10	Loose	£100.45

TOTAL £1093.72

REVERE THE LORD

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 32:2-3, 10-15.

Jesus began to speak in the future tense: "The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the word." He repeated the point in six different expressions, so there are seven statements developing the theme of the bread of life. Faith recognises the fulfilment of this promise in the sacred bread of the Eucharist. The psalm of the day is the same as last Sunday except that some different verses are chosen. Certain lines of the psalm may be taken to highlight the reverence of mind and body due to the Blessed Sacrament. *'Revere the Lord, you his saints.'* *The awesome privilege of receiving the Lord calls for profound reverence. This is no casual meeting but an encounter with Jesus deserving our utmost reverence and attention. The Eucharist is the Lord coming as the food of life.... 'Whoever eats me draws life from me.'* Catholics continue to reverence the presence of the Lord in the sacred tabernacle. We genuflect before the Lord here present and maintain a sanctuary light as a reminder of the divine presence. We receive the blessing of the Lord in Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. *'Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.'* The tongue which receives the sacred host and the lips which drink the chalice should never be sullied by words of profanity, deceit or hurt. Reverence grows in mind and heart and is manifested in outward action. *'I will bless the Lord at all times.'*

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

We would like to wish Natalia Joanna Matysiak and Christopher John Richmond, of this Parish, all the best on their upcoming nuptials at the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Peter and Paul, Poland on Sunday 16th September 2018. Wishing you joy, love and happiness on your wedding day and as you begin your new life together. A Mass will be said in their names on Saturday 1st September 2018.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Over the next 3 weeks we will have Thanksgiving collections for Fr. Julius Otoaye, MSP, and Fr. Vitalis Kondo, MSP, to thank them for their ministry at St. Agatha. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church to make your offering, please hand in your envelopes by Sunday 9th September.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Reflection – St Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast Friday 24th August

Today the church invites us to reflect on the life of St Bartholomew. He was from Cana in Galilee and often identified as Nathaniel. He is a simple, straight forward man and Jesus does recognise this in him when he says that he is "incapable of deceit". Jesus sees his sincerity and what he is capable of becoming. He also sees the positive side of Nathaniel and appreciates it and invites us to appreciate the good in every person, event and situation. The call of Nathaniel happens through Philip who was earlier called by Jesus. God's marvellous ways can use anything and anyone. Who knows, God may be using us, unworthy though we are, to inspire others. The response of Nathaniel invites us to avoid prejudices because we cannot reasonably take right decisions when we are conditioned by it.

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

Summer Holidays

For all those on holiday over the coming weeks we hope that you have a refreshing and relaxing time, for those travelling, we pray that you will have a safe journey, for those visiting families, may it be moments to cherish and for those going on pilgrimage over the summer period, please keep the parish in your prayers. May God be with you all over this period. Pray for God's protection and safety for all families wherever they may be. God Bless you all.

Parish Musicians

The musicians of the Parish will be taking their customary time off during the summer break. We would like to say a huge thank you to them all for everything they do throughout the year. From September they will need more musicians if there is to be an accompaniment at our usual Masses. If you can play the organ or the piano and would like to take a turn on Saturdays, at the 6.30pm Mass, or on Sunday mornings at the 10.30 Family Mass, please contact Fr. Anthony, or the Parish Secretary, thank you.

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. Thank you.

THEOLOGY & 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 19 August with Dr. Gavin Jarvis from Cambridge who will be speaking on 'What is Truth, a scientist's perspective'.** 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!

Important Upcoming Dates

Wed 22 nd August	Parish Men's Group
Wed 12 th September	St Agatha's Ladies Group
Sun 16 th September	Baptism Preparation Class
Tues 18 th September	Secondary School Application Signing
Fri 28 th September	Secondary School Application Signing

Parish Men's Group

Men of the parish are invited to meet together this Wednesday, 22nd August, at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come along and join us.

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Friday 24th August to Monday 3rd September**. Fr. Anthony and Fr Pius will, of course, still be available in case of emergency or a pressing enquiry.

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 25th August 2018 at St Margaret's RC Church, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL, 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. The church is just by St Margaret's railway station (with direct trains from Kingston). All are welcome.

St Agatha's Ladies Group

Thank you to those who have already been in touch, please keep your ideas coming. We will hold an initial meeting on **Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 1pm** to discuss all ideas and a schedule. Refreshments will be provided. This group will be for all the busy ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 16th September 2018, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to 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.

Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

Fr. Anthony / Fr. Pius will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Tuesday 18th September 2018 between 10.30am and 12.30pm** and on **Friday 28th September between 2pm and 4pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates.

An Introduction to Liturgy

The Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF) will host their annual introductory course to Liturgy and Worship which is held each autumn over two Saturdays at CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 4pm. £25 per person. If you want to find out more or wish to register for the course please contact crcs@ccftootingbec.org.uk or call 020 8672 7684.