

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday St Peter Damian
Wednesday The Chair of St Peter
Thursday St Polycarp
Saturday St Ethelbert

PARISH DIARY

Monday 7.15pm: Confirmation Preparation Class
Tuesday 7.30pm: Meeting for First Communion parents
Tuesday 7.30pm: Mass for healing of family lineage, E Molesey
Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group
Thursday 7.30pm: St Agatha's Quiz Night, Canbury Arms
Friday 3.30pm: Rehearsal for Sacrament of Reconciliation, Gp1
Saturday 10.30am: Reception of Sacrament of Reconciliation, Gp 1

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £ Loose £
Retiring collection (Racial Justice) Gift Aid £ Loose £

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

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

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, Rose Pullen, Jorge Potier.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Turning enemies into friends

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him. Yet when Lincoln won the election he gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why? Because he considered him the best man for the job. And Lincoln was proved right. Stanton gave him loyal service. Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied, 'Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?'



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 19th February 2017

Seventh Sunday of the Year (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Alfred & Edith Knight RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Louis Cronin RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Fr Andrew Fernandes RIP
Monday	9.30am	Raymond Flannelly RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	George Hedger RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Gerry White's Intention
Thursday	9.30am	John Beresford RIP
Friday	9.30am	Rose Pereira RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Fr Andrew Fernandes RIP
	6.30pm	Gerry White's Intention
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 celebration of mercy takes place in a very particular way in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Here we feel the embrace of the Father, who comes forth to meet us and grant us the grace of being once more his sons and daughters. We are sinners and we bear the burden of contradiction between what we wish to do and what we do in fact. Yet grace always precedes us and takes on the face of the mercy that effects our reconciliation and pardon. God makes us understand his great love for us precisely when we recognize that we are sinners. Grace is stronger than sin: it overcomes every possible form of resistance, because love conquers all.

Pope Francis - Misericordia et Misera part 7

PARISH NOTICES

FR GERRY

Please continue to pray for the health and welfare of Fr Gerry. He will be living for some time at Coloma Court, West Wickham for a period of rest and recuperation. We will provide a telephone number on which he can be contacted in due course.

Fr Gregory Ackron

We are pleased to welcome Father Gregory to the Parish of St Agatha. The Archbishop has asked Father Gregory to move from the Parish of Sevenoaks to stay here at St Agatha's until the Parish to which he has been appointed becomes vacant in a short while.

The Archbishop has asked Father Gregory to be resident here in the Presbytery so that he can assist Father Geoffrey in the day to day administration of the parish until such time as Father Gerry is well enough to return to us or until alternative more permanent arrangements are made.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting for the parents of children preparing for their First Holy Communion on **Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm**.

The Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Group 1 will take place on **Friday 24th February** at 3.30pm.

The children in this group will receive the Sacrament on **Saturday 25th February at 10.30am**.

Preparation for Confirmation

The next class for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Monday 20th February at 7.15pm**.

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.

St Agatha's Quiz Night – Teachers/Staff vs Parents and Carers

Spend an evening with good beer, fine wines and great company at the first St Agatha's Quiz night against the teachers and staff! Feel free to make up your own teams of 6–8 players or just come on the night to join a team! There will be lots of fun and prizes to be won but, more importantly, reputations are at stake!

The event will take place at the Canbury Arms on **Thursday 23rd February**. Please arrive by **7.30pm** to reserve your table, the quiz night starts at **8.00pm**. The cost is £5 per person. For details see http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/sta_gathasquiznight

Healing of the Family Tree

There will be a special mass for healing within our family lineage on **Tuesday 21st February** at St Barnabas Catholic Church, Vine Road, Molesey at **7.30pm**. For further details see the church noticeboard.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This takes place this year on **Friday 3rd March**. The evening session will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden at **8.00pm**. More details to follow.

National Celebration of Jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal

A National celebration of the golden jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, with well-known international speakers, will be held on **Saturday 4th March** in West Bromwich. Coaches are being organised from the London area. The fee for the celebration is £12. The cost of the coach is £30. For more information see the parish noticeboard or speak to John de Quidt or Georgina Livesey.

Lent Fast Day – Friday 10th March 2017

CAFOD's campaign this Lent focuses on how Florence was able to journey toward self-sufficiency, with the donation of fishes, tools and training. In truth, it would be the efforts of Florence and her family in Zambia, that would deliver on this project, which sees CAFOD mirroring earlier schemes that reasoned if we give them the tools, they will get the job done. The Harvest Fast Day Campaign (in October 2016) highlighted the efforts of Nicanora and her family in Bolivia, and how CAFOD, and her local partners, were involved in an estimated two-year project to convert an inhospitable terrain to deliver a sustainable future. Details on how this project is progressing are displayed at the back of the church. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

Catholic Truth Society publications

Parishioners will notice that a CTS stand with many new CTS publications has been reintroduced in the porch. It is hoped that new pamphlets will be displayed at various seasons of the year for parishioners' perusal. Parents with young children are particularly advised to make full use of this service. If anyone wishes for any particular pamphlets this can be arranged. The CTS is the main agency in this country for the proclamation of Catholic teaching. The new parish organiser is Richard Collyer-Hamlin. Payments should be put in the wall box marked 'papers'.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

St Agatha's School is once again collecting the Active Kids vouchers. Please drop off your vouchers at the school or in the box at the back of the church.