

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 2023

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 8 JANUARY 2023 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A) Parish Mass Book page 118**

8.00am Deceased members of the Towning and Hanby families RIP (*Philomena*)

**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am Wellbeing of John and Maureen Kinahan and family  
(*Brownrigg Family*)

6.00pm For the People of the Parish

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

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Tommy McIntyre (*Sharon McCluskey*)

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

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Conor Ryan RIP and Eilis Ryan  
(*Manche family*)

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> No Mass today**

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Ned Geoghegan (*Rose Walsh*)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Mrs Broadbridge (*McLoughlin family*)

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.00am Mass: Frank McCluskey (*Cecilia Suarez*)

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

**Sunday 15 DECEMBER SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

8.00am Wellbeing of Jim, Pauline and Mark Murphy (*Brownrigg Family*)

10.00am Wellbeing of Mary Banks (*Brownrigg Family*)

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 8<sup>th</sup> Jan

8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Rovena Gocllari

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Readers 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

8am: Alberto Ravano

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

Counters 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

Vera and Valentino

Cleaners w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Jan

Audry and Siobhan

### **Last Week's Offertory**

**£ 739.30** (of which £ 351.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £169.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £218.80 cash)

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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, Tu, 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.



## A BIG THANK YOU

Fr Peter writes: A very big thank you for your kindness and generosity in your Christmas offering to me. I am very touched and grateful to you. I feel hugely privileged to be here among you. Our Christmas at St Catherine of Siena has been so beautiful. I feel the action of the Holy Spirit here in our midst. The celebration of the birth of our dear Lord Jesus Christ has filled us with love, a love expressed in the parish Crib overleaf. Let us spread that love beyond the parish to the community of Chessington and Hook.

Thank you also to those who have laboured gladly in the parish vineyard over the last year and to those who helped with the various preparations for the Christmas services. There was a great feeling of peace, understanding and co-operation. Indeed, the atmosphere was truly joyful.

We remembered my predecessor, Fr Stephen Haylett, in our prayers at the Christmas services. We thank him for his many kindnesses and for his service, and we wish him every happiness in his retirement. We thanked our Archbishop John Wilson, our former Area Bishop Paul Hendricks and our new Episcopal Vicar Canon Gerard Bradley for their support and guidance.

I am so looking forward to the year ahead, but we must brace ourselves as there will be a lot to do. We shall have to turn once again to some serious fundraising. Until we rebuild our reserves after the expense of restoring the heating in the church and the hall, we shall have to avail ourselves of some interest-free loans where available. These will provide a cushion so that we may lead a full and active parish life, helping others as well as making some further repairs to the parish estate.

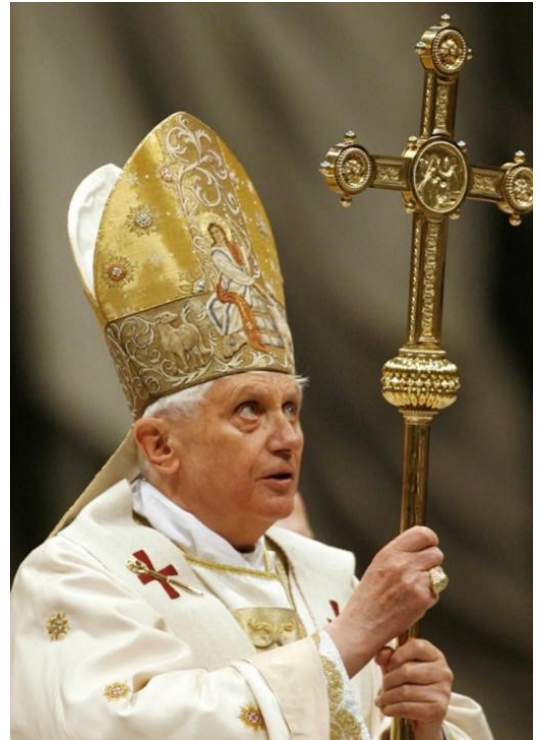
**Parish meeting:** I have been looking for a date later in January when the parish can once again gather together to consider our priorities and opportunities. I propose to gather us on **Saturday 21 January at 11 am**. I will confirm this date in next Sunday's newsletter, but please pencil this into diaries now. May God bless you and keep you well and faithful throughout 2023.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – LAST CALL

Please bear with me as we work to set up the Confirmation course for our young people. This is now your last chance 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 or November 2023. Please remember that if you have applied, you are entitled to a free copy of Fr Stephen Wang's excellent CTS booklet, "A Way of Life for Young Catholics" (which is also appropriate for old Catholics!). Copies are on display in the church porch.

**PLEASE PRAY for the sick especially** Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Joyce Crooks, Tyler Curniffe, Delia Gallagher, Marie Gilbert & Family, Martin 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.

## OUR WONDERFUL POPE BENEDICT XVI



*71 years of Homilies, innumerable essays, 66 books, 3 Encyclicals, 4 Exhortations, and all summed up in Benedict's last four words: "I love you Jesus." Throughout his life he shone the light of Christ on the world. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

## YOUR PRAYERS FOR PETER JUDGE RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Judge. Many of you will know Peter, a longstanding parishioner here, who has recently died, We pray for his family at this difficult time.

## REFLECTION – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Baptism of Jesus is the third manifestation of his divinity and his humanity in the Christmas liturgical period. The first manifestation was the **Nativity** of the baby; the second was the revelation to the Three Wise Men who came to adore the baby that Christ came to save all nations, not just Israel – the **Epiphany**; and the third is the **Baptism** of the adult Jesus in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. Here, God as Trinity is present: the Father in the voice from above, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descending on Jesus, and Jesus himself as the beloved Son of God. The Church celebrates these three manifestations. In the Orthodox east, today's feast is known as the *Theophany* – the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. Now Jesus begins his ministry on earth to bring the Good News of his conquest of sin and death. He begins by proclaiming: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." Everything has been done for us to reach the kingdom when we die. The crucial question for us now is this: **Are we truly prepared to live the sacramental life of grace, to keep God's commandments, to love one another as Christ loves us, and to examine our conscience and repent so as to reach the kingdom? Or are we simply going through the motions? Our life depends on how we answer this question. The journey continues.....**