

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm:

Parish Prayer Group

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday:

St Bede the Venerable

Thursday:

St Philip Neri

Friday:

St Augustine of Canterbury

The Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated next weekend.

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £649.25 Loose £442.25

Retiring collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £9.50 Loose £59.55

The retiring collection this weekend 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, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone & Colette Patten.

ANNIVERSARIES

Rosina Jane Brown, James Cullen, Edward Mulcahy, Patrick Gallagher, Maire Dutrulle, Delia Marsella, Mary Smith, John Danzey, John Carrig, Michael Peluso, Mathew Hickey, Anthony Friend, Edna Ward, Bridget Dunne, Dr. Cecil De Lisle Shortt, Nancy Coates, Antonetta Raymond, Maisie Lee, Hylda Watkins, Judith Robinson, Cpl. Thomas Farry, Edith Turnham, John Conway, Frederic Neve, Harry Fugner, Mary Golden.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

APF Red Boxes

It is time for the red APF money boxes to be called in for counting. If you have an APF box, please could you bring it to Mass next weekend and leave it on the table at the right hand side (as you look at the altar). Boxes that have been emptied are placed on the left hand table ready for collection. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NAME IS WRITTEN ON THE LABEL AT THE BASE OF THE BOX. Some boxes have been handed in with no name given, so if you have delivered a box but not received it back, that would be why! Please let Francesca know if this is the case, phone no. 07813-777408.

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Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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Deacon: Rev. Robert Beresford

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 22nd May 2016		
The Most Holy Trinity (C)		
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Bernie Murray
Sunday	9.00am	Maria Holloway-Strong
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	6.30pm	Frederick & Clara Parker
	9.30am	Kay Williams
Tuesday	9.30am	Graham Baker
Wednesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Thursday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Peace in our World
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required – Diocesan rule	

The feast of the Blessed Trinity, which we celebrate today brings us face to face with the mystery of God. We can know certain things about God by looking at creation. But it is Jesus who reveals to us the mystery of God. Sometimes we may be so obsessed with God’s creation that we forget about God himself.

Parish Prayer Group

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. Please enter via the presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

Senior Parishioners' Buffet Social

This event will be held on **Friday 3rd June** in the cloister at **6.30pm**. Tickets will cost £7.00 per head payable on the night. Those wishing to attend are asked to put their names in the box at the back of the church.

The menu will comprise an assorted buffet and desert. Tea and coffee will be provided but please feel free to bring your own beer or wine. It is hoped to have a raffle on the night. All donations will be gratefully received.

Spirit in the City – Festival of Mercy

The Festival of Mercy is a Catholic faith celebration in the heart of London. It will take place from **Wednesday 1st June** to **Friday 3rd June**. This is the programme:

Wednesday: UK premiere of film “Full of Grace” about the last days of the Virgin Mary as she helps the early Church regain its original encounter with the Lord. Prince Charles Cinema off Leicester Square at 6.00pm for **6.30pm**. Cost £15.00.

Thursday and **Friday:** Evangelisation in the streets plus Eucharistic adoration in Notre Dame de France Church off Leicester Square – **2.00pm** to **5.00pm**.

Evening prayer, mass, prayer and worship or talk from **5.40pm** onwards. For further details see the notice at the back of the church.

Celebrate Twickenham – Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly With Your God

This faith-filled event for all will take place on **18th & 19th June** at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. The programme includes 3 main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, mass, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and relaxation. There is a full programme for young people over the age of 4 plus a warm, welcoming crèche. Tickets cost £40.00 for adults, £20.00 for 18–21 year olds and £10.00 for children in nursery to year 13. The crèche for children of 4 and under is free. For details see the flyers at the back of the church or speak to John de Quidt.

St Catherine's School

On **Saturday 18th June** St Catherine's School, Twickenham is holding a Year 5 activities morning and open afternoon for both Prep and Senior levels. For further information or to reserve a place for either event please call Ms Chantal Goldburn on 020 3261 0142 or email cgoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk.

Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness

KCAH is seeking to fill two vacancies—a Housing Adviser (part-time) and a Housing Support Worker. Further details are available on the KCAH website – www.kcah.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 12noon on Friday 27th May.

REFLECTION

God is watching over us

Nowadays, thanks to the security camera, we are often being watched, watched by a cold, dispassionate eye intent only on catching us in wrong-doing.

The feeling that someone is watching us is not a pleasant feeling. But the feeling that someone is watching over us is a lovely feeling.

God is not watching us. God is watching over us.

The conviction that God is watching over us gives us comfort in times of sadness, strength in times of weakness, and hope in times of despair.

Fr F McCarthy S.D.B

First Reading: Proverbs 5: 1–5

In the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, Wisdom is personified in a female form as one of the most cherished characteristics of God and indeed of human beings. This is fascinating considering that the passage was written in the context of a patriarchal society that normally emphasised a male image of God. Woman Wisdom appears alongside God as the universe is created in order and tranquillity.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1–5

The Second Reading and the Gospel specifically mention the three persons of the Blessed Trinity and the role of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The central theme in this reading from the letter to the Roman Christians is that we have been justified by faith in Jesus Christ. Paul also recognises that when suffering is embraced it has potential for significant human and Christian transformation leading to a new state of being.

Gospel Reading: John 16: 12–15

In this passage from John, we get a glimpse of his implicit Trinitarian thinking as he endeavours to show the relationship between the Father, Son and Spirit through a link with the teaching of Jesus. This Trinitarian sensibility which is evident in the Gospel of John resembles very closely that of Paul, in the sense that Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit.

While today's feast focuses on the central mystery of our faith, a mystery based on the way the Father, Son and Spirit relate to one another, the readings also address the way God relates to us, a God who is present and active in the very core of our being.