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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 27 NOVEMBER 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A) Parish Mass Book page 82

8.00am Patrick Brownrigg RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am For the People of the Parish

6.00pm Beverley Uy RIP (*Aurea*)

Monday 28th Feria

9.30 am **FUNERAL MASS: FRANK LENIHAN RIP**
Followed by Cremation at Randalls Park at 11.45am

Tuesday 29th NO MASS TODAY (Fr Peter will offer Mass in Walsingham)
Vera Waters RIP (Manche)

Wed 30th NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 1st Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30am Mass: *Xiuzheng Wang RIP and Fushen Li RIP (Alberto Ravano)*

Friday 2nd Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Patricia Kelly and Family (*Frank McCluskey*)

Sat 3rd St Francis Xavier

9.30 am First Saturday Devotions, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
NO MASS TODAY (Fr Peter will offer Mass in Leicester - Thanksgiving (*Abraham Family*))

Sunday 4 DECEMBER SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

8.00am Wellbeing of Veronica Wainwright (*Frank McCluskey*)

10.00am For the People of the Parish

6.00pm Michael Rapazzini RIP (*Barbara De Rennes*)

Last Week's Offertory

£ 630.47 (of which £ 305.14 is Gift Aided)

Catholic Youth Services

£ 153.68 (of which £ 77.19 is Gift Aided)

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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.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Confessions: 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 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

8am: Mark M

10am: Pauline H

6pm: Kristin W

**Readers 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

8am: Alberto R

10am: Steve K

6pm: Emilia De R

**Counters 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Vera and Valentino

**Cleaners w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Sarah Tuffey

**Counters 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Pauline and Una

**Cleaners w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Conchie, Rovena, Inoka

## REFLECTION: TO PRACTISING AND NON-PRACTISING CHRISTIANS ALIKE – THERE IS A WAY FORWARD!

Today we can have a fresh start. Today, a new year begins in the Church's calendar, and we begin with Advent – the "Coming" – the **First Coming** of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, truly God and truly human. Today, we have a chance to bring renewal in our lives and to prepare to celebrate the incarnation – when God showed his love for us by humbling himself to take on human flesh and blood – to save us from sin and death and to show us just how beautiful human beings can be. The prophet Isaiah in today's first reading seven centuries before Christ, points to this coming of Christ the Peacemaker, but he is also pointing to a **Second Coming** – the end of the world as we know it – when peace will reign for ever. St Paul is also speaking of this second coming to warn us to be ready. He explains how we must prepare: "The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark.... Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ." Paul communicates a sense of urgency, because time is running out for all of us (Romans 13: 11-14). Paul singles out sins of the flesh, as well private jealousies and negative thoughts about others. We may think we are not hurting others if we keep our negative feelings to ourselves, or if we sin privately (e.g. through pornography), or if we sin with someone else by mutual consent. But there is no such thing as private sin. Sin cannot be contained. What damages one person damages those around him or her. We must heed Paul's words and act upon them and follow Christ's teaching through his Church, for in Matthew's Gospel Jesus gives us a severe warning: "stay awake.... you too must stand ready because the Son of Man (Jesus Christ) is coming at an hour you do not expect" to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom (Isaiah's reign of eternal peace) will have no end. What is the way forward then? Make use of the Sacrament of Confession over Advent to confess our sins and renew ourselves before it's too late.

### Thought for the week

**There is no such thing as private sin.**

**What damages me in private also damages those around me. Sin cannot be contained.**

## HOLY HOUR EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

Starting on Saturday 10 December

Fr Peter writes: having consulted you over a number of weeks, I have reached the conclusion that we should go ahead and introduce a Holy Hour every Saturday morning from 9.30 am to 10.30 am to include **Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction, Confessions**. The majority of the hour will be allocated to **silent prayer**. This means that Mass will be brought forward from 9.30 am to start at 9.00 am – only on Saturdays. The weekly morning Mass time remains unchanged at 9.30am, preceded by Rosary.

Adoration is a most beautiful way to develop a personal relationship with our Lord. As one gazes at the Blessed Sacrament in silence, one cannot avoid being honest and open with Christ our Saviour who reads our hearts; one cannot hide away. But do not fear: however unworthy we may feel, we experience God's pure love as we reveal ourselves to him, warts and all! As we increase in self-knowledge, and humble ourselves before the Lamb of God, so our faith and knowledge of God increases.

### ADVENT – THE COMING DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

**A free short reflection brought to you each day of Advent: Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we are encouraged to make some space to reflect and pray this advent.**

Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day *based on the daily reading*. It is an opportunity to listen to God's invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Sign up via this web site:

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64ed867&id=4f880b3b9c>

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We will not begin the Confirmation course until mid-January, so it is not too late to apply. Please e-mail Fr Peter for an application form. The course is suitable for young people between the ages of 14 and 18. The Confirmation ceremony will be in October 2023.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Christmas Carol Concert on Saturday 10 December at 3 pm at the Methodist Church, Chessington by Hook Singers. Admission Free + refreshments and raffle. Retiring Collection in aid of the **Fircroft Trust**. Contact Ruth MacKinlay 07743 234508 or Cecilia 07388 423090

### REPOSITORY / SHOP

Our thanks to Philomena and her grandson Connor for taking stock of goods in our lovely shop and placing the current stock on display. The repository or shop is up and running, but more stock will have to be ordered. Philomena will be the co-ordinator. We are building a team to staff the shop after the 8 am and 10 am Masses, and if possible after the 6 pm Mass too. Our thanks once again to Kit Brownrigg who ran the repository for many years with great dedication and success.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WELCOME THE COMING OF THE SON OF GOD

This is to give you advance notice of our Christmas Mass celebrations to welcome the coming of the Son of God.

#### Saturday morning, 24 December

- No Mass
- Confessions 10 am to 11 am

#### Christmas Eve at St Catherine's

- Family Mass at 6 pm
- Carols at 11.30 pm
- Midnight Mass, 12 am

#### Christmas Day

- Mass at 8 am and 10 am
- No evening Mass

### FUNDRAISING AND FUN! TEA, COFFEE AND MINCE PIES

The restoration of heating in the church and hall has depleted our resources. We will have to launch a parish campaign to replenish our funds. To kickstart the campaign, and to enjoy a pre-Christmas get-together, we invite everyone to come for tea, coffee and mince pies after the 10 am mass on Sunday 18 December. We will draw a raffle with some great prizes: A Fortnum & Mason hamper; two hampers from Virginia Hayward; a Holyart nativity set with 15cm high figures; two cash prizes of £50 each and other prizes. Tickets will be available from next Sunday, price £10 per ticket.

**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, Pauline Murphy, Ryan O'Loughlin, Mark Peace, Jean Penycate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**10 December** – Holy Hour begins every Saturday at 9.30 am after 9.00 am Mass.

**10 December** – Christmas Carols at Methodist Church, 3 pm in aid of the Fircroft Trust for mental health – see above.

**18 December** – Parish Christmas gathering and raffle over tea, coffee and mince pies after the 10 am Sunday Mass.

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

#### Keeping our faith alive & helping our children

*A Way of Life for Young Catholics*, by Fr Stephen Wang, Catholic Truth Society (CTS) publication, 2008. See [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org). Formerly the Catholic Chaplain to London University, Fr Stephen is currently the Rector / Head of the Venerable English College, Rome, for the formation of priests. He is also the author and creator of the *Sycamore Course* (sometimes referred as the Catholic Alpha). Fr Peter is keen to run the Sycamore course in the parish in 2023 for parishioners or indeed for anyone who would like to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith.

*Sycamore: the Catholic Faith explained*, by Fr Stephen Wang, CTS publication, 2021.