

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday: Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Friday: St Jerome

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £642.20 Loose £335.80
Retiring collection Gift Aid £10.80 Loose £92.01

This week's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

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, Elsie Malone & Colette Patten.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Kathleen Glasby who has died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place at **12.30pm** on **Thursday 29th September**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

Ellen Prince, Angela Young, Carlo Booth, Annie Margaritae Ruddy, Andrew Sharkey, John East, Maria Reddy, Christopher Mann, Gordon Williams, Joseph Behan, Tom Kavanagh, 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 +++

Hospital chaplain

If you, or a member of your family are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform the ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius. His phone number is 8942 2178.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 25th September 2016

26th Sunday of the Year (C) – Day of Prayer for the Harvest

Saturday	9.30am	Rosie Reed
	6.30pm	Peace in Our World
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Special Intention
Monday	9.30am	Barbara Wilson
Tuesday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	9.30am	Robin Forbes
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention
	12.30pm	Requiem Kathleen Glasby
Friday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	9.30am	Patrick & Terry Gallagher
	6.30pm	Louis Saldanha
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required – Diocesan rule	

The rich man and Lazarus lived in opposite worlds, yet these worlds lay side by side. But the rich man never once entered the world of the poor man. He didn't see Lazarus as a human being, much less as a brother with whom he shared a common humanity. He was indifferent to him, and indifference is a great evil. How could this be? Riches make a person self-preoccupied. They blind a person to the needs of others and harden the heart. That is the real tragedy. An individual or a country loses its soul as it accumulates ever greater riches.

PARISH NOTICES

Harvest Fast Day – Friday 7th October 2016

This year CAFOD invites us to stand alongside Nicanora and her family, as they journey from poverty to abundance. Nicanora is a 32-year-old mother of four struggling to survive on a small farm on the Bolivian Altiplano – a vast, inhospitable plain almost 12,000 feet above sea level. Her husband has been forced to leave the family farm in search of income. In spite of their parents' efforts the children go to bed hungry, night after night. CAFOD invites us to get 'Hands on' with Nicanora and her community in Bolivia (cafod.org.uk for more information). Fast Day Envelopes will be available at all masses of Sunday 2nd October. Please return them, with your donation, across masses of Sunday 9th October 2016. If you are a current UK tax payer you are eligible to gift-aid your donation so CAFOD can claim a further 25% back from HM Revenue & Customs.

Pastoral letter

There is a pastoral letter from the Archbishop this weekend, a copy of which is enclosed with this newsletter.

Parish Prayer Group

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

Annual Southwark Day of Renewal

This will take place on **Saturday 8th October** at St George's Cathedral **from 9.45am to 4.45pm** on the theme of Charismatic Renewal and the Father's Mercy. The day will include a keynote presentation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a gentle Eucharistic Healing Service, and concelebrated Mass. All are most welcome.

St Agatha's School – Admission to Reception Class September 2017

Children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 are eligible to start school at St Agatha's in September 2017. There will be an open morning for prospective reception class parents on **Friday 14th October** starting at **9.30am**. The closing date for applications is provisionally **15th January 2017**. For more information visit the school website www.stagathas.kingston.sch.uk or telephone 020 8546 3879.

Wimbledon College

There will be an open evening for prospective pupils for admission in September 2017 on **Thursday 29th September** from **5.30pm to 8.30pm**. The last tours will start at 7.30pm. The deadline for applications for places for entry in September 2017 is **31st October 2016**. For further information see the school's website www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk or the notice at the back of the church.

REFLECTION

How wealth is judged

A week ago the sycamore tree was loaded with gold.

However, instead of sitting back and enjoying it, it began to give it away.

At first it was just a leaf here and a leaf there, whenever the wind asked for a contribution.

But soon it was giving it away in fistfuls without being asked,

and without a thought for a wintry tomorrow.

Wealth is judged,

not by the amount that is accumulated,

but by the amount that is given away.

The only wealth that is worth having is the wealth of the heart.

To close one's heart is to begin to die;

to open it is to begin to live.

Flor McCarthy S.D.B.

First Reading: Amos 6: 1, 4–7

In our first reading today, the prophet Amos remains faithful to his reputation as a fervent champion of the poor and the oppressed. He warns the wealthy of his day against selfishness and greed and warns them of the consequences of their actions.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11–16

Paul gives Timothy some sound advice about being a disciple of Jesus in our second reading today. He encourages Timothy to persevere both in his ministry and his personal holiness, even in the face of persecution. It is sound advice for all of us to reflect and act upon in the daily living out of our own faith.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16: 19–31

Today's Gospel is definitely a wake-up call for each of us. We are reminded that we can all easily (and, perhaps, deliberately) cocoon ourselves from recognising the needs of others, especially the poor and needy around us. Those who have plenty are prompted not to neglect others, especially those who are less fortunate – there is a message in this Gospel for me and for you, if only we care to listen to it closely and act accordingly.