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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 29 JANUARY 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) Parish Mass Book page 130

8.00am Francis, Kevin and Charlie McCluskey RIP (*Frank McCluskey*)

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am For the People of the Parish

6.00pm Bill Woolliscroft RIP - Birthday (*Julie Woolliscroft*)

Monday 30th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Felicitas Ancheta RIP (*Aurea Coloma*)

Tuesday 31st No Mass today

Wed 1st Feb No Mass today

Thurs 2nd THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Anna, Monika, Luisa Cecylia Musial, Jan & Slawek

Friday 3rd St Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Frank, Sharon and Daniel McCluskey
(*Carolyn Cooper-Burrows*)

Sat 4th The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass: Get Well: Maura Clune (*B and M Clune*)

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

Sunday 05 JANUARY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

8.00am Wellbeing of Frank McCluskey and Family
(*Brownrigg Family*)

10.00am Steve Jackson RIP (*Pauline Holman*)

6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Last Week's Offertory

£ 799.03 (of which £ 310.40 is Gift Aided envelopes, £169.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £319.13 cash)

Crib £ 390.54 in aid of The Good Counsel Network

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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.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Alex Duval

6pm: Kristin Walsh

Readers 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Pauline Holman

6pm: Frances Harryman

Counters 30<sup>th</sup> Jan Pauline and Una

Cleaners w/c 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

Conchie, Rovena and Inoka

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING / HEALING – CHRIST THE HEALER

The Sacrament of Anointing, also known as the Sacrament of Healing (and in the past known as the Last Rites or Extreme Unction – “final anointing”) is a most beautiful sacrament established by Jesus who constantly healed the sick and dying. This is a much neglected sacrament. Many people see it as anointing immediately before death, and they don't call a priest to administer this sacrament until the very last minute, fearful that the sight of a priest may hasten the death of a loved one. This is a healing sacrament and can be received many times when one is in distress. This applies also to mental illness and depression. The priest usually administers this sacrament privately and individually at church, after Mass or at an appointed time, or at home or at a hospital bedside. If you go for a surgical operation under General Anaesthetic, for example, do come first and receive this sacrament of healing. It does not take long. For those who are approaching death, the sacrament can be combined with the Apostolic Pardon: “By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and remission of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

**PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE – EMBRACE CHRIST THE HEALER**

**REFLECTION ON THE BEATITUDES:** The Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel today show us how to live the Ten Commandments in a Christ-like way, with humility, love, peace and truth in hearts that are pure. The Beatitudes inject the Commandments and the Old Testament law with pure love and peace - Christ's unselfish love and peace. Jesus starts the Sermon on the Mount with this teaching – this is how the Christian behaves and this is how the Christian then goes on and fulfils the rest of the Sermon on the Mount, loving one's enemy, accepting that Christian marriage is forever..... etc

## WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD UP OUR PARISH SECOND PARISH MEETING

Monday 30 January 7 pm

Fr Peter writes: Copies of my letter to all parishioners about planning for the future of our parish is still available in the church lobby. Before we begin to consider priorities and organize ourselves into teams to develop our parish, I am holding a second parish meeting on Monday 30 January at 7.00 pm for those who were unable to meet last Saturday. Please come to the church in the first instance and do read my letter to you before you come. There will be copies available also at the meeting. I have already had some good suggestions and comments about gathering the parish together and on fundraising.

Central to our planning should be to implement the vision set by our **Archbishop John Wilson** for Southwark to be a **MISSIONARY DIOCESE**. That means focusing on evangelization (spreading the Word of God), catechesis (ensuring we have a firm understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church) and good formation of disciples (those best placed to explain the faith to newcomers). None of this is easy. It is very much a question of whether we truly believe in Jesus Christ as true God and true man, and whether we want to tell others the Good News.

### Christmas Crib donation to help women and their unborn babies The Good Counsel Network

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Good Counsel Network through the Crib donation. We collected **£390.54** – the Good Counsel Network for over 25 years has done excellent work in supporting women who might otherwise have been driven to abort their babies. The Network website says:

• Do you have a parishioner who is pregnant and worried or someone who is actively considering or planning to abort? • Do you need advice for someone who has had an abortion and who is suffering? Visit our website [www.goodcounselnet.co.uk](http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk) or call us: **020 7723 1740** or e-mail us at [info@goodcounselnetwork.com](mailto:info@goodcounselnetwork.com)

**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.

### ST CATHERINE'S SACRAMENTAL COURSES

- **Confirmation** group: every Friday 6.15 pm to 8.00 pm
- **First Holy Communion** children and parents: every Sunday 11 am to 12 noon every Sunday.
- **RCIA** for adult Baptism and Reception – every Sunday 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm.

### CAN YOU HELP SANDRA?

Sandra Dos Santos Jimenes is the Chaplain at the **Holy Cross School**. She is looking to rent a one-bedroom flat. She is single (with no pets). If you have any suggestions about accommodation, please ring her on 020 8714 5049 or e-mail her at the following address: [sandra.s.jimenes@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.s.jimenes@gmail.com)

### FUNERAL: PETER JUDGE RIP

10 February 11.40am at Kingston Crematorium  
Family flowers only, donations to Kingston Hospital

### NEWS IN BRIEF – DATES FOR DIARIES

#### Racial Justice Sunday Mass

5 February 10:00 am  
at St George's Cathedral

On Sunday 5 February, the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday.

#### Sharing the Church's Story: Saturday 11 February 2023

On 11 February, between 10 am and 5 pm at the QEII centre (London), Catholic Voices, the Word on Fire Institute and the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom will be hosting a one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story'. The vision of the conference is to bring people together in person for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission. **Bishop Robert Barron** will be the keynote speaker. All are welcome.

Find out more details by clicking the link below:  
<https://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com/>

#### Fr Peter's Induction Mass

A parish event  
Saturday 18 February at 12 noon  
followed by a light buffet

#### Caritas Southwark Inauguration Mass

18 March 12.30am St George's Cathedral  
Action to help those in need

### WORLD YOUTH DAY: 31 July to 7 August 2023

There are a few remaining spaces on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day from 31 July to 7 August 2023. The price is £1,396, which includes flights, 3\* B&B accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you're 18-35, please book by 31 January to secure the above price. For full details and booking link, <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For queries, e-mail: [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

### BE AWARE – THREAT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION, THOUGHT, SPEECH, AND EVEN PRAYER: STATEMENT OF OUR CATHOLIC BISHOPS

"On 30 January the Government's Public Order Bill will be entering the report stage in the House of Lords. **Clause 9**, which was an amendment to the Bill in the House of Commons last autumn, introduces the '**offence of interference with access to or provision of abortion services**'. This clause will criminalise a range of activities within a 150m radius of an abortion service, under the broad premise of 'interference'. Problematic for freedom of religion, expression, and association, are many of the terms. These include: 'seeks to influence', 'persistently, continuously or repeatedly occupies', 'advises or persuades, attempts to advise or persuade, or otherwise expresses opinion'. Clause 9 could extend trends seen at a local level, where Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Bournemouth and Birmingham have set a dangerous precedent and banned, amongst other activities, prayer and the recitation of Scripture. Recent police actions have further exacerbated the concerns of Catholic bishops, and many others, regarding the broad legislative proposal of Clause 9 and its implications for freedom of religion, belief, expression, and association..."