

FEASTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Sunday 24th December: Day of prayer for expectant mothers
 Monday: **The Nativity of the Lord**
 Tuesday: St Stephen
 Wednesday: St John the Evangelist
 Thursday: The Holy Innocents
 Friday: St Thomas of Canterbury
 Sunday: The Holy Family
 Monday 1st January: Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 Saturday 6th January: **The Epiphany of the Lord**

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, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Elsey who has died recently. Her funeral is expected to take place early in January. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

David McDonald, William Christopher Game, Natalino Evangelista, Bernard McArdle, Barbara McArdle, Margaret Brennan, William Albert Robinson, John Cullinane, Maud Adams, Percy Smith, Alice Rigby, Richard Browne, Henry Talbot, Catherine Boulter, Ellen McDonnell, Annie Jardine, Joseph Rankin, Millicent Prince, Ellen Jarvis, Keith Perkins, Georgina Darnell, Mary Absalom, Arthur Norris, William Dorsett, Monica Brennan, Rose Mary Irgolith, Elizabeth McKenna, Astor Charles Henchy, Antonietta Ambruso, Lionel Jones, Bertram Woodhouse Currie, John McDonnell, Alfred North, Nora Cremin, Henry Desmond, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Smith, John McCormack, Marguerite Hards, Moyra McCullagh, Lilian Teresa Cullen, Violet Palmeri, Francis Cardinal Bourne, Michael Cooney, Mary Angela Gilbert, John Williamson, Patricia Crump, John Pereira, Olga Paine, Peter Kelly, Jeremiah O'Dowd, Rose Wilson, Mary Westhead, Anna Hanson, John Stevenson, Stanley Bays, Jack Allen, Hannah Mennis, Edgar Duckett, Fredrick Thomas, Dorothy Eley, Vincent Raymond, Olive Bryden, Tony Green, Mary Josephine Edwards, Sarah Kelly, Helena Collins, Michael Frain, Ellen Merritt, Patrick Connolly, John Crehan, Michael Jordan.

+++ May they rest in peace +++



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PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

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Fr Julius Otoaye MSP

Deacon Robert Beresford

Please visit our website regularly to keep abreast of important current issues.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Sunday 24th December 2017 & Sunday 31st December 2017

Saturday 23rd	9.30am	Richard Yeo RIP
	6.30pm	Natalino Evangelista RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Holy Souls
	11.00pm	Mrs Ann Coleman RIP <i>Carols at 10.30pm</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>		
Monday 25th	9.00am	Kevin Walsh RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
<i>No 6.30pm mass on Christmas Day</i>		
Tuesday	10.00am	Altar Servers
Wednesday	9.30am	Louis Martin Cronin RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Lily Bradshaw
Friday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday	9.30am	Frank Gannon & family
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Welfare of Chris Bond
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Clara Parker RIP
Monday 1st	9.30am	John Pereira RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	9.30am	Hannah Ruth Mennis RIP

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Thursday	9.30am	Holy Souls (Patricia Corcoran's intention)
Friday	9.30am	Barbara Mack's intention
<i>Epiphany – Holyday of Obligation – no 7.30am mass</i>		
Saturday 6th	9.30am	Deceased MSP Priests
	6.30pm	Intention of Fr Vitalis
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	

PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Eve Christingle Service

Sunday 24 December Christingle Service **4.00pm**. Warning: the church will be very full. If you don't want to stand, arrive early.

Parish Prayer Group

The **Parish Prayer Group** will not meet on Tuesday 26th December but will meet on **Tuesday 2nd January** at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us. Please enter via the Presbytery.

Crib Offerings

At the specific request of the Archbishop, the crib offerings this year will go to the Catholic Children's Society.

New Parish email Address

Parishioners will be aware that the parish email address has changed on a number of occasions recently. The new (and final) address, as shown at the top of page 1 is **parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk**. This address will be used by the Parish Administrator who will be appointed very shortly. All other email addresses are now closed. The parish website address remains unchanged as **www.stagathaschurch.org.uk**.

St Agatha's School Admission to reception class September 2018

Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2018. The closing date for all applications is **15th January 2018**.

For more information please contact Sharon Parsons in the school office on 020 85463879 or visit www.stagathas.school.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please contact Fr Vitalis as soon as reasonably practicable so that he may put your name down to start the course in January. The Rite of Election will take place in February.

Pax Christi

Pax Christi International is a Catholic peace movement with 120 member organisations worldwide that promotes peace, respect of human rights, justice & reconciliation throughout the world. Grounded in the belief that peace is possible and that vicious cycles of violence and injustice can be broken, Pax Christi International addresses the root causes & destructive consequences of violent conflict and war.

On **14 January**, Pax Christi will celebrate Pope Francis' World Peace Day message. More details will be provided later.

National Eucharistic pilgrimage and Congress

A national Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress has been scheduled to take place at Liverpool from **7th to 9th September 2018**. 10,000 people have been invited, including 570 delegates from Southwark Archdiocese (two per parish). If you are interested in representing St Agatha's, please let either Fr Vitalis or Fr Julius know.

Pilgrimage to Fatima

We are invited to join the St Joseph's, New Malden, pilgrimage to Fatima from **Monday 28th May to Thursday 31st May 2018**. This will be led by Fr Uche Njoku, the parish priest of St Joseph's. The cost is £490 per person based on a minimum of 30 passengers. The price includes Air Portugal flights from Heathrow, full board accommodation and transfers in Portugal. Booking forms are available from the St Joseph's parish office catholicnewmalden@icloud.com. For further details see the notice in the church porch.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2018

The Medjugorje Irish Centre is organising a series of pilgrimages to Medjugorje during 2018. For details see the poster on the notice board in the porch.

Offerings

The collection on Christmas Day is our personal offering to the clergy of the parish.