

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 23rd — St. George, Patron of England
Wednesday 25th — St. Mark, Apostle

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£558.80	Loose	£523.80	TOTAL	£1148.54
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£10.50	Loose	£55.44		

Retiring collection this weekend is for Eccleslastuical Education.
Next weekend's retiring collection will be for St. Georges Cathedral.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Christina Ward, Marie Ann Xibberas, Clare Horgan, Grace Gibbs, Paul and June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bridget Kieley, Michael Cooke, Linda Hull, Tom Kelleher, Ellen Smith, Hannah McCarthy, Caroline Sidaway, Stella Collins, Kenneth Rose, Daniel Paterson, Edward Arthur Kavanagh, Julia Whelan, Ethel Herbert, Anne Overy, George Sargent, Gretta Conway, Charles Edwards, Annie Laing, Percy Wright, Deidre Broadhurst, Michael Geary, Juan Ortiz, Patrick Rice, Walter Rolls Pearce, Bernard Brennan, Patrick Walsh, Guiglielmo Dnorato, Angelina King, Patrick Edgecombe, William Rutter, Alexander Wilson, Christina Brennan, Claire Paterson.

+++ **May they rest in peace** +++

Parish Prayer Group

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

Parish Office

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 3RD MAY AND FRIDAY 4TH MAY. THE PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER EMERGENCY CALLS.

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email the Parish Secretary at parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from **9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday**. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

Lost Property

Unfortunately, our Lost Property Box is overflowing! There are many lost items in our lost property box by the main entrance, especially hats, scarves, gloves, umbrellas etc. there are also a couple of pairs of glasses. The items have no names on them so it is proving difficult to "reunite" them with the owners. Unfortunately, we are unable to store everything for an unlimited timeframe. **All lost property will be donated to a local charity shop if it is not reclaimed by Friday 27th April 2018.**

MASS REQUESTS

Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church entrance. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. Masses can sometimes be booked several weeks in advance so if you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you let the parish office know well ahead of time. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting Mass Intentions. If no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date. If you require confirmation of a Mass time and date, please provide your contact details.



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CLERGY

Fr. Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP—Parish Priest
Fr. Julius Otoaye MSP
Rev. Robert Beresford—Deacon

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) - Good Shepherd Sunday

Saturday 21 st	9.30am	Charles Laing RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 nd	9.00am	Wellbeing of Stewart Whyte
	10.30am	Ellen Metcalf RIP
	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 23 rd	9.30am	Desmond Pearl RIP
Tuesday 24 th	9.30am	Mary Kerr RIP
Wednesday 25 th	9.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 26 th	9.30am	Bridie & Eugene Doyle RIP
Friday 27 th	9.30am	Margaret Jennings RIP
Saturday 28 st	9.30am	George Hedger RIP
	6.30pm	Tina Piccirillo RIP

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

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As you should be aware, there is new data protection legislation coming into force on 25th May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. We know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. **Please could all volunteers** let either Fr. Vitalis or the Parish Secretary know as soon as possible if this applies to you so that we can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and we thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday 23rd April	First Holy Communion Class
Tuesday 24th April	Confirmation session 6
Wednesday 25th April	Choir Practice
Friday 27th April	First Holy Communion rehearsal for Group 1
Saturday 28th April	Confirmation Group — Faith in Action Day
Sunday 29th April	First Holy Communion Mass

'Have patience with all things — but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being.' — St. Francis de Sales.

Reflection:

Good Shepherd Sunday occurs on the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season. The name derives from the gospel reading for the day, which is taken from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. In this reading Jesus Christ identifies himself as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus is the real Good Shepherd, in contrast to all those who solemnly claim to be leaders and guides of the people but actually are in search of power and self. Only Jesus the Good Shepherd, who is not a paid servant, knows his sheep and has offered his life in order to snatch them away from the wolves which try to plunder and disperse them. The interest and care of this Shepherd is not limited to the sheep that are with him; there are other sheep, dispersed and far, which he wants to gather so that the shepherd and all the sheep would be united. The allegory of The Shepherd reflects directly the person and the mission of Christ. His voluntary offering of life for his sheep is the reason for which the Father loves him. The sheep definitively belong to the Father; he who gives his life for the sheep is loved by the Father. The principle of belonging to the sheepfold is that of mutual belonging and true communion between the shepherd and the sheep. It should be a communion as deep and indissoluble as the communion between the Father and Son.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

The next class for our young people who are preparing for First Holy Communion will be on **Monday 23rd April at 3.30pm.**

The rehearsal for Group 1 will be on **Friday 27th April at 3.30pm.**

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on **Sunday 29th April at 12noon.**

The rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 5th May at 3.30pm.**

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on **Sunday 6th May at 12noon.**

Confirmation

FAITH IN ACTION DAY FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES — SATURDAY 28TH APRIL. MEET AT 12 NOON IN THE CLOISTER. SESSION CONCLUDES AT 4PM.

The next preparation Session will be on **Tuesday 24th April.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May.**

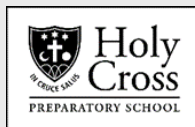
Seeking Information - Margaret Little

We are searching for any relative(s), or friends of the family, of Margaret Little of Latchmere Road, Kingston, who died on 9th May 1995, 90 years old. Her funeral was held at St. Agatha's on 19th May 1995, followed by a service at Kingston Crematorium. Please get in touch with the Parish Secretary if you can help with any information, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem.

Job vacancy at Holy Cross Preparatory School, Kingston -upon-Thames

Head of Pre-Prep & Early Years and Class Teacher

Holy Cross Prep is an outstanding Catholic prep school for girls, with excellent standards and a caring and inclusive ethos. It is located on a beautiful 8 acre site with first-rate facilities and was chosen by The Sunday Times as Independent Prep School of the Year for 2013-2014.



Start date: **1st September 2018**, Full time and permanent. Closing date **26th April 2018**. For further details, please visit our website www.holycrossprep.co.uk or contact **Sophie Castle on 0208 942 0729**.

St Agatha's Church Choir

The next choir practice will be on **25th April from 7-8pm** in the church. If you are interested do come along and try it; if you feel you cannot commit to joining us regularly we will welcome people to join us for special services as long as you attend several rehearsals beforehand. There is no need to have sung in a church choir before and it doesn't matter if you haven't a wonderful voice it will improve with practice.

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 28th April** at St Margaret's RC Church, East Twickenham, TW1 1RL, at **7.45 pm for 8.00pm** start 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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend – Purley, Surrey

A Weekend of Discovery for Married Couples, 'Encounter Weekend', is a non-residential event on **28/29th April** at Margaret Roper Primary School, Russell Hill Rd, Purley CR8 2XP. It is aimed at couples with average to good marriages of a few years or decades. For more details contact: Phil and Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 5th May** at **Westminster Cathedral** starting at **9.30am**. These days of prayer, held in Catholic churches and shrines, are open to everyone and are free. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. For more details please see the poster on the church notice board.

London SW Catholic Young Adults

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact **Miles on 07790 441242**. Our next social evening is on **Saturday 5th May from 7.30pm at The Hope, Wandsworth Common SW17 7EG**.

Altar Servers' Rally 2018

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Monday 7th May at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Bishop Paul Mason** is the principal celebrant. The annual rally gives servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. If you have not attended before please take the time to 'come and see'. All servers and their families and friends are welcome. A poster with more details is on the church noticeboard.

Altar Servers perform a very important role in liturgical services. After approx. 2 years regular serving, servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and receive the Guild bronze medal. If you or your child are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Fr. Vitalis.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. scheduled to take place in Liverpool from **7th to 9th September 2018**. 10,000 people have been invited, including 570 delegates from Southwark Archdiocese, two per parish. We are still seeking representatives from St Agatha's parish; if you are interested in representing us, please speak with Fr. Vitalis.