

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 4 DECEMBER 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A) Parish Mass Book page 85**

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

**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am For the People of the Parish

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

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Cyril Fairman RIP (*Mary Banks*)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> St Nicholas**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Catherine Osungu RIP (*Louisa Nkohkwo*)

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> NO MASS TODAY**

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Morimasa Horinchi RIP and Horinchi Family  
(*Manche Family*)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Daniel James Crimmen RIP (*Crimmen Family*)

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Mass: Loreto Ancheta RIP (*Aurea Coloma*)

9.30am d **Holy Hour** to include Exposition and Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

**Sunday 11 DECEMBER THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)**

8.00am Sharon Moir RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)

10.00am Cyril Fairman RIP (*Pat Fairman*)

6.00pm For the People of the Parish

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 8am: Alberto Ravano**

**10am: Steve Kearney**

**6pm: Emilia De Rennes**

**Readers 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 8am: Cecilia Suarez**

**10am: Kate Moir**

**6pm: Paul Johnston**

**Counters 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Pauline and Una**

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

**Conchie, Rovena, Inoka**

**Counters 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Howard and Marlene**

**Cleaners w/c 12<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Audry and Siobhan**

### Last Week's Offertory

**£ 601.92 (of which £ 310.00 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, Tues, Thurs 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: PEACE AT ANY PRICE?

In the first week of Advent we focused on examination of our conscience. In the second week we ask ourselves "Who is this Jesus?" Who is this Jesus that I love so deeply, in whom I live and breathe and have my very being? To help us answer this question, John the Baptist becomes the central figure of Advent. It is he who points the Apostles to Jesus. John is the last of the prophets to herald the coming of the Son of God. Today we are so very blessed, because we know so much more about Jesus than did John, or the Apostles before Christ's Resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Apostles' minds were even more filled with fog than our own. It was John who pointed to Jesus and declared him the "Lamb of God" – the sacrificial lamb who takes away the sins of the world. We know that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, truly God and truly human, the second person in the Holy Trinity, who conquered sin and death, whose reign has begun in the Church on earth, in purgatory and in heaven. We know him as Christ the healer and Christ the peacemaker. What is the price of peace in this sinful world? Is it the dilution of our faith for the sake of including everyone no matter their actions and beliefs? Is it to water down of our faith for a comfortable life? Is it even the loss of our faith to please others, the ultimate denial and rejection of our Lord Jesus Christ to make others feel comfortable? If that is what it takes, then it will be a false peace. It will be a diabolical peace. It will not be peace. John the Baptist and Jesus both died for a very special type of peace – the peace of God, not of Man. What is the price of peace? – the blood of the lamb of God, sacrificed to save us from sin and death. The only path to true peace is through Jesus, whose sacrifice has brought us the new and eternal covenant for the forgiveness of sins. The Scripture readings in this second Sunday of Advent remind us that the Christian journey is not for the fainthearted. Objective truth and unconditional love go hand in hand unto death. We can hide nothing from Christ and we trust him to help us carry our cross as we follow him.

**Thought for the week: let us strive to bring the peace of Christ to all the world**

## OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM

Fr Peter writes: I want to share with you my great pleasure over recent days at joining our Archbishop John Wilson in Walsingham and some 20 priests who were ordained in the last eight years for the archdiocese. Archbishop John brought us together as our shepherd to guide and inspire us to develop our inner life in Christ so as to serve you the people. It was a prayerful atmosphere, at the same time relaxed and full of fun. The Archbishop wanted to give us plenty of time to pray and contemplate. He focused us on how Mary brings us to Jesus, by doing the will of God, and how humbled we are that we have been given this role in life. He spoke of the gifts from the Holy Spirit given to all of us. He stressed the importance of the Rosary in our prayer lives – like an album of scenes from the life of Christ and his blessed mother. We concelebrated Mass at midday in the Basilica on two days. There we held you in our thoughts and prayers. Archbishop John saw each one of us individually for up to fifteen minutes to ask us about our priesthood and about our parishes. He would like to visit us at some point in 2023 and I look forward to our welcoming him at a Sunday Mass.

## HOLY HOUR

Please note that from Saturday 10 December Mass will move from 9.30 am to 9.00 am, and this will be followed immediately by a Holy Hour comprising **Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction, Confessions**. The first half hour will be allocated to **silent prayer and meditation**. (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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### 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

**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.*

## FUNDRAISING AND FUN!

### RAFFLE, 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 on the day 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 are available from today, price £10 per ticket after all Masses. Please do buy tickets, for friends and family as well as for yourselves! Write your name on the ticket once you have bought it and hand it in to the raffle helpers before you leave.

## 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR TWO BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN WHO WERE BAPTISED LAST WEEK-END AT ST CATHERINE'S:**  
**ISABELLA OLIVEIRA**  
**DENIS HARRINGTON**