

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: St Angela Merici  
Wednesday: St John Bosco  
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord  
Saturday: St Blaise

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £565.55 Loose £417.40  
Retiring Collection Gift Aid £9.10 Loose £53.70

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Paul & 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.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nora Curtin who has also died recently and whose requiem will be on **Wednesday 31st January at 10.00am**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Joseph Byrne, Margaret Barry, Edmundo Marcantonio, Margaret Marks, Frances Mary O'Sullivan, William Dowling, Margaret Dunne, Frederick Scott, Fr Kevin O'Hanlon, William Kelly, Desmond Pearl, William George Hedger, Mary Dann, Margaret Murphy, Dinah North, Eleanor Weldon, Edward Smith, Evelyn Bidwell, Frederic William Humm. Helen Cave, Mary Kiely, Charles Miller, Sandra Stiff, Sylvia Mitchell, Dorothy Hall, William Brenninkmeyer, Patrick Nunez, Bridget Egan, Joseph Galligan, Maude Mansfield, Margarete Hards, Luigi Mezzetta, Frank Mifsud, Johannes Korttenray, Ann Cunningham. Marilyn Celia Tinenti, Winifred Duckett, Elizabeth Sharkey, Margaret Scott, Martin Hughes, Emily Wright, Catherine Mary Fisher, Mary Cassidy, Frederick Thomas, Frances Carr.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

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.



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*Please visit our website regularly to keep abreast of important current issues.*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Sunday 28th January 2018		
Third Sunday (B)		
Saturday	9.30am	Desmond Pearl RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Dorothy Hall RIP
	10.30am	Thomas Joseph Byrne RIP
	6.30pm	Wellbeing of Frank Kelly
Monday	9.30am	Edith Knight RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Bernard Boyle RIP
Wednesday	10.00am	Requiem Nora Curtin
Thursday	9.30am	Roger Isaia RIP
Friday	9.30am	Wellbeing of Lily Bradshaw
Saturday	9.30am	Pauline Welham RIP
	6.30pm	Alan O'Reilly 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	

This Sunday, **Sunday 28th January**, is Racial Justice Sunday.

Parish Office

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries. It is open from **9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday**. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only. Information about mass times is shown on the parish website.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Racial Justice Sunday

*Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Jesus Christ.*

In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination this is a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the human being, the priorities of building peace, prosperity, just living for all, and the appreciation of one another.

Pope Francis has said "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age." We are therefore called to open our hearts to those who are discriminated, those who are lonely, and those who are hurt and feel cut off from their communities. We are invited as a community not to neglect the tragedy of suffering migrants among us. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty you gave me drink."

For more information see [catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday-2018](http://catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday-2018).

### Induction of Fr Vitalis Vaakwagh Kondo MSP

Fr Vitalis will be formally inducted as parish priest by Bishop Paul Hendricks on **Tuesday 20th February at 7.00pm**. All parishioners are invited to this joyful occasion. Arrangements for a reception will be announced shortly.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May**. There will be an enrolment meeting for Candidates and their parents on **Wednesday 21st February at 7.15pm**. If you wish to enrol for this year's programme please complete a form available from the back of the church and return it by **Sunday 11th February**. The first session will be on **Tuesday 27th February** and the Inscrption Mass will be on **Sunday 4th March at 6.30pm**.

### First Holy Communion

The forthcoming dates for the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are now as follows:

**The meeting for parents about the Sacrament of Reconciliation has now been moved to Monday 19th February at 7.30pm.**

The rehearsal for Group 1 will be on **Friday 23rd February** between **3.30pm and 4.30pm**; the Sacrament will be administered on **Saturday 24th February at 10.30am**. The rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 2nd March** with the Sacrament being administered on **Saturday 3rd March**.

### 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 as soon as reasonably practicable so that he may put your name down to start the course in January. The Rite of Election will take place in February.

### National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

A national Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress has been scheduled to take place at Liverpool from **7th to 9th September 2018**. 10,000 people have been invited, including 570 delegates from Southwark Archdiocese (two per parish). If you are interested in representing St Agatha's, please notify Fr Vitalis. *Loving God, help us to be open to the freshness of Your Spirit. Fill us with enthusiasm for the Good News. Invite us into a deeper relationship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. Make us more aware of where there is need for new life. Help us to reach out to those who feel lost or abandoned, those who are searching, those who have walked away from You and those who are eager to know Your love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*

### Pilgrimage to Fatima

We are invited to join the St Joseph's, New Malden, pilgrimage to Fatima from **Monday 28th May to Thursday 31st May 2018**. This will be led by Fr Uche Njoku, the parish priest of St Joseph's. The cost is £490 per person based on a minimum of 30 passengers. The price includes Air Portugal flights from Heathrow, full board accommodation and transfers in Portugal. Booking forms are available from the St Joseph's parish office [catholicnewmalden@icloud.com](mailto:catholicnewmalden@icloud.com). For further details see the notice in the church porch.

### World Meeting of Families – Dublin 21–26 August 2018

Looking for a way to develop your own faith and that of your family? Are you trying to rediscover the role of marriage and family life in the modern world? If the answer is YES, then the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) taking place in Dublin from **21st–26th August** will definitely be of interest. It will have as its highlight a visit by Pope Francis. The WMOF will include a wide-ranging programme of talks and workshops for adults, events for young people and activities for children, plus exhibitions, cultural events, musical performances and Daily Mass. Why not start planning your visit now, perhaps as your annual holiday? For more information contact Carole Batty on 07913 90 99 or email [carolemflkent@gmail.com](mailto:carolemflkent@gmail.com).