

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: The Passion of St John the Baptist
Tuesday: Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward
Saturday: St Gregory the Great

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £616.40 Loose £285.65
Retiring collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £18.10 Loose £76.21

This weekend'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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Constance Mary Brewster, Mary Ellen O'Connor, Marguerite Guest, Mary Metochis, Ernest Woodhams, Thomas Turnbull, Zofia Jaroszynska, Margaret Boyden, John Fenton, Barry Hodges, Stephen O'Dwyer, Clara Dracas, Herbert Duckett, Charles Cutmore, Louisa Strong, Montague Davis-Brown, Mary Ann Keenan, Marie Louise Rogerson, Rachel Liddy, Antonio Amor, Cesare Orindi

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Joel Community Trust – Kingston Night Shelter

The Joel Community Trust is looking for additional volunteers for the evening and overnight shifts. St Agatha's has been providing a team on the first Tuesday each month and occasionally on other days; our contribution is greatly appreciated. All guests are carefully vetted before being admitted to the shelter. They very much look after themselves so the task is not demanding. The work is not onerous and nobody will be expected to volunteer more than once a month; indeed in many cases the demand is less.

There will be a training day on **Saturday 17th September** for anyone who has not yet done it or who would like to refresh their knowledge. Anyone who is interested in finding out more is encouraged to come along; this does not commit you to volunteering.

Please contact John de Quidt on 8549 4175 or johndequidt@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 28th August 2016

22nd Sunday of the Year (C)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Ann Colman
Monday	9.30am	Lily Bradshaw
Tuesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Wednesday	9.30am	Mary McCambridge
Thursday	9.30am	Private Intention
Friday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Patrick Sheehy
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 readings stress the importance of humility, especially for those in high places. A humble person is conscious of his own weakness, and never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from. Such a person will find favour with God and with his friends and neighbours. Pride raises a barrier to God's graciousness and to communion with our fellows.

If we want to know the quality of our love, all we have to do is look at the kind of people with whom we share our love. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God. But those who act from motives of disinterested charity will receive a reward at the resurrection. Here we also see Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

This nationally accredited certificate provides an introduction to Catholic theology for teachers, catechists, chaplains and school governors. To find out more, come to the introductory evening on **Thursday 15th September** at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS from **7.30pm—8.30pm**. For enquiries ring 020 8672 7684 9 or go to www.ccftootingbec.org.uk. Further information may be found on the notice board and at the back of the church.

Healing Signs and Wonders

On **Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th September** The Cor et Lumen Christi Community are holding a Healing Signs and Wonders gathering at the City of London School for Girls, St Giles Terrace, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8BB. The event will comprise teaching from international speakers, praise and worship, adoration, reconciliation, prayer for healing, empowerment and consolation and holy mass. Booking is compulsory because only 600 places are available. The booking fee is £15.00. To book or for further information on this and other Cor et Lumen Christi events please go to www.coretlumenchristi.org or call 01932 565747.

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. Previous days have attracted large numbers of people from across the diocese who have been uplifted by a great atmosphere of prayer as well as being challenged and encouraged by the keynote speakers. The day is highly recommended. All are most welcome.

Parish Men's Group

The parish men's group will not meet during August. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 21st September**.

REFLECTIONS

Guests at his table

Lord, we thank you for having us as guests at the banquet of the Eucharist.

Here we have listened to your word and eaten the food of eternal life.

May we go forth from here nourished, honoured, blessed, humbled yet exalted.

May we be so sure of our worth before you that the honours of this world will never ensnare us.

And in your goodness grant us a place at the heavenly banquet. Amen.

Rev F McCarthy S.D.B.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 3: 17-20 28-29

This is a wisdom text, a short series of wise sayings as though spoken by a father to his son, imparting simple advice about the virtue of humility and extolling its value in society and in one's relationship with God. The final saying suggests that true wisdom comes through reflecting on parables (in this context, wise sayings) and through listening. The practice of humility is wisdom.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews contrasts how the Hebrew people experienced God on Mount Sinai – fire, darkness, storm, thunder, voice – with how the members of the Church experience God now; by being members of a great multitude of people, living and dead, gathered not on a holy mountain but in the holy city, among whom God is present, sharing in God's holiness and that of the saints through the new covenant mediated by Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

As he watched the guests at a banquet jockeying for places of honour, Jesus is prompted to tell a parable, which he follows up with an instruction. At least, the evangelist calls it a parable, even though it lacks many of the characteristics of what we normally consider to be a parable. It is more of a hypothetical scenario than a story. The parable, at first glance, could be said to offer not much more than some clever advice for how to avoid social embarrassment. The concluding line – 'everyone who exalts himself...' – reminds us that there is a greater principle of salvation at issue here: it is through humility that one is exalted. The instruction given by Jesus to the host of the banquet expands the parable: humility is seen in one's attitude to the 'humble'.