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**SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 2019 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

Saturday 19th

9.30am Wellbeing of Noel Roycroft
6.30pm Wellbeing of Karen Donais

Sunday 20th

9.00am David Scally RIP
10.30am Wellbeing of Lily Bradshaw
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 21st

9.30am **St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial**
Wellbeing of Eileen Caverley

Tuesday 22nd

9.30am Mr. Stevens RIP

Wednesday 23rd

9.30am Wellbeing of Keith Fraser

Thursday 24th

9.30am **St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Memorial**
Year 2 School Mass

Wellbeing of the Murphy Family

Friday 25th

9.30am **The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle, Feast**
John Beresford RIP

Saturday 26th

9.30am **Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Memorial**
Gerry Quigley RIP

6.30pm Bridget Boucher 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.

FROM Saturday 2nd February 2019 ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *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

Peter McChrystal, Susan Prince, Patrick Walsh, Therese Currie, Peter Kearns, May East, Martin McDonagh, Una Reed, Liam Mullane, Mary Brice, Joseph Absalom, Eileen Ryan, James Milburn, James Gerald Torrens, Robert Francis Colclough, Agneta Hill, Mary Shanks, Mary Frances McDonnell, Winifred Gertrude Maton, William Little, Mary Abraham, Micheal Gray, William George Hedger, Thyrsa Colclough, Michael Cullen, Alfred Hall, Agnes Rimmer, Mary Johnson, James Norman, Margaret Heighton, John McParlane, Patric Emerson, John Henry Cowen, Elsie Lilian Boyden, Malcolm Leece, Edward Moore, Agnes Cullen, David Ryan, Frederick Warrington, William Westhead, Wilfrid McCabe, Peter Creely, Esgeir Jan Guest, Rose Burrows, Lilian Solomon, Joseph Ennis, Gerald Quigley.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£534.60	Loose	£663.48
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£9.50	Loose	£117.10

TOTAL £1324.68

Pax Christi – Peace Sunday

This **Sunday, 20th January** is Peace Sunday. 'Good politics serves peace' ~ Pope Francis, World Peace Day message.

Diocesan Directory

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. They cost £3.00 each. Please place the money in the papers box in the porch.

A NEW SONG

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 95:1-3, 7-10.

The fourth epiphany episode is the first miracle of Jesus, at the wedding in Cana. This event of divine revelation is celebrated as the second Mystery of Light in the Rosary. The evangelist John refers to the miracles of Jesus as signs, thereby urging the reader to move beyond the actual happening to the divine power in Jesus. John's summary is that Jesus let his glory be seen. The real wedding in the story is the marriage of heaven and earth.

Isaiah's encouragement to the returned exiles anticipated the wedding of God and his people. Just as the bride takes on a new name, that of her husband, they would no longer be mocked as a forsaken or abandoned people, but they would be called 'My Delight' and 'The Wedded'.

No wedding celebration is complete without a song. The psalm chosen for these reading calls us to *sing a new song to the Lord*. At Cana the water purification represented the old religion which was a time of preparation. This was changed into wine to celebrate the wedding.

The wedding of heaven and earth which Jesus effected is renewed every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Liturgy is always a new song to the Lord. Just as any good song is a new experience every time it is sung. It is our privilege in liturgy to join with the angels and saints in divine worship. In holy reverence we tremble before his divine kingship. It is a song that never grows old, *a new song to the Lord*.

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

We have a very busy period coming up with several activities and events, please kindly check the dates below and make a note of all the important dates that are relevant to you!

2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Missionary Society of St Paul Celebration Day

The Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria UK Region will be holding its annual MSP Day Celebration at St George's Cathedral on **Friday 25th January**, beginning with Mass at **6.30pm** Prompt, followed by a reception in the Amigo Hall. Everyone is invited; if you wish to attend, please RSVP the Parish Secretary as soon as possible.

St Agatha's Feast Day – Tuesday 5th February 2019

Date for your Diary: On this day we will have a special Mass at 7.30pm. More details to follow soon....

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday 20 th Jan	Baptism Preparation Class Confirmation Inscription Mass
Friday 25 th Jan	MSP Celebration Day
Saturday 26 th Jan	Confirmation Retreat Day
Sunday 27 th Jan	FHC Session 4
Thursday 31 st Jan	Group 1 Rehearsal for Reconciliation
Saturday 2 nd Feb	Group 1 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 5 th Feb	St Agatha's Whole School Mass St Agatha's Evening Mass
Thursday 7 th Feb	Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 9 th Feb	Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

REFLECTION – SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 2019

We might not be able to do something at a given moment to help another in a difficult situation; but we might know someone who can do it. Noticing the need is the starting point for any good work; doing something or getting someone to do it is the next, just as Mary did at Cana. In the second reading of today, St. Paul speaks of varieties of gifts and services entrusted by the Lord to the People. Once we realize that different people are endowed with different gifts and talents, we understand why Mother Mary could confidently tell the servants at the wedding feast, 'What ever Jesus tells you, do it' (Jn2:5).

REFLECTION – THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY 2019

In the letter to the Hebrews, the author discusses the nature of Jesus' priesthood by comparing the priesthood of Jesus and that of the priests of his time. It is not to underestimate the contemporary Aronite and Levitical priestly orders and their functions, but to focus on the totally different types of the priestly ministry of Jesus. If taking the people closer to God by being a mediator between God and the people is the duty of priest, Jesus was a priest par excellence. He did that by his service to the poor and the needy of his time and he could not set a better example of priestly ministry than this.

REFLECTION – FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY 2019

St. Paul never minces his words in describing what he was before his conversion and what he became after. His Christian faith did not come to him from his parents, ancestors or family tradition, but, as he says, from a direct revelation he received from the Risen Jesus himself! We may not be so privileged. However, the faith is the same – the one received by Paul directly from Jesus as an adult and by many of us from a Christian family tradition. Our duty too is the same as that of Paul – to make it known to others, and being proud of it in the first place.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

Our Organist and Pianist Maggie will soon be having a hip operation, so there will be no-one to play the organ on Saturday evenings for the 6.30pm Mass. Is there anyone in the Parish who could help out by playing either the organ or piano on a Saturday evening? We have three hymns: Entrance hymn, Offertory hymn and Recessional hymn. Please see either the parish secretary or Frs. Anthony or Pius if you can be of assistance! Thank you.

We have received details of several job vacancies currently available in the diocese, please see the church noticeboard for all details.

Lifts to Mass

If you think you might occasionally be able to offer someone a lift to any of the Masses, that you normally attend, please could you kindly contact Karin in the Parish office to discuss further. Thank you!

Gifts in your Will

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet, contact Your Catholic Legacy – Tel: 020 7095 5370 or Visit: www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

**“Do whatever he tells you!”. To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word.
~ Pope Francis**

Confirmation 2019

The Inscription Mass will be this Sunday 20th January 2019 at 6.30pm. Session 2 is on Monday 21st January at 7.15pm. Confirmation retreat day is on Saturday 26th January. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 31st March 2019.

First Holy Communion 2019

The next session (4) will be on Sunday 27th January 2019 at 4pm.

Group 1 Rehearsal for Reconciliation: Thurs 31st Jan at 4 – 5pm

Group 1 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 2nd Feb at 11am

Group 2 Rehearsal for Reconciliation: Thurs 7th Feb at 4 – 5pm

Group 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 9th Feb at 11am

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 20th January 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.

London SW Catholic Social Group

London SW Catholic Social Group is a social group for 'young' Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Andrew on 07787 231798. Our next social evening is on **Saturday 2nd February at 7.30pm at Ganley's Irish Bar, London Road, Morden, SM4 5HP.**

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish usually meet together on the third Wednesday of each month but due to a clash with another event at the Wych Elm this has now been set for the fourth Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the group will meet on the following dates in 2019: 27th February, 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius. Arrangements for The Rite of Election will take place later in the year.



St Agatha's Catholic Primary School Nursery Admissions September 2019

If your child is born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, they are entitled to start Nursery in September 2019. You are invited to attend our open sessions on Wednesday 6th February 2019 10.15am - 11.15am. Should you have any further queries please contact Sharon Parsons on 020 8546 3879 Email: office@stagathas.school Or call in to the School Office. Closing date for Nursery Admissions is 8th March 2019

**Lift up the eyes of your heart to the sacred light,
watch closely and see the glory and majesty of the
Lord ~ St. Elizabeth of Schonau**