

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: St Mary Magdalene  
Tuesday: St James, Apostle  
Wednesday: Saints Joachim & Anne  
Saturday: St Martha

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £565.00 Loose £314.80  
Retiring Collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £6.00 Loose £54.87

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, 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 & Nick van der Borgh.

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, Marcella Massey Hill, Mary Kate Walsh, Thomas Stapleton, Matthew Power, Kathleen Harmsworth, Bridget Anderson.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Reflection 2

**The divided heart**

I learned one great lesson from my years in prison camps. I learned how a person becomes evil and how he becomes good. Gradually I came to realise that the line which separates good from evil passes not between states, or between classes, or between political parties, but right through every human heart. Even in hearts that are overwhelmed by evil, one small bridgehead of good is retained. And in the best of hearts, there remains an unuprooted small corner of evil.

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn – The Gulag Archipelago**

reflecting on the years he spent in labour camps



*Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever*

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday 23rd July 2017

Sixteenth Sunday (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Manuel da Costa RIP
	6.30pm	Sean & Doreen Claffey RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Michael Strong RIP
	10.30am	Joseph & Mafalda di Lieto RIP
	6.30pm	Brenda Bamundaga's intention
Monday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	9.30am	Manuel da Costa RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Ophelia Nazareth RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Janet Nolan RIP
Friday	9.30am	John & Margaret Finn RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Eleanor Margaret Alexander RIP
	6.30pm	Billy McAdle 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	

**Security of the church and presbytery**

At present, the security of the church and presbytery is fully operational. Both alarms and locks are in full use. Anyone wishing to gain access to the church outside normal service times should discuss this with Fr Geoffrey in advance.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Catholic Truth Society Bookstand

All parishioners are invited to note that the CTS bookstand has been refreshed with an array of new titles. Please take a few minutes to browse. There is some good stuff there for you to buy at very reasonable prices.

### Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group normally meets on Tuesdays at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, praise and intercession. You are all most welcome to join us. Because the church may be locked, please contact Francesca Gilbert in advance to clarify whether and where the group will be meeting.

### A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 29th July** at Our Lady and St Peter, Victoria Drive, SW19, starting at **10.00am**. The day will include the Angelus, sung litany, mass in honour of Our Lady, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

### PACT – (Prison Advice and Care Trust)

PACT is a Catholic charity that provides services to hundreds of thousands of prisoners, children and families each year, to offer practical and emotional support, and most of all, hope. In order that it can reach all those in need of support, it relies heavily on volunteers. It urgently needs more volunteers from this area. It offers free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. No previous experience is necessary. To find out more see the parish notice board or contact [ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk).

### Prudential Ride London / Surrey

This world class festival of cycling will once again pass through Kingston on **Sunday 30th 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 [PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk/road-closures](http://PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk/road-closures).

### Future Clergy at St Agatha's

My dear brothers and sisters, at last I am able to give you some firm information regarding the future clergy who will be taking responsibility for the pastoral care of this wonderful parish of Saint Agatha.

I am pleased to inform you that Father Julius Otoaye MSP will be moving into the presbytery of St Agatha's on Monday 28th August. But before that date you may see Father Julius about as he will be moving his possessions into the presbytery so that Father Henry Tiku-Wenna can move into the presbytery at Saint Pius X, Norbiton. At a later date, yet to be announced, Father Julius will be joined by another MSP priest here at Saint Agatha's.

As for me, in accordance with Canon Law, as I am in my 75th year of age, the Archbishop has agreed to my retirement from being attached full time to a parish. He has also agreed that I will continue to live in the area and has asked that I make myself available to supply and help in the parishes of this deanery and in the diocese in general as and when he feels it necessary. Therefore, my final day with responsibility for St Agatha's parish will be the last Sunday in August (27th August).

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the parishioners of this parish for the care and support given to me over the last fourteen years, and to ask you to offer the same support and care to the priests who will accompany you on your individual journeys and the great task entrusted to them and to our community of making the "Kingdom" a reality here in Kingston.

Assuring you of my affection and prayers,

Father Geoffrey

### Reflection 1

On the day of the harvest the straw is set aside,  
the chaff is blown away by the wind,  
and the weeds are consigned to the flames.  
But the wheat, like sacks of gold, is gathered into the barn.  
Lord, on the day of death,  
the harvest of my life will be poured out before you,  
wheat and chaff and weeds together.  
Let your wise hand sift through it;  
then keep what is worth keeping,  
and with the breath of your kindness, blow the rest away.

### **A harvest prayer**

Fr Flor McCarthy S.D.B.