

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

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+++ May they rest in peace +++

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £595.50 Loose £306.00

Retiring collection (CAFOD) Gift Aid £8.50 Loose £64.88

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD.

Forthcoming events – Parish Prayer Group

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

Mustard Seed

The next evening of praise, teaching and prayer will be on **Saturday 27th August** at St Margaret's Church, East Twickenham. More details to follow.

Healing Signs and Wonders

On **Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th September** The Cor et Lumen Christi Community are holding a Healing Signs and Wonders gathering at the City of London School for Girls, St Giles Terrace, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8BB. The event will comprise teaching from international speakers, praise and worship, adoration, reconciliation, prayer for healing, empowerment and consolation and holy mass. Booking is compulsory because only 600 places are available. The booking fee is £15.00. To book or for further information on this and other Cor et Lumen Christi events please go to www.coretlumenchristi.org or call 01932 565747.

Southwark Day of Renewal

This will take place on **Saturday 8th October** at St George's Cathedral from 9.45am to 4.45pm. More details shortly.



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 31st July 2016

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Peace in Our World
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Howard Leach
Monday	9.30am	Sheila McCormick
Tuesday	9.30am	Lydia Joseph
Wednesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday	9.30am	Private Intention
Friday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Peace in Our World
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months notice required – Diocesan rule	

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

This nationally accredited certificate provides an introduction to Catholic theology for teachers, catechists, chaplains and school governors. To find out more, come to the introductory evening on **Thursday 15th September** at the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS from **7.30pm—8.30pm**. For enquiries ring 020 8672 7684 9 or go to www.ccfootingbec.org.uk. Further information may be found on the notice board and at the back of the church.

PARISH NOTICES

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

Many thanks to all parishioners who have generously donated in order to help support our sick and retired priests in Southwark Diocese. Funds raised and pledged from the St Agatha's parish currently stand at £6,237.00. The current total in gifts and pledges across the Diocese has now reached over £2 million. We still have some way to go in order to reach our goal of just over £4.5 million and hope to organise a parish event in support of our sick and retired clergy this Autumn. If you would like to make a donation to the Campaign in the meantime, you can now do so online at www.southwarkclergysupportfundcampaign.org. Please navigate your way to the BT MyDonate button on the left hand side of the homepage. You will be offered the option of making a one-off donation or regular gift at intervals and amounts of your choosing. Alternatively traditional giving forms can be downloaded from the Donate page. The Diocese would like to express its sincere thanks for the support of all parishioners in helping to sustain our retired clergy.

Volunteers needed—10.30am family mass

Those who attend the 10.30 family mass at St Agatha's will know it's a lively service intended to be very welcoming to families; it's great to see so many children attending. Children play a active role in the service, whether reading and saying prayers on the altar or attending children's liturgy, and they are always enthusiastic and keen to participate. We have a long list of children keen to be involved.

As always, these activities happen because a group of parents spend a little time preparing each week. We are looking for some more volunteers to help to spread the (small) load more evenly. It might feel daunting at first but we have lots of resources ready prepared and at the start of next term will have a social get together where we will go through the resources, explain what needs to be done and answer any questions you may have. All with the help of some liquid refreshment. To volunteer or for more information please email Helen Mennis (helenmennis@blueyonder.co.uk) or put your name on the sign up sheet in the church porch. If you are unsure let Helen know and you can pair up with one of the existing volunteers who has done it before and see whether you feel you could help out.

Fish and chip supper

The fish and chip supper for the senior members of the parish on 22nd July was a most enjoyable evening. It also raised £90.00 for CAFOD. Many thanks for your generous support and to the organisers for their hard work.

REFLECTIONS

Heavenly glory

While out for an evening walk I emerged from an area where the streets were lit by bright lamps, and came into an open dark area. And it was only then that I discovered that the sky was full of stars. And I thought to myself:
How easily and effectively the earthly lights extinguish the heavenly ones. Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight, and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.

Flor McCarthy S.D.B.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes (Qoleheth)

The great philosopher, the author of Ecclesiastes, reflects on the pointless nature of much human striving and anxiety, which often derives from human restlessness and pride.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Paul asserts that the true disciple is faced with important choices between a life built on faith in Christ and the values of heaven and a life driven by the worst impulses of human nature. The new self must make constant progress.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 13-21

The impermanent reality of life, the suddenness with which it can end, is highlighted by Jesus in the story of the rich man and his plans for the future. Material things should always take second place to the priorities for living established by God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 13-21 (no2)

The Gospel deals with the difficulties that possessions can cause for the disciples of Jesus. Here Jesus refuses to get involved in a family dispute. Instead he focuses on the cause of the dispute – greed for possessions. His parable stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God. In his search for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, forgets eternal life, and forgets his obligations to the poor. He is truly a 'fool' because he has not known how to use wisely the wealth which he had.

Feasts for the Week

Monday:	St Alphonsus Liguori
Thursday:	St John Vianney, Patron of parochial clergy
Saturday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord

Parish Diary

Tuesday 8.00pm:	Parish Prayer Group
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