

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St George, Patron of England
Tuesday: St Mark, Apostle
Saturday: St Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church,
Patron of Europe

PARISH DIARY

Monday 3.30pm: First Holy Communion preparation class
Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group
Friday 3.30pm: First Holy Communion preparation Group 1

OFFERINGS

Good Friday—Holy Places)__
Easter offering) Not yet recorded
Next weekend’s retiring collection will be for the maintenance of St George’s Cathedral.

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, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo & Colette Patten.

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Mary Bruce, William Vivian.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Celebrate – Twickenham

This Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend Conference will be held on **17th – 18th June** at St Mary’s University, Strawberry Hill. The programme includes 4 main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and time for chatting over a cup of tea. So that parents with children can really benefit from the weekend, there is a full programme for all young people from the age of 4 upwards plus a warm, welcoming crèche. For further information and a booking form, please see the poster on the notice board or pick up a flyer at the back of the church.



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Parish Priest: Vacant

Deacon: Robert Beresford

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 23rd April 2017		
Second Sunday of Easter (A) – Divine Mercy Sunday		
Saturday	9.30am	Mark Sheehan RIP
	6.30pm	John Kidson RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Matthew Mack
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Henry De Souza RIP
Monday	9.30am	Cronin family
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday	9.30am	Tina Piccirillo RIP
Friday	10.00am	Requiem Simon Shilston
Saturday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	None notified
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00–11.00am, 18.00–18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months’ notice required – Diocesan rule	

APF Red Boxes

It is time for the red APF money boxes to come in for the spring counting. If you have an APF box, please bring it to mass 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.** In the past, some boxes have been handed in with no name on the base, so we don’t know whose it is to return it to them. Please let Francesca Gilbert know on 07813–777408 if you have delivered a box back to the church, but have not received it back.

PARISH NOTICES

Preparation for First Holy Communion

The next class for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on **Monday 24th April at 3.30pm**.

The rehearsal for Group 1 will be on **Friday 28th April at 3.30pm**.

The First Holy Communion mass will be on **Sunday 30th April at 12noon**.

The rehearsal and mass for Group 2 will be one week later.

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday at 8.00pm** in the church. Please come along and join us during this Easter Season.

Divine Mercy Sunday

This will be celebrated on **Sunday 23rd April** at St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden, from **1.00pm to 4.00pm**. The programme will include adoration, confession, mass, Divine Mercy devotions, prayer and chaplet an Stations of the Cross. All are invited.

Post-Easter talks on the Holy Spirit

Five talks on the Holy Spirit will be given on consecutive Thursdays from **27th April** at the Amigo Hall by St Georges's Cathedral, Southwark, at 7.00pm for **7.30pm**.

The first talk will be on Prayer and the Holy Spirit by Kerri Lenartowick. For further information see the church notice board.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 29th April** at Westminster Cathedral from **9.45am to 5.30pm**. The day will include the Angelus, sung liturgy, mass in honour of Our Lady, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

A further day will be held at Walsingham on **Sunday 21st May**.

The Good Counsel Network

The Network is a pro-life group that offers a free pregnancy test, free advice, medical information, practical help and moral support to women seeking abortion. It reaches out to women who have not been presented with realistic alternatives to abortion. We are invited to celebrate the Network's 20th Anniversary for mass at **2.00pm** on **Saturday 29th April** at St James' Church, 22 George Street, London W1U 3QY. More details are on the church notice board.

The Life of Christ

This will take place at Wintershall daily from **20th to 24th June**, from **10.30am to 3.30pm**. For more information see the notice board at the back of the church or contact www.wintershall-estate.com or 01793 418299.

Reflection

Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: *"Let us also go, that we may die with him"* (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

Don Schwager – Servants of the Word – Sword of the Spirit Community

Catholic Miracle Rally

This gathering will take place on **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June** at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ. For further details of this event, see the notice board at the back of the church or contact Cor et Lumen Christi on 01932 565747 or at coretlumenchristi.com.