

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday: Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid £546.84	Loose £455.67
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid £10.50	Loose £81.49

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Christina Ward, Marie Ann Xibberas, Clare Horgan, Grace Gibbs, Paul and 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, Anna O'Brien and Brian Towler.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Connell, Susan Thomas, Rose Pullen, Jorge Potier, Frederic Whelan, Ronald Macdonald, Charles Crawley, Edith Brown, John McSweeney, Elizabeth Heppel, Mary Ellen White, Bernard Mackey, Kate Goddard, Eugenie Connolly, Mario Porlanti, Sr. Declan Carroll, Eileen Murphy, Tom Costello, Vladas Dankis, William Wiseman, George Bruce, Annie Ashworth, Elfrida Medhurst, John Neilan, Robert Eurell, Angelo Pacitti, Rita Andrew, Joseph Alfred Smith, Agnes Guy, Hilda Davis, John Roycroft, Marjorie Lansley, William McDonagh, John Faith, Cyril Everest, Matthew Patrick O'Connor, Maureen Madden, Zena Kitchen.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Walk with Me

This Lenten booklet is available **free of charge** at the back of the church. There is one copy for each family. It contains daily Scripture readings and some brief reflections for Lent.

Parish Prayer Group

The **Parish Prayer Group** meets on Tuesdays at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us.

Parish Office

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email the Parish Secretary at [parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk) or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from **9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday**. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday 26th February.**  
**The Priests will be available to answer emergency calls.**



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CLERGY

Fr. Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP—Parish Priest  
 Fr. Julius Otoaye MSP—Kingston Hospital Chaplain  
 Rev. Robert Beresford—Deacon

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 25th February 2018

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Bernard Boyle RIP
	6.30pm	John Keane RIP
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Narrie Curtin RIP
	6.30pm	Rose Pereira RIP
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Connie Tobin RIP
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Reginald & Marie Boxall RIP
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Margaret Quigley & Family RIP
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Private Intention for Gerry White
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Ursula Duggan 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

Induction of Fr Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved or came along to Fr. Vitalis' Induction evening. It was a great night and we were delighted so many people made the effort to come and help us celebrate. Special thanks to Bishop Paul Hendricks for leading in worship and prayer, Peppe's Italian Restaurant and Lalu, West African Cuisine, for the outstanding catering and our enormous thanks and appreciation to St. Agatha's School for their support and assistance in allowing us the use of their hall and so enabling us to celebrate.

Important Upcoming Dates

27th February	Confirmation first session
28th February	Choir Meeting
4th March	Confirmation Inscription Mass
10th March	Confirmation Retreat Day

### Reflection:

Jesus had an intense experience of the presence of God his Father and heard those affirming words 'You are my Son, the Beloved.' his Father was pleased with him and would provide all the strength he needed to face a dark and threatening future. All of us need encouragement and affirmation. Affirmation comes through the words and actions of others. Occasionally though, there are moments when we experience the love and presence of God in a more striking way. They are our 'transfiguration moments' – moments which we remember and treasure.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and Benediction

Will take place every Sunday during Lent at 5.30pm.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be conducted after Friday morning Masses and at 7pm on Fridays during Lent.

### First Holy Communion

Sacrament of Reconciliation rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 2nd March** with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being administered on **Saturday 3rd March**.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May**. The first session will be on **Tuesday 27th February** and the Inscription Mass will be on **Sunday 4th March** at 6.30pm.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day—Friday 23 February

Envelopes, for your donations, are available at all masses of this weekend. The envelope carries brief details of CAFOD's work, further information from [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). The retiring collection at all masses of Sunday 25th February will be for your donation to the Lenten Fast Day Appeal. Remember that UK tax payers can 'gift-aid' their donation and allow CAFOD to claim back the equivalent of the basic rate for the given amount. Details of the 'gift-aid' process can be found on the envelope. **CAFOD thanks you for your continued support.**

### SINGERS NEEDED FOR OUR NEW ST AGATHA'S CHURCH CHOIR

No need to be able to read music and no auditions! You do not need to be a professional singer! We are looking for enthusiastic singers of all ages to form a new choir at St Agatha's Church. There will be an informal meeting on **Wednesday 28th February at 8pm** for anyone who is interested in joining. The meeting will be held at **87 Richmond Park Road**. Please sign up on the notice at the back of church if you are interested. We look forward to meeting you all. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, the forms are still available at the back of the church if you are interested.

### St Agatha's church Easter Spring clean

We call on kind Parish volunteers to help prepare our beautiful church inside and outside for Easter Holy Week. If you can spare a couple of hours after the morning Mass on **Saturday 24th March** to help polish brass/iron altar cloths, etc..please add your name to the notice board list by the front door. Teens are especially welcome (those aged 11 – 13 to be accompanied by an adult please – no smaller children). Volunteers who would like to help spruce up the garden – please bring gardening tools with you.

### 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. Arrangements for The Rite of Election will take place later in the year.

### "Cakes, Conscience and Freedom" 1st March 2018

Catholic Union Charitable Trust lecture on **Thursday 1 March 2018 at 6.30pm**. Professor Roger Trigg on "Cakes, Conscience and Freedom". Professor Trigg is the author of "Equality, Freedom and Religion". He will address the tension between freedom of religion and the principles of equality and non-discrimination in cases such as Ashers Bakery (the so-called "gay cake" case) in the UK.

**VENUE: Notre Dame University, 1 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG** (off Trafalgar Square). Free admission. Followed by a Reception. To register to attend, please use Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/catholic-union-charitable-trust-13493819133>) or contact the Catholic Union on 020 8749 1321 or email: [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk).

### Knock Pilgrimage 14th March 2018

Spaces are still available on the fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, on 14th March 2018, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

### Twickenham Choral Society 17th March

Twickenham Choral Society presents Bernstein and Co. At All Saints Church, Kingston. Saturday 17th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 reserved, or £16 unreserved (full-time students £10 and £8). LAURIDSEN: Lux Aeterna. GODFREE: Requiem. FINZI: Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice. BERNSTEIN: Chichester Psalms. Conductor: Christopher Herrick [www.twickenhamchoral.org.uk](http://www.twickenhamchoral.org.uk)