

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm:

Parish Prayer Group

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St Alban
 Tuesday: St Aloysius Gonzaga
 Wednesday: Saints John Fisher and Thomas More
 Friday: The Nativity of St John the Baptist

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £582.82 Loose £329.19
 Retiring collection (Day for Life) Gift Aid £124.23 Loose £57.79
 This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

We have received a letter from Fr Melaku Tafesse of the Verona Fathers thanking the parish for its donation of £455.45 in response to the recent Missionary Appeal. Fr Tafesse has also expressed his appreciation of the kind and friendly hospitality that he received at our "wonderful community".

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.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Kay Williams who died on 7th June. Her Requiem Mass is at 11.00am on **Wednesday 22nd June**. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Jane Egan, Peter Bolger, Brendan Patrick Hogan, Margaret Creely, Ellen Williams, John Owens, Paul Canton.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

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Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

Parish Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Brien

Deacon: Rev. Robert Beresford

Please visit our website regularly to keep abreast of important current issues.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 19th June 2016

Twelfth Sunday of the Year

Day of Prayer for Human Life – Fathers' Day

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	John Chandler
Sunday	9.00am	Kay Williams
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Pauline Welham
Monday	9.30am	William Kenneth Powell
Tuesday	9.30am	John Roberts
Wednesday	9.30am	Pat McDonagh
	11.00am	Requiem Kay Williams
Thursday	9.30am	Paul Davidson
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Alfred Knight
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required – Diocesan rule	

Suffering is not something that Christians should seek. Jesus did not seek suffering; Gethsemane makes that clear. But suffering will inevitably be part of the life of the Christian as it was part of Jesus' life. His disciples will suffer for standing for the values he stood for, and favouring the kind of people he favoured.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday** at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us.

Catholic Miracle Rally

The Catholic Miracle Rally celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing loving power of his Spirit is moving in the Church today. The Rally will include talks, praise, worship, adoration, reconciliation, mass, a miracle healing service and a fire and light celebration. The Rally, at the Friends meeting House, in Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ, will take place on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July**. For further information go to www.corlumenchristi.org or telephone 01932 565747.

Education Commission – Archdiocese of Southwark

The Education Commission is currently recruiting for a Buildings Officer to work alongside its existing Principle Buildings officer. The successful applicant will:

- Be responsible for school buildings at 173 schools across the Archdiocese;
- Have a full and varied workload consisting of place planning, new builds and supervision of maintenance work, including some major developments.

The salary is between £28,000 and £35,000 depending on experience. The closing date for applications is **27th June**. Interviews will be on **7th & 8th July**. For an application form please contact donna.gray@educationcommission.org.uk. For further details, please see the poster on the church noticeboard.

Helpers' Parish Social

St Agatha's Helpers' Parish Social will take place on **Friday 8th July** at **7.30pm** – venue will be the space outside the church at the back of the cloister (weather permitting) or, we can set up inside in case of rain. This social occasion was held last year for the enjoyment of the newly formed "St Agatha's Clean and Gardening Teams" which have been a tremendous addition to our Parish. This year we would like to extend an invitation to everyone in our church community who kindly lends a hand 'in *any* and *every* capacity' – either to Father Gerry personally, or towards the smooth operation of our lovely church, grounds and facilities. We have pinned an 'all encompassing' list of helper's groups (which we are aware of) to the noticeboard at the front door, and if you are available to join us on 8th, please write your name and also suggest something that you may like to make or buy re. food/drink for this occasion. In the event we have accidentally omitted a group/individual, we sincerely apologise – we have left a space for you to add your name and category in the space provided on the sheet. Fr Gerry says he is extremely blessed to have so many 'willing souls' and that 'this is a wonderful opportunity for us all to get together, relax and enjoy each other's company! We hope you can come! Please watch this space for further news.

REFLECTION

True glory

Some people have an excessive need of approval from others.
The great luminaries of stage and screen
glow under the adulation of their fans.
But when the curtain goes down, and the lights fade,
they often feel empty and lonely,
because they realise that they are valued,
not for themselves, but only for their talent.
Lord, grant that I may not get too carried away
when people praise me,
or become downcast when people ignore me.
Grant that I may have a little lamp of my own,
a lamp that will enable me to see
the dignity which you have given me,
and which no one can take from me.

Fr Flor McCarthy S.D.B.

First Reading: Zechariah 12: 10–11, 13: 1

Read in the light of the Passion, the first reading points to the redemptive suffering of the One who is pierced. The Paschal Mystery is the very heart of the Church's identity and the reason for its sacramental and pastoral life. The spirit of kindness and prayer opens our hearts to receive the grace of redemption.

Second Reading: Galatians 3: 26–29

Paul reminds the people of Galatia that the gift that God has given in Christ is not for one group or tribe, but for all people. Baptised in Christ we become one with him and one another. This is the core of the Church's teaching on Communion; all are made one in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 18–24

Jesus spells out the requirements for those who claim to follow him.

Art Exhibition

There will be an exhibition of paintings, drawings and prints by Malcolm Surridge, a parishioner of St Joseph's, New Malden, at the Arthouse Gallery, 76 Victoria Road, Surbiton, from **11th to 25th June**.

Gift Aid

Please collect your gift aid envelopes from the back of the church.