

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: St Martha
Monday: St Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday: St Alphonsus Liguori
Wednesday: St Eusebius of Vercelli
Friday: St John Vianney

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£513.51	Loose	£440.69
Retiring Collection (CAFOD)	Gift Aid	£26.50	Loose	£41.30

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, 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, Colette Patten.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nick van der Borgh, father of Jo Long of this parish, who died recently, and for his family. The funeral will take place in South East London.

ANNIVERSARIES

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, Sheila Eugenia Taylor, Christopher Byrne, Josephine McParlane

+++ May they rest in peace +++

Fr Gerry's farewell

Fr Gerry's family have sent a card thanking all the parishioners for the wonderful reception for his retirement. They always enjoy their visits to St Agatha's and welcomed the opportunity to renew old friendships. A photobook of the farewell party has been produced. Parishioners wishing to see it should go to <https://www.bonusprint.co.uk/view-online-photo-book/e2500767-bbb6-41eb-965c-5da090150495>, via the parish website. To purchase a copy please contact Debbie Speed – deborahspeed0@gmail.com.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

Parish Priest: vacant

Deacon: Robert Beresford

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 30th July 2017

Seventeenth Sunday (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Eleanor Margaret Alexander RIP
	6.30pm	Billy McAdele RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Arthur & Robin O'Connor RIP
	10.30am	Andy & Mark Williams RIP
	6.30pm	Pennetta family's intention
Monday	9.30am	Baby Katrina Eileen RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Simon Shilston RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Lydia Joseph RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Sheila McCormick RIP
Friday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday	9.30am	Margaret Uchendu's intention
	6.30pm	Dorothy Hall 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	

Next Sunday, August 6th, is the Feast of the Transfiguration

Security of the church and presbytery

At present, the security of the church and presbytery is fully operational. Both alarms and locks are in full use. Anyone wishing to gain access to the church outside normal service times should discuss this with Fr Geoffrey in advance.

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Truth Society Bookstand

All parishioners are invited to note that the CTS bookstand has been refreshed with an array of new titles. Please take a few minutes to browse. There is some good stuff there for you to buy at very reasonable prices.

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group normally meets on Tuesdays at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, praise and intercession. You are all most welcome to join us. Because the church may be locked, please contact Francesca Gilbert in advance to clarify whether and where the group will be meeting.

PACT – (Prison Advice and Care Trust)

PACT is a Catholic charity that provides services to hundreds of thousands of prisoners, children and families each year, to offer practical and emotional support, and most of all, hope. In order that it can reach all those in need of support, it relies heavily on volunteers. It urgently needs more volunteers from this area. It offers free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. No previous experience is necessary. To find out more see the parish notice board or contact ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk.

Prudential Ride London / Surrey

This world class festival of cycling will once again pass through Kingston this **Sunday 30th July**. It will affect all those coming to morning mass by car from East of Park Road or South of Canbury Park Road. Queens Road and the lower part of Kingston Hill will be closed from 5.00am until about 11.45am. London Road and roads to Kingston Bridge will be closed from 5.00am until about 3.00pm. The route from the Portsmouth Road to Coombe Lane West, via the High Street, Clarence Street, Wood Street, Fairfield North, London Road and Coombe Road will be closed from 7.00am until about 7.00pm. Some bus routes will be affected. There will be pedestrian crossing places along the route and the town centre will remain open as normal. For further details see the map on the church noticeboard or go to PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk/road-closures.

Forthcoming Pilgrimages – see the notice board at the back of the church.

- **Marriage and Family Pilgrimage Week** – Walsingham, **12th to 20th August**.
- **Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes** from **18th to 25th August**.
- **Dowry of Mary pilgrimage** – Walsingham, **Sunday 10th September**.
- **ACN pilgrimage to Fatima** – From **12th to 15th September**.
- **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from **9th to 17th October**.

Future Clergy at St Agatha's

My dear brothers and sisters, at last I am able to give you some firm information regarding the future clergy who will be taking responsibility for the pastoral care of this wonderful parish of Saint Agatha.

I am pleased to inform you that Father Julius Otoaye MSP will be moving into the presbytery of St Agatha's on Monday 28th August. But before that date you may see Father Julius about as he will be moving his possessions into the presbytery so that Father Henry Tiku-Wenna can move into the presbytery at Saint Pius X, Norbiton. At a later date, yet to be announced, Father Julius will be joined by another MSP priest here at Saint Agatha's.

As for me, in accordance with Canon Law, as I am in my 75th year of age, the Archbishop has agreed to my retirement from being attached full time to a parish. He has also agreed that I will continue to live in the area and has asked that I make myself available to supply and help in the parishes of this deanery and in the diocese in general as and when he feels it necessary. Therefore, my final day with responsibility for St Agatha's parish will be the last Sunday in August (27th August).

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the parishioners of this parish for the care and support given to me over the last fourteen years, and to ask you to offer the same support and care to the priests who will accompany you on your individual journeys and the great task entrusted to them and to our community of making the "Kingdom" a reality here in Kingston.

Assuring you of my affection and prayers,

Father Geoffrey

REFLECTION

AT THE END OF THE DAY

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a net cast into the sea which catches all kinds of fish.

When it is full the fisherman hauls it ashore.

Then he sits down and sorts out the good fish from the bad.

The good he keeps, the worthless he throws away.

In a sense, all of us are fishers. Each day we cast our net into the sea of life.

At the end of the day we have a catch, sometimes small, sometimes large.

May we take time to sift through that catch.

And may you, Lord, give us the wisdom to know

what to keep and what to throw away.

Fr Flor McCarthy S.D.B.