

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 9th OCTOBER TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Parish Mass Book page 149

8.00am Bridie Coleman RIP (*Frank McCluskey*)
10.00am Gary and Barry Matthew (*Carolyn Cooper-Burrows*)
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday 10th Feria
9.30am Rev Michael Keoghan (*Frank McCluskey*)

Tuesday 11th St John XXIII
9.30am For Staff at St Philip's School: In thanksgiving Living and Deceased 1990-2000 (*Daniel McCluskey*)

Wed 12th NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 13th St Edward the Confessor
9.30am Mother Aidan and Loreto Nuns (*Manche Family*)

Friday 14th Feria
9.30am Jessie Gilli RIP (*Manche Family*)

Sat 15th St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)
9.30am Phil Manche (*Manche Family*)

Sunday 16th OCT TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

8.00am Wellbeing of Vincent, Wendy and Family (*Frank McCluskey*)
10.00am Ian and Neil Gernon RIP (*Tony Gernon*)
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Readers 9th Oct 8am: Mark M
Counters 9th Oct Pauline and Peter

10am: Pauline H
Cleaners w/c 10th Sept

6pm: Paul J
Conchie, Rovena and Inoka

Readers 16th Oct 8am: Cecilia S
Counters 17th Oct Vera and Valentino

10am: Steve K
Cleaners w/c 17th Oct

6pm: Aurea C
Aurea's Group

Last Week's Offertory
£ 553.66 (of which £ 312.80 is Gift Aided)
Today there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Please use the envelopes provided in the church porch.
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*Tea and coffee are served every Sunday in the hall after 10am Mass. All welcome.*  
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The Parish Office is normally open on Mon, Wed and Fri from 10am until 12noon. All Parish Hall bookings should be made during these times.
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**If you would like Mass to be offered please write clearly and complete a brown Mass Intention Envelope. For Anniversary Masses, with a particular date, please give at least eight weeks' notice to avoid disappointment.**  
**Kingston Hospital** If you are admitted to Kingston Hospital, it is your responsibility to inform the ward staff if you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. If you are calling on behalf of a Patient in the Hospital please call the Hospital Main Switchboard on 020 8546 7711 who will contact the Chaplain.

**REFLECTION**

Today is the feast of **St John Henry Newman**, but it is of course superseded by the great solemnity of the Lord's Day. Nonetheless, it is worth pausing to reflect on the deep faith of this great modern saint who was canonized on 13 October 2019. He is one of the great Christian intellectuals of the nineteenth century and his contribution to the development of the Catholic Church in England and Wales has been immense. Popes rate him very highly as a theologian. But his greatest contribution was as a man of deep faith and spirituality which manifested itself in his love and care of the poor, the sick, the prisoner, the mourning and the broken hearted. His prayer "Trust in God" is one of the great prayers of our time, because trusting God totally through thick and thin we find so very difficult. Yet that is what we must do as we embrace the Cross of Christ. We pray for the strength of faith never to falter.

**TRUST IN GOD**

My God, you have created me to do you some definite service.  
You have given some definite service to me which you have not given to any other.  
I have my place in your plan. I may never know what it is in this life.  
But I will be told be told in the next.  
Therefore I will trust you in all things.  
If I am sick, my sickness may serve you.  
If I am worried, my worry may serve you.  
You do nothing in vain. You know what you are doing.  
You may take away my friends. You may put me among strangers.  
You may make me feel forgotten. You may make my spirits sink.  
You may hide my future from me. Still you know what you are doing and I trust you.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**I am humbled that You have given me some definite service, my dearest Lord, and I trust you.**

## **FR PETER WRITES:**

**Please do speak to me or e-mail me about any ideas or hopes you have for the development of our parish. I am open to suggestions. We cannot do everything at once and my priority must be the launching of the sacramental programmes.**

## **PRAYERS**

Newman's prayer overleaf is one of my favourite prayers and I shall place it on the parish website in a special section on prayer. If you have any prayers you would like to submit for consideration for the website, please send them directly to my e-mail address at the top of the newsletter.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

We have received so many Mass intentions for Sunday Masses that we have now run out of Sundays in 2022. We propose, therefore, to allocate intentions to Sunday Masses for 2023. If you would like to bring forward your Mass intention to an earlier Mass on a week day in 2022, please contact us as soon as possible.

## **CHURCH AND HALL HEATING**

With the help of the diocesan Central Services department we have submitted to the Property & Health & Safety Committee of the Archdiocese our plans for restoring heating in the church and hall. The Committee will consider our proposals on Monday 10 October. The latest timeline is that the heating in the church is likely to be restored by the first week of November and in the hall by 25 November. Once we have heard back from the Committee, I will write to you with the cost implications. The costs are likely to be around £50,000 for completion of all the work. This is a lot of money, but we are fortunate that the current boilers have lasted as long as they have (forty years plus). We have most the funds to cover the work, but we will be left with virtually nothing for contingencies. We shall have to discuss fundraising, loans and donations!

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)**

For FHC, application forms are now available. Please approach me directly for a form after Mass or e-mail me. Forms will soon be available on the website as well. Please return the form by **Sunday 23 October**. An initial meeting with children and parents will take place after the 10 am Mass on **Sunday 6 November, with classes beginning the following Sunday. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATES**. Classes for both children and parents (separately) will be held after the 10 am Mass every Sunday except holidays from 11.15am to 12.15pm. The First Holy Communion Mass will be held in May or June 2023. Further details on the application form.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Application forms for the Confirmation programme are now available after Mass and on the parish website. The programme is suitable for young people between the ages of 14 and 18. Those interested please approach me.

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

I am keen to organize the return of Altar Servers after the pandemic. Application forms are now available after Mass and on the parish website, and we welcome people of all ages. Safeguarding issues will be managed carefully. Training will be given to everyone by Fr Peter, irrespective of age.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Please come in for a coffee/tea in the hall after all Masses on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October and support our Macmillan Coffee Morning. **Please donate** cakes, breads, desserts etc., and bring them to the hall on the day. Every penny we raise means Macmillan can help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can. Thank you, Audry.

## **CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal**

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](https://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

## **CHOIR AT 6PM MASS**

This is a request for people of any age who would like to sing or who can play any kind of musical instrument to accompany the Sunday 6pm choir. Please get in touch with Aurea Coloma or come along for a practice before Mass.

## **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE**

Here is an opportunity to attend an online Building a Better Marriage course from 9am - 1pm on Saturday October 22. It means that you can attend from your own living room and there is no group sharing. This course is for couples with average or good marriages who would like to make them better. More details: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) or telephone 07913 904 997.

**PLEASE PRAY for the Sick especially Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Tyler Curniffe, Delia Gallagher, Marie Gilbert & Family, Martin Jackson, Steve Jackson, Paul Jarvis, David Jordan, Solomon Justin, Georgia Kelly, Paul Kwan, Teresa McDonald, Sally McKenna, Jimmy Murphy, Ryan O'Loughlin, Mark Peace, Jean Penycate, Mary Redmond, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and the residents of Amy Woodgate Residential Home.**