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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 Karin Rattray, 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

**SUNDAY 22ND JULY 2018 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (B)
 FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

<u>Saturday 21st</u>	
9.30am	John O'Connor RIP
6.30pm	Madame Bronie RIP
<u>Sunday 22nd</u>	
9.00am	Jacqueline Seuter RIP
10.30am	People of the Parish
6.30pm	Margarete Rogers RIP
<u>Monday 23rd</u>	
St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe, Feast	
In Thanksgiving to our Great and Glorious God for Continuous and Everlasting Blessings received through the stresses of life.	
<u>Tuesday 24th</u>	
9.30am	Gerry White for Personal Intentions
<u>Wednesday 25th</u>	
9.30am	Jeremy Langstaff RIP
<u>Thursday 26th</u>	
Ss Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial	
9.30am	David Scally RIP
<u>Friday 27th</u>	
9.30am	Janet Nolan RIP
<u>Saturday 28th</u>	
9.30am	John and Margaret Finn RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill & Mary Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan.

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.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Douglas Francis Jakeman, who died recently, aged 100. The funeral will take place on 31st July 2018 at Kingston crematorium. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Pietro Leo, who died on 19th July 2018, aged 84. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

Frances Cobb, Patrick Joseph Collins, Anne Keane, Mary Mackey, Mary Smith, George Dyke, Teresa Konrath, Agnes Egan, Elsie Doris Dowling, Colin James Hughes, Louisa Evans, Michael Halloran, Leonard Matthews, Christopher Robin O'Connor, William Goddard, Lucy Jane Chandler, Joseph Henry Wright, David McSorley, John Carr, Vidamantas Kavaliauskas, Lilian Gardner, Margaret Finn, Janet Nolan, Margaret Marley, Maureen McArdle, Maria Theresia Atkinson, Tom Farrelly, Baby Milo Patrick O'Reilly. +++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

The retiring collection for this weekend is for
The Missionary Society of St Paul.

**RESTFUL WATERS –
 A REFLECTION OF PSALM 22**

The choice of the popular shepherd-psalm is most appropriate on a Sunday when the readings speak of God's compassion for a straying people under the image of the shepherd leading and pasturing his flock. 'He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.' Let us concentrate on one aspect of the shepherd's service. 'Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.' In the land of the Bible, sheep pastured on the rocky mountainsides, allowing the more fertile valleys for growing crops and vines. In contrast to other animals, sheep require very little water. Any water on the mountainside is cascading rapidly downhill. Sheep find it very difficult to drink from flowing water, so the shepherd has to make a pool of still water for them. The flowing water is an image of our racing time. Although we believe that God is everywhere, we find it difficult to drink of God's presence when the pace of life is too hectic. We need the pool of still time to revive our drooping spirits and flagging faith. It was a lesson Jesus gave to the apostles. After a period of action he called them to come apart to a quiet place, where they could be by themselves. There is no mention of any lectures for them... just quietness, rest and time to be by themselves. Unless we periodically come apart we run the risk of being torn apart. 'Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.'

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

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL, MSP, APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Fr. Francis Ezennia, MSP, who will do a Mission appeal for the MSP at all Masses. Your prayers, material and financial support are most needed for: • the training of 120 MSP seminarians studying to become priests, • to help sustain some challenging missions like South Sudan and agriculture and water projects. MSP priests serve in more than 20 countries; Fr. Anthony and Fr. Pius are among the MSPs currently serving in the UK. The Missionaries of St Paul are committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and the wonderful works of the Father in the Holy Spirit, but they cannot do this alone, they need your help.

PARISH OFFICE

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from Friday 24th August to Monday 3rd September. Fr. Anthony and Fr Pius will, of course, still be available in case of emergency or a pressing enquiry.

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday 29 th July	Ride 100 – Road closures
Wednesday 1 st August	Church Car park closed
Wednesday 22 nd August	Parish Men's Group
Sunday 16 th September	Baptism Preparation Class

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

Green Fingered Volunteers Needed!

Green fingered volunteers are needed, big and small, to help Fr. Anthony with a garden spruce up. Come along after morning Mass on Thursday 2nd August until approximately 12pm. Everyone is welcome, teens especially, those aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult please. Please bring your forks, rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows and watering cans and/or anything else that you can think of that would help! A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please add your name to the list on the church noticeboard or email a rsvp to the Parish Secretary. See you there!!

St Agatha's Ladies Group

Attention Ladies in the parish! We are looking to form a new group just for the Ladies from September. This group will be for all the busy ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest. Thank you to those who have already been in touch, please keep your ideas coming. We will hold an initial meeting in September to discuss all ideas and a schedule. If you would be interested in joining, please contact the Parish Secretary with your details and any tips and ideas!

CAFOD Family Fast Day 2018

CAFOD were delighted to let us know that the donations for the Family Fast Day 2018, from all UK sources, exceeds £4.2 million. This is truly wonderful because the UK Government will be matching every Family Fast Day offering. CAFOD have planned projects to help 245,000 people in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Eritrea; this will mean that fewer parents will struggle to grow vegetables to help feed their families and more children will become healthier and more likely to attend school. Thank you for fasting in solidarity and we thank you for your continuing support.

Data Protection Regulation

The new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new legislation. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish secretary.

Mass Intentions

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 ensure you provide your contact details.

'Nevertheless, he [the Good Shepherd] goes looking for that one, because every one is very important to him and that one is in the most need, is the most abandoned, most discarded; and he goes to look for it.' ~ Pope Francis.



***NEW* MONTHLY FAITH TALKS**

St Raphael's Church in Kingston/Surbiton has launched a new monthly event: "Theology on Tap. Talks on topics related to the Catholic faith will be delivered by a range of speakers from within and outside the Parish. Quench your spiritual thirst with friends in the church hall (Alexander House) over a glass of wine or other refreshment.

The next event will be from 6pm-8pm on Sunday 29th-July when Dr Matthew Ward will give a talk entitled "Musica Christiana: re-hearing the Cosmic Music in the 21st century."

All are welcome to attend. Donations will be invited each month to cover costs.
FUTURE DATES - 19 August - Dr Gavin Jarvis, 30 September - Fr Michael Lovell.
Please save the dates!

Prudential Ride London / Surrey

This world class festival of cycling will once again pass through Kingston on Sunday 29th July. It will affect all those coming to morning mass by car from East of Park Road or South of Canbury Park Road. Queens Road and the lower part of Kingston Hill will be closed from 5.00am until about 11.45am. London Road and roads to Kingston Bridge will be closed from 5.00am until about 3.00pm. The route from the Portsmouth Road to Coombe Lane West, via the High Street, Clarence Street, Wood Street, Fairfield North, London Road and Coombe Road will be closed from 7.00am until about 7.00pm. Some bus routes will be affected. There will be pedestrian crossing places along the route and the town centre will remain open as normal. For further details see the map on the church noticeboard or go to:

www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/road-closures

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 4th August from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19 7NE.

Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group will be meeting during the summer break; Men of the parish are invited to meet together on Wednesday 22nd August at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come along and join us.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 16th September 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 must 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.