

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St Joseph
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 12.00pm: Confirmation Mass
Sunday 5.45pm: Stations of the Cross
Monday 3.30pm: First Communion Preparation Class
Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £547.65 Loose £399.42
Retiring collection (Lent Fast Day) Gift Aid £69.85 Loose £624.20
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

Alfred Shoppee, Charles Kaufman, Mary Letitia Lally, William Kitchen, Joseph William Kilkenny, Valentine Percival Hafner, Patrick Cremin, Bernadette Teresa Clarke, Edith Conlon, Stantey Cook, Peggy McManus, Norman Owen, Bridget (Bridie) Crehan, Mary McGhee, Ann Rosemary Parker, Corina Gomes, Mary Jennings, John Fennell, Elisabeth Thyrsa Quinn, Ethel Myall, Joe Walsh, Joan Heelan, Oscar Verhoven, Walter Frederic Welch, Nora Cutbill, Joan Miles, Reiner Kasolowsky, Kathleen Hatcher, Frederic White, Thomas Walsh, Gary Bellamy, Desmond Duggan.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Saying Goodbye Project

The Saying Goodbye Project (part of Kingston Bereavement Service) has been providing support since 2007 to enable children and young people to manage the impact of the death of someone significant in their lives and to develop resilience for the future. The project is looking to expand its team of volunteer counsellors. Training will be provided on various weekend days in March and April. If you are interested, have worked with children or young people in a professional capacity and have experience of bereavement counselling or using counselling skills please contact Kingston Bereavement Service on 0208 547 1552 or email sayinggoodbye@kingstonbereavementservice.org.uk.



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

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Rev. Gregory Ackron

Deacon: Robert Beresford

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 19th March 2017

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Joseph Kilkenny RIP
	6.30pm	John Davis RIP
Sunday	9.00am	George Hedger RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	12.00pm	Mass & Sacrament of Confirmation
	6.30pm	Vincenzo Straccialano RIP
Monday	9.30am	Fr Barry Angus RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Fr Cyril Elkington
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday	9.30am	Joan Heelan RIP
Friday	9.30am	George, Anthony & Margaret Joyce Gordon RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Tom Turnbull RIP
	6.30pm	Fr Gerry O'Brien's intentions
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule	

Stations of the Cross

This devotion provide an opportunity for us to walk the road to Calvary with Our Blessed Lord. **They will take place every Sunday during Lent at 5.45pm.**

Clocks go Forward

Please remember that the clocks go forward one hour in the early hours of **26th March** (Mothering Sunday). Masses on that Sunday will therefore be one hour earlier than they would otherwise have been.

PARISH NOTICES

Confirmation

Please pray for our young people will be confirmed by Bishop Paul Hendricks at **noon today (Sunday 19th March)**.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

The children preparing for their First Holy Communion will meet for their next class on **Monday 22nd March** at 3.30pm.

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday** at **8.00pm** in the church. During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross followed by the Rosary. Please come along and join us during this Holy Season. Please enter by the main door of the Church.

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 March** 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 Margarets railway station (with direct trains from Kingston). All are welcome.

Cor et Lumen Christi – The Word on Fire

The Word on Fire is an opportunity to encounter the living God through sacred Scripture and to be inspired, informed and encouraged. It will take place at Highfield House, St John's Way, Chertsey, KT16 8BZ, on **Saturday 25th** and **Sunday 26th March**. To book, please telephone 01932 565747. Further information is displayed on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 25th March** at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton Road, London SE7 from **9.30am** to **5.30pm**. The day will include the Angelus, sung liturgy, mass in honour of Our Lady, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

The Passion of Jesus

On **Good Friday 14th April** 20,000 people gather to watch the Easter story in central London. Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location in the capital. The 90-minute production is completely **free of charge** – a gift to Londoners and visitors. No tickets are required. There is a performance at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. The production is open air with visibility maximised using large screens. For further details see the church noticeboard.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2: 12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return: by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive...

Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need... Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

For the full text, see <https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-lent-2017/>

Heaven's Road Radio

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio is planning a new series on poverty. It plans to produce programmes on such topics as the Hungry; Homeless; Lonely; Sick and Dying; Prisoners; Refugees; Lost and Parentless Children; Slavery; Lack of Religious Freedom; lack of education; and those trapped in War Zones, Debt or Sin. If you have a story to tell or would like to get involved please email gerrycoates@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone Gerry on 07906 073376.

Listen on www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now.

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.

The Pilgrim

The new edition of the diocesan newspaper, the Pilgrim, is available in the newspaper rack in the porch. Please take one; there is no charge. It is very informative about what is happening in and around the Diocese.

Hospital chaplain

If you, or a member of your family are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform the ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius. His phone number is 8942 2178.