

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

PARISH DIARY

Monday 7.15pm: Confirmation Preparation Class
 Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group
 Friday 3.30pm: Rehearsal for Sacrament of Reconciliation, Gp2
 Friday 8.00pm: Women's World Day of Prayer, St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden
 Saturday 10.30am: Reception of Sacrament of Reconciliation, Gp 2
 Saturday Noon – 4.00pm: Confirmation class Faith in Action Day

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £574.95 Loose £437.15
 Retiring collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £7.50 Loose £75.58
 This weekend's retiring collection is for the Poor Parishes Fund.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Rose Pullen, Jorge Potier, Frederic Whelan, Ronald Macdonald, Charles Crawley, Edit Brown, John McSweeny, 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, Elizabeth Agnes Wall, Doradea Marie Grassi, William Joseph McKenzie, Sarah Lewis, James Keeble, Tom Naughton.

+++ 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 26th February 2017

Eighth Sunday of the Year (A) – Day for the Unemployed

Saturday	9.30am	Fr Andrew Fernandes RIP
	6.30pm	Gerry White's Intention
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Balbina Saiz RIP
Monday	9.30am	Marion Downey RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Margaret Quigley & family
Wednesday	7.30am	George Hedger RIP Ash Wednesday
	9.30am	School mass
	7.30pm	Special Intention
Thursday	9.30am	Phyllis Francke RIP
Friday	9.30am	Daphne Valance RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Special Intention
	6.30pm	George White's intention
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule	

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Out in the fields

The little cares that fretted me I lost them yesterday among the fields above the sea, among the winds at play, among the lowing of the herds, the rustling of the trees, among the singing of the birds, the humming of the bees. The foolish fears of what may happen, I cast them all away, among the clover scented grass, among the new-mown hay; among the husking of the corn where drowsy poppies nod, where ill thoughts die and good are born, out in the fields with God.

Anon

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent when we begin our preparation for the death and resurrection of Our Lord. It is a day when the Church calls on us to fast and to abstain from meat. There will be three masses, at 7.30am, at 9.30am (which will be attended by the school, and 7.30pm.

FR GERRY

Please continue to pray for the health and welfare of Fr Gerry. He will be living for some time at Coloma Court, West Wickham for a period of rest and recuperation. We will provide a telephone number on which he can be contacted in due course.

Fr Gregory Ackron

We are pleased to welcome Father Gregory to the Parish of St Agatha. The Archbishop has asked Father Gregory to move from the Parish of Sevenoaks to stay here at St Agatha's until the Parish to which he has been appointed becomes vacant in a short while.

The Archbishop has asked Father Gregory to be resident here in the Presbytery so that he can assist Father Geoffrey in the day to day administration of the parish until such time as Father Gerry is well enough to return to us or until alternative more permanent arrangements are made.

Preparation for Confirmation

The next class for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Monday 27th February at 7.15pm.**

Preparation for First Holy Communion

The Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Group 2 will take place on **Friday 3rd March at 3.30pm.**

The children in this group will receive the Sacrament on **Saturday 4th March at 10.30am.**

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. Please enter via the presbytery.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This takes place this year on **Friday 3rd March.** The evening session will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden at **8.00pm.**

Sainsbury's Active Kids

St Agatha's School is once again collecting the Active Kids vouchers. Please drop off your vouchers at the school or in the box at the back of the church.

National Celebration of Jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal

A National celebration of the golden jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, with well-known international speakers, will be held on **Saturday 4th March** in West Bromwich. Coaches are being organised from the London area. The fee for the celebration is £12. The cost of the coach is £30. For more information see the parish noticeboard or speak to John de Quidt or Georgina Livesey.

Catholic Truth Society publications

Parishioners will notice that a CTS stand with many new CTS publications has been reintroduced in the porch. It is hoped that new pamphlets will be displayed at various seasons of the year for parishioners' perusal. Parents with young children are particularly advised to make full use of this service. If anyone wishes for any particular pamphlets this can be arranged. The CTS is the main agency in this country for the proclamation of Catholic teaching. The new parish organiser is Richard Collyer-Hamlin. Payments should be put in the wall box marked 'papers'.

Lent Fast Day – Friday 10th March 2017

CAFOD's campaign this Lent focuses on how Florence was able to journey toward self-sufficiency, with the donation of fishes, tools and training. In truth, it would be the efforts of Florence and her family in Zambia, that would deliver on this project, which sees CAFOD mirroring earlier schemes that reasoned if we give them the tools, they will get the job done. The Harvest Fast Day Campaign (in October 2016) highlighted the efforts of Nicanora and her family in Bolivia, and how CAFOD, and her local partners, were involved in an estimated two-year project to convert an inhospitable terrain to deliver a sustainable future. Details on how this project is progressing are displayed at the back of the church. CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

Pilgrimages – Advance Notice

Details have been received of two forthcoming pilgrimages:

From **18th – 25th August**, there will be a diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Canon Edward Perera, the parish priest of Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth. For further information and a booking form, please contact Canon Perera on 8399 9550 or on info@olionline.co.uk.

From **9th to 17th October** there will be a pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Fr John Carmel Perotta of the Sons of Divine Providence. For more information please contact Fr Perotta on 8977 5130 or on johnperotta208@gmail.com.