

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

There are no feasts this week.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 5.45pm: Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£595.10	Loose	£384.72
Retiring collection (CAFOD)	Gift Aid	£12.50	Loose	£154.68

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

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 & Colette Patten.

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Hatcher, Frederic White, Thomas Walsh, Gary Bellamy, Desmond Duggan, William Irvin Reed, Joseph Cassidy, Theodore Schlatter, Christina Josephine Pilgrim, Sydney George Alexander, Johanna Lombard, Theresa Dilliway, Catherine Henry, Bridget Battersby, Margaret Brigham, Mary Carraig, Leon Lorek, Mafalda Dilieto, Alan White, Johanna Norton, Carlo Marchese, Ruby May Fenton, Giovanni Grassi, James McArdle, Francis Brocking, Henry Wright, Sr. Stanislaus Holohan, Mario Bedoye, Maureen Swinbourne, Mary Lott, Alice Baker, Sarah Watson, John McKenna, James Patrick Kennedy, Caroline Hopkins, William Philip Murphy, Alice Delaney, Ellen Desmond, Eugene Doyle, Bernadette Harris, Evelyn Fiaschi, Clare Chambers, George Higginson .

+++ May they rest in peace +++

In Search of God

I have long believed, and often said, that humanity is all the time in search of God, though often we do not know it. But, in so far as we are searching for truth, for goodness, for beauty, and in so far as we are in search of love, of justice, of happiness, then we are in search of God. If we live these search experiences, so I believe, we catch a glimpse of God.

The Father is in search of us always, His wayward sons and daughters. But as we pursue our search for God, we shall, as the search progresses, discover Christ. Wounded though we are, lost though we often seem to be, mistaken many a time in the way we should search and serve, nonetheless we come back always to Him.

Cardinal Basil Hume



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 26th March 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) – Laetare Sunday – Mothering Sunday

Saturday	9.30am	Tom Turnbull RIP
	6.30pm	Fr Gerry O'Brien's intentions
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Thomas Gerard Luson RIP
Monday	9.30am	Christopher Redlich RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	John Lohan RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Donald Hood RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Caroline Baskell RIP
Friday	9.30am	School End of Term Mass
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Cantar Traudi RIP
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule	

Stations of the Cross

This devotion provide an opportunity for us to walk the road to Calvary with Our Blessed Lord. **They will take place every Sunday during Lent at 5.45pm.**

Lately dead

Please pray for Elsie Malone, who has died recently. Her funeral will take place on **Thursday 5th April at 11.00am.** May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

PARISH NOTICES

Fr Gerry's Retirement

With the news that Fr Gerry has decided to retire as our Parish Priest, the Parish Finance Committee agreed, during a recent meeting that it would be both appropriate and good for the Parish to be able to mark Father's retirement and his forthcoming 80th birthday by holding a parish celebration. At the same time, it will give us as a parish community the opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to Father for his pastoral and spiritual care over the past 25 years.

To mark these two milestones in Father's life, the Parish Finance Committee proposes therefore to hold a parish Hog Roast and Barbecue on **Sunday 9th July** after the 10.30am mass, which hopefully Father will agree to celebrate for us. The Hog Roast and Barbecue will begin at approximately 12.00pm and end at 4.00pm, giving everyone the opportunity to socialise with Father and his family who will hopefully be there as well.

To facilitate this event, the Committee feels that it would be appropriate to arrange a second collection at all Masses shortly after Easter to cover the expected costs. Please keep your eye on the newsletter for more information as it becomes available. Finally, if you know of any former members of the Parish who would like to be present and involved, please let them know of the date and proposed arrangements.

Confirmation

We offer our congratulations to our 26 young people who were confirmed by Bishop Paul Hendricks last Sunday. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire them as they make their way through life as active members of the Church.

Congratulations

Congratulations too to Wes and Dacia Henzell on the baptism of their son Gabriel Francis on 18th March. We welcome him to the parish community.

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 8th April** 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 accompanied by an adult please - no smaller children). Volunteers who would like to help Natasha spruce up the garden - please bring gardening tools with you. Many thanks.

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday at 8.00pm** in the church. During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross followed by the Rosary. Please come along and join us during this Holy Season. Please enter by the main door of the Church.

The Passion of Jesus

On **Good Friday 14th April** 20,000 people will gather to watch the Easter story in central London. Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location in the capital. The 90-minute production is completely **free of charge** - a gift to Londoners and visitors. No tickets are required. There is a performance at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. The production is open air with visibility maximised using large screens. For further details see the church notice board.

Seven Last Words of Christ

Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ will be performed on **Wednesday 12th April** at **7.00pm** at St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden. This hauntingly beautiful piece adapted by Haydn for string quartet has seven movements, evoking the seven last words of Christ on the cross, framed by an introduction and a final "earthquake" movement.. This concert will provide a perfect opportunity for a Holy Week meditation. Tickets cost £10, (£5 for under 18s).

Heaven's Road Radio

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio is planning a new series on poverty. It plans to produce programmes on such topics as the Hungry; Homeless; Lonely; Sick and Dying; Prisoners; Refugees; Lost and Parentless Children; Slavery; Lack of Religious Freedom; lack of education; and those trapped in War Zones, Debt or Sin. If you have a story to tell or would like to get involved please email gerrycoates@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone Gerry on 07906 073376. Listen on www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now.

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.

The Pilgrim

The latest edition of the diocesan newspaper, the Pilgrim, is available in the newspaper rack in the porch. Please take one; **there is no charge**. It is very informative about what is happening in and around the Diocese.