

Tuesday 8.00pm:

Friday 6.30pm:

PARISH DIARY

Parish Prayer Group

Senior Parishioners' Buffet Social

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St Justin

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £568.30 Loose £297.36

Retiring collection (Comboni Appeal) Gift Aid £19.00 Loose £455.45

The retiring collection this weekend 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, Kay Williams, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone & Colette Patten.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for John Chandler who died recently. The funeral arrangement will be announced this week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

Frederic Neve, Harry Fugner, Mary Golden, Cherubina Fe', Father Thomas McElhone, Martin Connell, Anne Brooks, Maria Wright, Clare Cox, Mary Woods, Charles Hewson, Bernard Emerson, Margaret Dunne, John Elliott, James Wiseman, Elizabeth Roberts, Charles Rogerson, Alice Webb, Emma Frazer, Barry Copaldas, John Kennedy, Mary Eileen Moden, Thomas Price, Father John Cremin, Francis Culligan.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday at 8.00pm** in the church for rosary, prayer and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us.

EU Referendum

Not sure of the real issues or how to vote? There will be a debate with speakers putting the case for remaining in or leaving the EU at St Paul's Church, Queens Road, Kingston, KT2 7SF on **Sunday 5th June at 6.30pm**. The debate will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 29th May 2016

Corpus Christi (C)

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Peace in our World
Sunday	9.00am	Alfred & Edith Knight
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Dorothy Hall
Monday	9.30am	Special Intention
Tuesday	9.30am	Peace in our World
Wednesday	9.30am	Private Intention
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention
Friday	9.30am	Gerry Quigley
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Special Intention
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required - Diocesan rule	

We are the People of God journeying in faith towards the Promised Land. We need food for our journey. We receive this food in the Eucharist. Here we are fed with food far more precious than the manna which sustained the Israelites in the desert. Here Christ nourishes us with the word of God and the bread of eternal life.

Sons of Divine Providence Annual Procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

This procession will take place on **Sunday 29th May** beginning at **5.00pm** at Ori-one House, 12 Station Road, Hampton Wick. It will be followed by a Jubilee of Mercy mass and refreshments in the grounds. For further information, telephone 0208 977 5130.

PARISH NOTICES

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who kindly attended parish presentations in respect of supporting the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. The Campaign Team is pleased to report that £1,175 has already been raised through gifts from parishioners, with over £1.97 million raised across the Diocese so far. This is a good start, but more funds are needed to enable the Diocese to reach its overall goal of just over £4.5 million. Archbishop Peter has identified the needs of our sick and retired clergy, who have served us so well over the years, as a priority for the Diocese and the Campaign Team will be running a small number of informal presentations in the Cloister after all Masses on **Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June 2016**. The presentations will include a moving short film featuring a number of locally retired priests and the opportunity to ask questions about the campaign. All parishioners are very welcome to find out more without any obligation. Information booklets will also be available over this weekend.

Senior Parishioners' Buffet Social

This event will be held on **Friday 3rd June** in the cloister at **6.30pm**. Tickets will cost £7.00 per head payable on the night. Those wishing to attend are asked to put their names in the box at the back of the church. The menu will comprise an assorted buffet and desert. Tea and coffee will be provided but please feel free to bring your own beer or wine. It is hoped to have a raffle on the night. All donations will be gratefully received.

Gift Aid

Please collect your gift aid envelopes from the back of the church.

Spirit in the City – Festival of Mercy

The Festival of Mercy is a Catholic faith celebration in the heart of London. It will take place from **Wednesday 1st June to Friday 3rd June**. For full details see the notice at the back of the church.

Celebrate Twickenham – Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly With Your God

This faith-filled event for all will take place on **18th & 19th June** at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. For details see the flyers at the back of the church or speak to John de Quidt.

St Catherine's School

On **Saturday 18th June** St Catherine's School, Twickenham is holding a Year 5 activities morning and open afternoon for both Prep and Senior levels. For further information or to reserve a place for either event please call Ms Chantal Goldburn on 020 3261 0142 or email cgoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk.

REFLECTION

Remembering

Jesus said to his apostles: 'Do this in memory of me.'

We all love to be remembered. This was true even for Jesus.

But if we want to be remembered, we have a duty also to remember.

Memory is a powerful thing. Wrongly used it brings death;

rightly used it brings life, and is a form of immortality.

It keeps the past alive. Those we remember never die;

they continue to walk and talk with us.

Lord when we are celebrating the Eucharist we are remembering you.

May that remembering bring us life here and hereafter.

Fr F McCarthy S.D.B

First Reading: Genesis 14: 18–20

The first reading recounts how a pagan priest-king named Melchizedek, King of Salem (probably a shortened form for the name Jerusalem), comes to greet Abraham with an offering of bread and wine and pronounces a blessing over him. The rite celebrated here is some form of thanksgiving offering, probably for Abraham's victory over his foes. In Christian tradition the offering of bread and wine was taken to prefigure the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23–26

St Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist is the earliest written account. The language used is technical and clearly formulated. Moreover, the manner of expression indicates the ecclesial authority of the teaching. The recital of the words of Jesus establishes that the account comes specifically from the Jesus tradition. One point in all this is very clear; the followers of Jesus were charged to repeat what Jesus had done at the Last Supper. This re-enactment is the 'tip-off' that these people are authentic disciples.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 11–17

Wherever Jesus was present there was always an abundance of food, wine, fish, healing, compassion and forgiveness just to name some instances. In this passage from Luke, the munificence is again encountered. Jesus takes the loaves and fish and shows that the little they have is enough to answer the hunger of the crowd. In telling the story Luke uses the language associated with the Eucharist as he tells of Jesus 'blessing', 'breaking' and handing to his disciples. The miracle of the multiplication foreshadows the action of Jesus at the Last Supper where he instituted the Eucharistic celebration in which we participate in his self-giving, sacrificial love and endeavour to live the meaning of that celebration in our day to day living.