## FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul Saturday:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday:

Wednesday: St Cecilia

Thursday: St Clement I, St Columban

Friday: St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Saturday: St Catherine of Alexandria

**PARISH DIARY** 

Tuesday 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Group (in Presbytery)

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

Thursday 3.30pm First Holy Communion introductory class

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £554.85 Loose £446.60 **Retiring Collection** Gift Aid £152.69 Loose £62.97

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Kay Kennedy, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Martha Bridget O'Kane, Dora Dombre, Denis Healy, Charles Little, Imelda Mary Filose, Paul Plantin, Felix Marks, Jean Nicoll, Madeline Plantin, Liam Mulvihill, Noel Heighton, Charles William Squires, Ronald Gordon Stone, James Heppel, Thomas McGarry, Rita Butler, Margaret Jennings, Charles Laing, Lucy Daubney, Michael Joseph Heelan, Kathleen Carter, Mary Thomas, William Yates, Beryl Hale, Margaret Donohoe, Alan Humberstone, Peter Harford, Kathleen Goddard, John Doyle, Joseph Marks, Charles Bergin, Lorna Mainwaring, Alice Wimbush, Monica Verhoven, Margaret Murphy, Beatrice Margaret Walter, Percy Lamb, Margaret Wiseman, Catherine Cullen, Edward Arendse, James Wiseman, Annie Varney, Frank Staffieri, Bernard Connellan, Lauren Eve O'Connor, Marie Avery.

## Christmas gifts and supplies

The Christmas cards and calendars are still on sale in the cloister after the masses this weekend. Shop now before supplies run out.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

The school PSA regrets that it will not be selling Christmas trees this years.



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# PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 19th November 2017		
Thirty-Third Sunday (A)		
Saturday	9.30am	Private Intention
	6.30pm	Patricia & Raymond Gilbert RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
	10.30am	William Curtin RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Delia Galligan RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Maura Gannon RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Michael Heelan RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Souls – Pearl Family RIP
Friday	9.30am	Edward Xiberras RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Gerry Quigley RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00	-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call
Exposition:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule	

# First Holy Communion preparation

The introductory session for the children will be on Thursday 23rd November (not Monday 20th November) from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the church. All children will need to bring a photograph of themselves, with their name written on the back. The inscription mass will be on **Sunday 26th November** at **10.30am**. The regular classes thereafter will be on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm, starting on Monday 27th November.

#### PARISH NOTICES

## Parish staff

The Parish is seeking to recruit a paid Parish Administrator, for 22½ hours per week, plus eventually up to 12 evenings per year. (This job may be shared between two people.) The Parish is also seeking to recruit an unpaid Parish Treasurer for 2 –3 hours a week and a Housekeeper for 6 – 8 hours per week.

The primary responsibility of the **Parish Administrator** is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest in all administrative matters within the Parish. This will cover secretarial, financial and office management. The Administrator will also service the Parish Pastoral Council which will be established shortly. The ideal candidate(s) will have comprehensive administrative skills and some financial experience. They will also have demonstrable IT experience covering the Microsoft Office suite of applications (especially Outlook, Word and Excel). Excellent communication skills at all levels are also essential. Starting salary £12.00 – £15.00 per hour depending on experience.

The primary responsibility of the **Parish Treasurer** is to ensure the maintenance of financial accounts for the running of the Parish as required by the Archdiocese of Southwark and in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission and HM Revenue and Customs and to chair or liaise with the Parish Finance and Fabric Committee.. The ideal candidate(s) will have previous bookkeeping / financial experience. They will also have demonstrable IT experience covering the Microsoft Office suite of applications (especially Outlook, Word and Excel). Excellent communication skills at all levels are also essential.

Detailed job description and application forms for both posts may be found on the parish website <a href="www.stagathaschurch.org.uk">www.stagathaschurch.org.uk</a>. If you would like to apply for either position, in the case of the parish administrator either as a whole or as a job share, please email the completed application form by the closing date of Monday 4th December to <a href="johndequidt@hotmail.com">johndequidt@hotmail.com</a>, Interviews are expected to be held o Friday 15th December.

The role of the **Housekeeper** will to provide housekeeping and cleaning support to the Parish Priest. The detailed job description is available on the parish website. The post is for up to 8 hours per week at a salary of £10 – £12 per hour depending on experience. There is no formal application form. Please email johndequidt@hotmail.com, by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December with a brief CV to express interest in the post. (You may instead give a paper copy to Fr Vitalis.)

## Advance Notices

As Fr Vitalis has already stated, we will sing an opening hymn and a recessional hymn at the 9.00am Sunday mass, staring on the First Sunday of Advent.

St Agatha's School PSA Christmas Market will take place from **2.00pm** to **5.00pm** on **Saturday 2nd December**. There will be an inflatable toboggan slide and other rides, Father Christmas, crafts, Secret Santa, European food and cask beer and mulled wine. Entry is £1 for adults, 50p for children. You may buy unlimited rides wristbands from www.jumblebee.co.uk/christmasmarketrides.

It is planned to hold our annual Christingle Service on **Sunday 24th December** at **4.00pm**. The rehearsal will take place on **Saturday 23rd December** at **10.30am**. For more information in the short term please contact <a href="https://helenmennis@blueyonder.co.uk">helenmennis@blueyonder.co.uk</a> or <a href="https://louisacollyerhamlin@yahoo.co.uk">louisacollyerhamlin@yahoo.co.uk</a>.

## **Parish Groups**

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.

The next meeting of the **Parish Men's Group** will be on **Wednesday 22nd November** from 8.00pm at the Wych Elm.

## **Mustard Seed**

The next gathering of the **Mustard Seed** at which you will be able to experience the power of the Holy Spirit through praise, silence, teaching and healing will be at **8.00pm** on **Saturday 25th November** at St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Twickenham, close by St Margaret's rail station.

# <u>Safeguarding</u>

The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding a workshop on "Creating a Safer Environment" on **Saturday 2nd December** at Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth, from **10.30am** to **3.00pm**. The workshop will examine best practice in working with vulnerable groups, the health and safety issues, safeguarding issues and practical solutions. If you wish to attend, please give your name to Fr Vitalis.

# The Nativity

Come and enjoy the real message of Christmas at Wintershall, near Guildford, with a play for all the family. Performances are at **4.30pm** and **7.00pm** on **13** – **15th December**, at **11.00 am**, **2.30pm** and **5.30pm** on **Saturday 16th December** and at **2.30pm** and **5.50pm** on **Sunday 17th December**. Performances last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets cost £18 for adults and £9 for children from <a href="https://www.wintershall-estate.com">www.wintershall-estate.com</a> or 01793 418299.