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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 2022

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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8.00am For the People of the Parish
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9. am
10.00am David Elliott RIP (*Carol Billington*)
6.00pm Franco Sanfilippo RIP (*Barbara de Rennes*)
Monday 31st Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Rose, Tommy McIntyre and Family (Frank McCluskey)*
Tuesday 1st ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*
7.30 pm Mass: *50th Anniversary of Andrew and Ruth McKinley*
Wed 2nd ALL SOULS
The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Holy Souls*
12.00 pm Mass: *Mary Sebastian RIP*
7.30 pm Mass: *Cyril Fairman RIP (Ann Duffy)*
Thurs 3rd Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30am Mass: *FOUNDATION MASS: Edward Dennis Munnery RIP*
Friday 4th St Charles Borromeo
9.00 am Rosary
9.30am Mass: *Holy Souls*
Sat 5th The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.00 am Rosary
9.30am Mass: *Kevin Greenway (Lorna Bailey)*

Sunday 6 NOVEMBER THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00am Holy Souls
10.00am Jimmy O'Brien RIP (*Coffey Family*)
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays 9.15am-9.45am, Saturdays 10.15am-10.45am, after every weekday Mass and by appointment by ringing or e-mailing Fr Peter – contact details at top of this page.

Readers 30th Oct 8am: Mark M

10am: Cristabela P

6pm: Frances H

Readers 6th Nov 8am: Alberto R

10am: Louisa N

6pm: Kristin W

Counters 30th Oct Howard and Marlene

Cleaners w/c 31st Oct

Aurea's Group

Counters 6th Nov Pauline and Peter

Cleaners w/c 7th Nov

Conchie, Rovena and Inoka

**Last Week's Offertory
£ 696.28 (of which £ 421.00 is Gift Aided)**

Missio – very many thanks for your donations of £ 191.79.

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Archbishop's Administration Fund

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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.

### **REFLECTION – SIN BLOCKS OUT LOVE**

Imagine you are God: our universe and our entire existence would be like a speck of dust on our little fingernail! Yet the one true God loves each one of us personally, however our insignificance. That is the greatness of God. Of course, the one true God does not live in space and time like we do, so this is a poor analogy. But its purpose to portray the infinite mercy and love of our God for us and why he wants to save us from sin. Sin drives out love. Even little sins gradually wear us down and stop us from loving as we were made to love. We all experience this, even if we may not acknowledge it. This is why at the start of every Mass it is so important for the priest to remind himself and the people: "Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries." That is no formula; it is vital! We need to dig deep, very deep, to acknowledge our sins and to repent by confessing them together. And all that to prepare for what? – to make ourselves just a little bit more worthy of the love and sacrifice of Christ, the holiness of the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit – one God. The Scripture readings today ring out the great mercy of God. The Book of Wisdom tells how patient God is with us. He gives us the time and space to realise our sins and to repent. We thank God for that! Zacchaeus in the Gospel of Luke is certainly grateful. He is the chief tax collector, a rich man who had defrauded the people, a sinner, a lost soul. Yet Christ gave him time to acknowledge his sins and to repent. We thank God.

#### **Thought for the week**

Never take the start of Mass for granted! Because sin gradually drives out our capacity to love, we must dig deep, acknowledge our sins and repent by making an act of confession and contrition together.

## A MESSAGE FROM FR STEPHEN HAYLETT

"Thank you for the welcome you gave to me last Sunday. I was very touched by the kind comments that were said about my time as Parish Priest of St Catherine's in the Hall after the Farewell Mass. Thank you for the generous cheque and I plan to buy a new computer with it. My thanks also to Fr Michael Lovell and Rev Deacon John-Simon Lawson for their participation at Mass and to all the Kingston Deanery priests for their kind wishes. The most important thing is for you all to support Fr Peter, your new Parish Priest. With thanks, prayers, and blessings to you all. Fr Stephen."

## FR PETER WRITES

It was a real pleasure to have Fr Stephen return for his farewell Mass and parish celebration for his seven years as Parish Priest here. I thank him personally for his care and support during our period of handover. May God keep him well and protect him, and we look forward to having him visit us from time to time.

**DON'T FORGET:** Tuesday is the Feast of All Saints and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. All Catholics are bound to attend Mass. There are two Masses available on this day (see over) and three on the following day which is All Souls Day.

## CHURCH AND HALL HEATING

The work to install new boilers for the church begins tomorrow, Monday. We pray that all goes well and that heating in the church will be restored by next Sunday in time for winter! The work to replace the boilers and convector units in the Hall will begin in parallel and we aim to restore heating in the Hall by 25 November.

## ALTAR SERVERS – PLEASE COME FORWARD

Thank you to those who have applied to become altar servers. Application forms are still available after Mass and on the parish website. Safeguarding issues will be managed carefully. Training will be given to everyone, initially by Fr Peter. Serving at the altar is an expression of love for God and it is a good way to deepen one's understanding of Mass.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 31 JULY TO 7 AUGUST 2023

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3 star accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark> For further information, please email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.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).

## REPOSITORY / SHOP

We are all keen to restart the sale of religious objects, cards and books in our shop by the church porch. We have just about formed two groups to run and staff the shop at the morning Sunday Masses. If anyone would like to offer their services, please speak to Fr Peter or Vera our secretary.

## THE ART OF CELEBRATING MASS – PUBLIC TALK

Fr Paul Turner, Dean of Kansas City Cathedral, will give a public talk at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, on Saturday 5 November, 7 pm for 7.15 pm start. Entrance is free but donations welcome. This is a great opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Mass. More information at [www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/turner](http://www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/turner)

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

### 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 are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, **OR** if you have been baptized in another church but want to be received into the Catholic Church, **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.

### HELP THE POOR - CARITAS SOUTHWARK

*Caritas Southwark* is an initiative of our Archbishop John to help parishes help the poor of the archdiocese. It will be launched during Lent 2023. Fr Peter would be grateful if those currently involved, or anyone who would like to be involved, in direct action to help the less fortunate, could approach him after Mass today. The Archbishop has asked for one or two volunteers from each parish to attend a briefing on Saturday 5 November (10 am to 1 pm) at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral. **Fr Peter would be most grateful if at least one parishioner attend the morning briefing and report back to him.**

**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

5 November – Caritas Southwark briefing – see above.  
5 November – The Art of Celebrating Mass  
6 November – Blessing of graves – see above  
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.  
15 November – Annual Requiem Mass for deceased clergy, St Agatha's Catholic Church, Kingston.