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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 Karin Rattray, 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

**SUNDAY 29TH JULY 2018 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (B)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK**

<u>Saturday 28th</u>	
9.30am	John and Margaret Finn RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 29th</u>	
9.00am	Tina Piccirillo RIP
10.30am	Joseph & Mafalda Di Lieto RIP
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Lily Bradshaw
<u>Monday 30th</u>	
9.30am	Special Intention
<u>Tuesday 31st</u>	
9.30am	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial Baby Katrina Eileen Quigley RIP
<u>Wednesday 1st</u>	
9.30am	St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial Requiem Mass Pietro Leo
<u>Thursday 2nd</u>	
9.30am	Lydia Mary Joseph RIP
<u>Friday 3rd</u>	
9.30am	Holy Souls
<u>Saturday 4th</u>	
9.30am	St John Mary Vianney, Priest, Memorial Denis Parker RIP
6.30pm	Phil O'Reilly RIP
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages:	Six months' notice required - Diocesan rule

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill & Mary Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan.

Due to the new data protection rules we are unable to have names on the sick list unless we have written permission from the person to publicise their names. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Douglas Francis Jakeman, who died recently, aged 100. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 31st July 2018 at Kingston crematorium. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Pietro Leo, who died on 19th July 2018, aged 84. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 9.30am at St. Agatha's followed by Kingston Cemetery at 11.30am. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Marley, Maureen McArdle, Maria Theresia Atkinson, Tom Farrelly, Baby Milo Patrick O'Reilly, Marcella Massey Hill, Mary Kate Walsh, Thomas Stapleton, Matthew Power, Kathleen Harmsworth, Bridget Anderson, Jane Black, Maurice O'Sullivan, Margaret Markey, James Owens, Frederick George Higgins, Christina Stilwell, Ted Hegarty, Joseph Goldsmith, Muriel Connellan, John Smyth, Delia Galligan, Gertrude Farrell, Freda Ross, John Dracas, Richard North, Madeleine Miller, Brian Barrett. +++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

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YOU GIVE THEM FOOD

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 144:10-11, 15-18

Today we commence five Sundays when the Gospel is taken from John's chapter on the bread of life. He begins with the miraculous provision of food to feed the physical hunger of people. The multiplication of the loaves and fishes was foreshadowed in Elisha's day by the provision of sufficient food for a hundred men from twenty barley loaves. 'Give it to the people to eat.' The accompanying psalm is a hymn of gratitude to God in which each successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet starts a verse. The verses chosen for today form a beautiful grace before meals. 'The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.' That's a most appealing picture. In my mind's eye I can see a little child, saying nothing, but with open eyes pleading to mother, 'I'd love a lick of what you are baking.' Merely to look in confidence towards God is a total prayer. Words are not necessary. The Lord is not stinting in his response. His hands are opened wide. But may we pray this psalm with a clear conscience if so many people are living without sufficient food while our pampered society suffers from overindulgence? God asks the wealthy nations to share their providential resources just as Jesus asked his disciples to distribute the bread he had provided. 'The Lord is just in all his ways... are we? The Lord is loving in all his deeds... are we? The Lord opens wide his hands... do we?'

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

CAR PARK MAINTENANCE AND MODIFICATIONS

On Wednesday 1st August the church car park will be closed from 11.30am to 4.30pm so essential maintenance can take place. When it reopens the automatic barrier will be fully operational and in action for security. The car park will be closed from 8pm to 8am every day and there will also be new markings and notices in place. Please only park in marked bays provided – this is to allow access at all times for the hospital chaplain and church staff, as well as emergency vehicles. Thank you.

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£475.82	Loose	£375.73
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£102.50	Loose	£588.91

TOTAL £1542.96

The retiring collection for last weekend was for **The Missionary Society of St Paul**, thank you everyone for your generosity.

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 1 st August	Church Car Park closed
Thursday 2 nd August	Garden Spruce up with Fr. Anthony
Wednesday 22 nd August	Parish Men's Group
Wednesday 12 th September	St Agatha's Ladies Group
Sunday 16 th September	Baptism Preparation Class

Secondary School 2019 Application Forms

Fr. Anthony or Fr. Pius will be available to sign secondary school application forms on **Tuesday 18th September 2018 between 10.30am and 12.30pm** and on **Friday 28th September between 2pm and 4pm**. No appointment is necessary, please call at the Presbytery. Please complete as much of the forms as possible and if you have any reference letters, please bring these along with you. Please bring all relating documents with you at this time, especially Baptism Certificates.

Parish Musicians

The musicians of the Parish will be taking their customary time off during the summer break. We would like to say a huge thank you to them all for everything they do throughout the year. From September they will need more musicians if there is to be an accompaniment at our usual Masses. If you can play the organ or the piano and would like to take a turn on Saturdays, at the 6.30pm Mass, or on Sunday mornings at the 10.30 Family Mass, please contact Fr. Anthony, or the Parish Secretary, thank you.

Data Protection Regulation

The new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new legislation. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish secretary.

Mass Intentions

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 ensure you provide your contact details.

"Today Christ tells us it isn't enough to distribute bread to those who haven't got any. The essential thing is to work toward the creation of a more just world, in which there will no longer be a minority owning too much, among such multitudes of hungry people." ~ Archbishop Hélder Câmara

Green Fingered Volunteers Needed!



Green fingered volunteers are needed, big and small, to help Fr. Anthony with a garden spruce up. Come along after morning Mass on **Thursday 2nd August** until approximately 12pm. Everyone is welcome, teens especially, those aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult please. Please bring your gloves, forks, rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows and watering cans and/or anything else that you can think of that would help! **A light lunch and refreshments will be provided.** Please add your name to the list on the church noticeboard or email an rsvp to the Parish Secretary. See you there!!

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. The next social evening is on Saturday 4th August from 7.30pm at The Alexandra, Wimbledon SW19 7NE.

Parish Men's Group

The Parish Men's Group will be meeting during the summer break; Men of the parish are invited to meet together on Wednesday 22nd August at the Wych Elm from 8.00pm for sharing, friendship and fun, aided by a pint or two. Please come along and join us.

Parish Office

Karin, our Parish Secretary, will be on annual leave from **Friday 24th August to Monday 3rd September**. Fr. Anthony and Fr Pius will, of course, still be available in case of emergency or a pressing enquiry.

St Agatha's Ladies Group

Thank you to those who have already been in touch, please keep your ideas coming. We will hold an initial meeting on **Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 1pm** to discuss all ideas and a schedule. Refreshments will be provided. This group will be for all the busy ladies of the Parish who want to take a break during the month and enjoy activities with others. There will be no commitment! Simply join us for the events that fit your schedule and interest. If you would be interested in joining, please contact the Parish Secretary with your details and any tips and ideas!

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 16th September 2018, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.