

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2022

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd OCTOBER 2022 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Parish Mass Book page 155

8.00am Adrian Aitken: Wellbeing after operation (*Frank McCluskey*)

Confessions – 9.20 am to 9.50 am

10.00am Fr Stephen Haylett

6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday 24th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Pdraig Colohan 80th Birthday (*Frank McCluskey*)

Tuesday 25th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Sean Fanning RIP 6th Anniversary (*Frank McCluskey*)

Wed 26th NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 27th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Sharon McCluskey: Birthday (*Frank McCluskey*)

Friday 28th SS Simon and Jude, Apostles

9.00 am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Wellbeing of Nora and Billy Leahy (*Frank Mc Cluskey*)

Sat 29th The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00 am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Daniel McCluskey (*Frank McCluskey*)

Sunday 30th OCTOBER THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

8.00am For the People of the Parish

10.00am David Elliott RIP (*Carol Billington*)

6.00pm Franco Sanfilippo RIP (*Barbara de Rennes*)

Last Week's Offertory

£ 572.79 (of which £ 364.90 is Gift Aided)

Today is World Mission Sunday and there will be a retiring collection for Missio

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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 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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Sundays 9.15am-9.45am, Saturdays 10.15am-10.45am and by appointment by ringing Fr Peter on 07921 667679 or by e-mailing him on petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk**

**Readers 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 8am: Valentino F**

**Readers 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 8am: Mark M**

**Counters 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Karen and Una**

**Counters 30<sup>th</sup> Oct Howard and Marlene**

**10am: Kate M**

**10am: Cristabela P**

**Cleaners w/c 24<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Cleaners w/c 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

**6pm: Howard B**

**6pm: Frances H**

**Jozwicki Group**

**Aurea's Group**

**Many congratulations to Sophie Dudo and Leo Osnowski who were baptized yesterday by Fr Stephen**

**REFLECTION – HOW WE PRAY**

Last Sunday the Scripture readings at Mass gave us that powerful image of Moses in continual prayer for victory in battle, with his arms - supported by his family - raised up to God. Thirteen hundred years later this image evoked Christ's outstretched arms nailed to the cross as he prayed to the Father for victory over human sin and death. Two thousand years after that, the priest at Mass similarly addresses the Father in prayer with his own arms raised up – supported by his parish family. Today's readings continue to develop our approach to prayer. They present us with the famous story contrasting the proud Pharisee, who sits at the front of the synagogue and congratulates himself on how wonderful he is, and the humble tax collector who stands at the back of the church and acknowledges his unworthiness as a sinner. The tax collector's prayer is clearly the more acceptable to God. But neither the pharisee nor the tax collector are truly the prayer model for us. It is obviously no good congratulating oneself like the pharisee. But it is also no good paralysing oneself by feeling unworthy of being in God's presence. We have all at some point felt like the tax collector; we are all unworthy of God's grace. But grace is a free gift from God which is given to us regardless of our worthiness. It is for us to accept it, thank God for it, and then to sit with confidence among God's people. Yes, we must remain humble, eschewing pride and self-congratulation. But we must combine humility with confidence in our faith and the love and mercy of God - confidence and pride in what Christ has done for us. We are proud of Christ, not of ourselves. That is enough to give us the courage to go out and tell the world about the beauty of Christ.

**Thought for the week**

**We must not let our unworthiness paralyse us and keep us away from Mass and the Eucharist.**

**We must combine humility with confidence so that we can proclaim the Good News to others.**

## FR PETER WRITES

Fr Stephen Haylett's farewell Mass at which he is presiding is taking place today at 10 am followed by a parish celebration in our church hall. All are most welcome.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING TODAY

Thank you to Audrey and her team of helpers for organizing this event, which raised an amazing £381.00! Thank you to everyone who baked and donated cakes and to all those who supported the event to help support people living with cancer. Raffle winners included Himasha Hansa, Shamila and Siobhan who will receive their prizes from Audrey on Sunday.

### CHURCH AND HALL HEATING

Preparations are underway for the replacement of the boilers in the church and the boilers and convector units in the church hall. The bulk of the work in the church will take place in the first week of November and in the hall in the second and third weeks of November. Masses will continue as now.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC)

Application forms for FHC for children between the ages of 7 and 12 are available in the church porch and on the parish website. We have extended the deadline for submission of application forms to **Sunday 30 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 13 November**. 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.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Application forms for Confirmation are now available in the church porch and on the parish website. The programme is suitable for young people between the ages of 14 and 18. Those interested please approach me. The course will start in January with the Confirmation ceremony in October 2023.

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC / ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, or if you simply want to know more about our Catholic faith, or if you are already a baptized Catholic but have not yet received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, please make an appointment with Fr Peter directly who will discuss your specific needs with you. There will be no pressure whatsoever for you to become a Catholic: it must be entirely a free choice.

### ALTAR SERVERS – PLEASE COME FORWARD

We are keen to reintroduce Altar Servers after the hiatus of the pandemic. Application forms are 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, initially by Fr Peter. This is also a good way to deepen one's understanding of the Mass.

### TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - MISSIO

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection, which will sustain the future of our Church. The collection taken today on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. *Missio* works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure

that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church. Please use the envelopes provided to Gift Aid your donation or visit *Missio's* website at [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk)

### NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual blessing of graves will take place on Sunday 6 November - 2.00pm Surbiton Cemetery and 3.00pm Kingston Cemetery. (Please assemble at the cemetery chapels).

### DEANARY REQUIEM FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The annual Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of the Kingston Deanery will take place at St. Agatha's Church, Kingston on Tuesday 15 November at 12noon. All are welcome.

### DAY FOR CATECHISTS – 12 NOVEMBER

The diocesan Day for Catechists will be held on Saturday 12th November at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral starting with registration from 10.00am and ending with Mass at 4pm. This is an in-service training day for all catechists in the diocese. If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY – AUGUST 2023

The Archdiocese is taking a group of pilgrims (aged 18-35 at the time of travel) to World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023. Provisional dates are 31st July to 7th August. To register your interest and receive more information, please go to [bit.ly/wydsouthwark](http://bit.ly/wydsouthwark) - Further information about World Youth Day is at [www.lisboa2023.org/en/](http://www.lisboa2023.org/en/)

### CARITAS SOUTHWARK

The creation of *Caritas Southwark* is our Archbishop's own initiative to help us help the poor of the diocese even more than now. *Caritas Southwark* would act as an umbrella for charities, projects and groups involved in social action in our communities; those whose important work originates from and is inspired by the Gospel, operating in accordance with Catholic social teaching. The objective is for *Caritas Southwark* to support our charitable activities in our own parish. Fr Peter would be grateful if those currently involved, or who would like to be involved, in direct action to help the less fortunate, could approach him **as soon as possible** to set up our own *Caritas Southwark* group.

**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.**

### Dates for your diaries:

30 October – deadline for returning First Holy Communion application forms.

6 November – Blessing of graves

6 November – First Holy Communion initial meeting of parents and children with catechists and Fr Peter after 10 am Mass.

12 November – Day for Catechists at St George's Cathedral.