

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 1st May — Joseph the Worker
Thursday 3rd May — St Philip and James, Apostles
Friday 4th May - The English Martyrs

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£443.82	Loose	£590.14	TOTAL	£1247.88
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£169.50	Loose	£44.42		

Retiring collection last week was for Ecclesiastical Education.
Retiring collection this weekend is for St. Georges Cathedral.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Christina Ward, Marie Ann Xibberas, Clare Horgan, Grace Gibbs, Paul and 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Angelina King, Patrick Edgecombe, William Rutter, Alexander Wilson, Christina Brennan, Claire Paterson, Mary Bruce, William Vivian, William Purton, Margaret Mary Garvey, Victor Derrington, Angela Miles, Henry Sweeny, Helen McGowan, Tina Piccirillo, Thomas Jude Horgan, Edward Statham Rimmer, Bridget Hickey, Teresa (Tess) White, Anne Rogerson, George Frederick Worley, Alice Power, Denis McCartie, Isabel Sherlock, Charles Leite, Roland Tierney, Mary Bowen, Jeremiah Murphy, Nora Thorpe. +++ **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.

Parish Office

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 3RD MAY AND FRIDAY 4TH MAY. THE PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER EMERGENCY CALLS.

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email the Parish Secretary at parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from **9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday**. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

MASS REQUESTS

Mass intentions envelopes are available in the church entrance. When requesting a Mass, please clearly indicate the intention and whether the Mass is for the deceased, the sick or for another intention. Masses can sometimes be booked several weeks in advance so if you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you let the parish office know well ahead of time. We cannot guarantee a requested date when submitting Mass Intentions. If no date is specified or a date requested is not available, the Mass Intention will be assigned to the next open date. If you require confirmation of a Mass time and date, please provide your contact details.



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CLERGY

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Fr. Julius Otoaye MSP

Rev. Robert Beresford—Deacon

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 29th April 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 28 th	9.30am	George Hedger RIP
	6.30pm	Tina Piccirillo RIP
Sunday 29 th	9.00am	Raymond Hennessy RIP
	10.30am	Monica Donegan RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 30 th	9.30am	Wellbeing of Stewart Whyte
Tuesday 1 st	9.30am	Wellbeing of Tony & Josephine Kelly
Wednesday 2 nd	9.30am	Clara Parker RIP
Thursday 3 rd	9.30am	Private Intention
Friday 4 th	9.30am	Christine Fontaine RIP
Saturday 5 th	9.30am	Claire & Andrew Chambers RIP
	6.30pm	Private Intention of Wellbeing

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

Reflection:

We are part of the new vineyard, but we shall be able to grow and bear fruit only if we remain in Christ, the source of our life. From the Passover of Jesus springs up a new vineyard, the true one, that will cover the entire world with its branches. Those who believe in the Word of God are purified and made part of the vine. Those who hold firm to this faith extend the influence of Christ to countless other persons and thus produce much fruit. Genuine faith is contagious, and if genuine faith meets with resistance, the very resistance prompts purer and more vigorous faith. To us Christians of the present century, it would seem too simplistic to say that without Christ we can do nothing. We see that our mission is active on many fronts, and our dossiers are full of plans for adaptation and reform. But how can we give to the Church its dynamic vitality once again? How can the Gospel become once again the festive wine for the people of today? The crisis of our mission perhaps points to the crisis of our faith. What does it mean for us to believe in Christ, to 'remain' in Him? If the source is obstructed, naturally the flow of water will be scarce. If our profession of faith is lifeless and our Eucharistic celebrations are joyless, how can they attract anyone to join us? Only a convinced faith can be a convincing faith.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As you should be aware, there is new data protection legislation coming into force on 25th May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. We know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. **Please could all volunteers** let either Fr. Vitalis or the Parish Secretary know as soon as possible if this applies to you so that we can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and we thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Preparation for First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on **Sunday 29th April at 12noon.**

The rehearsal for Group 2 will be on **Friday 5th May at 3.30pm.**

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on **Sunday 6th May at 12noon.**

Confirmation

The next preparation Sessions will be on **Tuesday 1st, 8th and 11th May.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 13th May.**

Sean and Doreen Claffey RIP

We will be holding a memorial Mass for **Sean and Doreen Claffey** on **Wednesday 6th June at 11.30am.** Everyone is welcome but please RSVP to the Parish Secretary on 020 8546 4633 or parishoffice@stagathaschurch.org.uk

Aid to the Church in Need

We will be holding a special appeal for **Aid to the Church in Need** on **Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May.** Aid to the Church in Need supports important projects which are undertaken by the local Church – bishops, priests, Sisters and lay people – in the 140-plus countries where they give aid. From building churches to providing copies of their Child's Bible, the projects range from big to small and cover a whole range of ideas – including some very unusual ones – to help nurture the faith of persecuted and suffering Christians.

There will be a cake sale after the 10.30am Family Mass on the Sunday with all proceeds going to this worthy charity.

Seeking Information - Margaret Little

We are searching for any relative(s), or friends of the family, of Margaret Little of Latchmere Road, Kingston, who died on 9th May 1995, 90 years old. Her funeral was held at St. Agatha's on 19th May 1995, followed by a service at Kingston Crematorium. Please get in touch with the Parish Secretary if you can help with any information, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem.

Important Upcoming Dates

Saturday 28th April	Confirmation Group — Faith in Action Day
Sunday 29th April	First Holy Communion Mass Group 1
Tuesday 1st May	Confirmation Session
Wednesday 2nd May	Choir Practice
Thursday 3rd May	Local Government Elections
Friday 4th May	First Holy Communion rehearsal Group 2
Sunday 6th May	First Holy Communion Mass Group 2
Monday 7th May	Altar Servers Rally

St Agatha's Church Choir

The next choir practice will be on **Wednesday 2nd May from 7-8pm** in the church. If you are interested do come along and try it; if you feel you cannot commit to joining us regularly we will welcome people to join us for special services as long as you attend several rehearsals beforehand. There is no need to have sung in a church choir before and it doesn't matter if you haven't a wonderful voice it will improve with practice.

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 5th May** at **Westminster Cathedral** starting at **9.30am.** These days of prayer, held in Catholic churches and shrines, are open to everyone and are free. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. For more details please see the poster on the church notice board.

London SW Catholic Young Adults

London SW Catholic Young Adults is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact **Miles on 07790 441242.** Our next social evening is on **Saturday 5th May from 7.30pm at The Hope, Wandsworth Common SW17 7EG.**

Altar Servers' Rally 2018

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on **Monday 7th May** at **The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Bishop Paul Mason** is the principal celebrant. The annual rally gives servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. If you have not attended before please take the time to 'come and see'. All servers and their families and friends are welcome. A poster with more details is on the church noticeboard.

Altar Servers perform a very important role in liturgical services. After approx. 2 years regular serving, servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and receive the Guild bronze medal. If you or your child are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Fr. Vitalis.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. scheduled to take place in Liverpool from **7th to 9th September 2018.** 10,000 people have been invited, including 570 delegates from Southwark Archdiocese, two per parish. We are still seeking representatives from St Agatha's parish; if you are interested in representing us, please speak with Fr. Vitalis.