

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: St Pius of Petrelcina (Padre Pio)
Tuesday: Saints Cosmas & Damian
Wednesday: St Vincent de Paul
Thursday: St Wenceslaus
Friday: Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Saturday: St Jerome

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £546.20 Loose £403.84
Retiring Collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £9.50 Loose £64.66

LATELY DEAD

Please remember in your prayers Michael Carroll who sadly passed away on Saturday 16th September. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

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, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone & Anna O'Brien.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor who died on Friday 1st September. He was Archbishop of Westminster from 2000 to 2012 and previously Bishop of Arundel and Brighton from 1976 to 2000.

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Maguire, Patrick Quinn, Ida Phillips, Ellen Prince, Angela Young, Carlo Booth, Annie Margaritae Ruddy, Andrew Sharkey, John East, Maria Reddy, Christopher Mann, Gordon Williams, Joseph Behan, Tom Kavanagh, Dorothy Maurice, Edith Stimson, Cyril Dyer, Robert Laurent, Edith Mary Crowley, Blanche Sinteff, Eileen Mckenzie, Henry Rooke-Ley, John Mahoney, Eliza Burrell, Francis William Hardy, Albert Fell, Charles Cullen, Jack Davis, Nora Leek, William Francis Cahill, Josephine Tompsett, Isabel Rodrigues, Gelardo Rossi, Mildred Bull, Dennis Short, Nellie Cannon, Right Rev. Peter Emmanuel Amigo, Michael Cleary, Eileen Sotiriades, Shirley Priest, Patrick Gallagher.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 24th September 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Patsy Pereira RIP
Monday	9.30am	Helen & Keith
Tuesday	9.30am	Venezuela
Wednesday	9.30am	Cristina Corcoran RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30am	Venezuela
Saturday	9.30am	Cristina Corcoran RIP
	6.30pm	George Hedger 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

This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for the Harvest.

Next Sunday, October 1st, is Rosary Sunday.

Children's liturgy

We urgently need more volunteers to assist with the children's liturgy at the 10.30am mass on Sunday mornings. This is an important part of the faith journey for our young people. It is not arduous and can be great fun. With sufficient volunteers, you will not be called upon very frequently.

PARISH NOTICES

Harvest Fast Day – Friday 6th October 2017

CAFOD invite us to give money this Harvest to lift the world's poorest out of poverty, and their campaign this year takes inspiration from Blessed Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador, who was murdered while he was celebrating mass because he stood up for the poorest people in his country. A poem used to commemorate his work begins with these lines: "We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We nurture seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise".

Fast Day Envelopes will be available at all masses of Sunday 1st October 2017, and our Harvest Fast Day donations will be taken across all masses of Sunday 8th October 2017. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

Thank you

The children of Michael and Maura Strong wish to thank everyone for the masses, prayers and support they have received following the death of their father Michael in July.

Maura has now moved to a home in Cumbria to be nearer to her children.

Joel Community Services (Kingston Night Shelter)

Joel Community Services is seeking a full-time Deputy Shelter Manager, a full-time Operations Co-ordinator and a part-time Support Worker, all to start as soon as practicable. Applications should be submitted by **Thursday 28th September**. Full details of the posts and how to apply may be found on <https://jobs.thirdsector.co.uk/employer/408742/joel-community-services/>

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. Our open morning for prospective reception class parents is on Friday 13th October 2017 at 9.30 am. 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

Monastic Choir Concert

The award-winning choir of St Elizabeth's Convent, Minsk (Belarus) will be performing at St John the Evangelist, Polish Church, St John's Avenue, Putney, SW15 6AR on **Sunday 24th September** at **7.00pm**. Entry is by voluntary donation towards the charitable activities of the convent.

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.

Charity dinner

The organisers of the Sri Lanka charity dinner on 9th September would like to thank all who helped to make this such a pleasant evening, especially those who were present at the dinner, and for all the donations we received.

Sale of books

A large number of books has been placed in the cloister. Parishioners are most welcome to take any of them. If you wish to make a donation to CAFOD that will be gratefully received. The box for donations is in the church porch.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

The First Reading states, 'God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts'. Just how vast is the difference between God's ways and our ways, between God's thoughts and our thoughts, is illustrated in the Gospel. God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard was aimed at the Pharisees. These legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because he befriended sinners and outcasts. In the parable, Jesus faces up to his critics, and shows them what God is like: God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcast. In that respect the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son.

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REFLECTION

'My thought are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways.

As high as the heavens are above the earth,

so high are my ways above your ways,

my thoughts above your thoughts' says the Lord.

How small our thoughts can be, and how poor our ways of seeing and judging.

We think miserly thoughts, and act in miserly ways. Why?

Because we have small minds and small hearts.

Lord, open our minds and enlarge our hearts,

so that we think more like you, and act more like you.

Let us not begrudge your goodness to others,

knowing that we too are undeserving of your favours,

and stand more in need of your mercy than of your justice. Amen

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