

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 FEBRUARY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A – Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book page 133

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

**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am Steve Jackson RIP (*Pauline Holman*)  
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Gilbert and Francina Manche RIP (*Manche Family*)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Wellbeing of Joanne Pereira (*Pereira Family*)

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> No Mass today**

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

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Brian Duffy RIP (*Ann Duffy*)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> St Scholastica**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Patrick O'Toole RIP (*B and M Clune*)

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Lourdes**

9.00am Mass: Fr Ed Hartley RIP (*Manche Family*)  
9.30am **Holy Hour** - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

Sunday 12 FEBRUARY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

8.00am Wellbeing of Fr Brian Maxwell (*Brownrigg Family*)  
10.00am Mary Anne Sorci RIP (*Pauline Holman*)  
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Readers 5th Feb 8am: Mark Murphy

Readers 12th Feb 8am: Volunteer

Counters 6th Feb Vera and Valentino

10am: Pauline Holman

10am: Steve Kearney

Cleaners w/c 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

6pm: Frances Harryman

6pm: Emilia de Rennes

Audry and Siobhan

## Last Week's Offertory

£ 804.81 (of which £ 379.11 is Gift Aided envelopes, £169.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £256.20 cash)

**TODAY there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice**

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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.

## THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF PRACTISING CATHOLICS

**Sacrament of Baptism** – please speak to Fr Peter before fixing a baptismal date and reception venue.

**Sacrament of the Eucharist** – see above, Mass times

**Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance**

Confessions: Sundays 9.15am-9.45am, Saturdays 9.45 am -10.15 am during Holy Hour, and after every weekday Mass or

by appointment by ringing or e-mailing Fr Peter

**Sacrament of Confirmation** – annual course for baptised young Catholics – please apply to Fr Peter

**Sacrament of Marriage** – please speak to Fr Peter at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

**Sacrament of the Sick** – on request. The sacrament can be administered after weekday Mass or at one's residence. Please try to give notice if at all possible.

**Sacrament of Ordination and consecration** to the sacred Priesthood and Religious life – if you think you may have a vocation, please speak to Fr Peter who will connect you with our diocesan vocations director.

## ST CATHERINE'S SACRAMENTAL COURSES

- **Baptism course** – as required
- **Confirmation**: every Friday 6.15 pm to 8.00 pm
- **First Holy Communion** children and parents: every Sunday 11 am to 12 noon.
- **To become a Catholic** - RCIA course for adults – every Sunday 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm
- **Marriage preparation** - Please do not finalise the wedding date or a church venue or a reception venue without first speaking to Fr Peter

**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.

## WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD UP OUR PARISH NEXT STEPS

Fr Peter writes: Over thirty of you attended the two parish meetings and some of you have spoken and written to me with supportive comments on the contents of my recent letter to you all about the future of our parish. There has been overwhelming support for the parish vision for developing the parish over the next few years. The next steps are to:

- agree a phased plan (e.g. a five year plan) reflecting priorities for further refurbishment with timescales;
- form teams as mentioned in my letter to help with both the spiritual and physical needs of the parish and to help deliver the phased development plan;
- launch a fundraising campaign tailored to each phase to be delivered.

I will write to you again fleshing out these next steps. We need to pace ourselves; we cannot do everything in one go. We need to ensure that at all times the parish remains on a firm financial footing. Our top priority remains as spoken to implement the vision set by our **Archbishop John Wilson** for Southwark to be a MISSIONARY DIOCESE to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. 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).

## NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 7-14 FEBRUARY PROTECT YOURSELVES AND YOUR CHILDREN SPREAD THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### From our Bishops of England and Wales

The fundamental message of *Marriage Week* is that marriage is worth investing in, because all the research shows that stable families make for a happier society. It's also really important to keep working on a marriage. Couples who do so are more likely to stay together. All God's people are called to live a life of holiness through their vocation. Spouses, through the vocation to marriage, should follow their own path to holiness, which is sustained by the grace of the Sacrament.

### Prayer for Marriage

*Let us pray in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage during Marriage Week.*

God our Father,

we pray in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage and for each couple that you join together in order to make a family.

We ask that every marriage brings each couple closer to you and to holiness.

We pray for those who are struggling in their marriage at present,

that they can make it through this tough time and support each other in their differences. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Today the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: **"All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together."** It reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year's *Racial Justice Sunday* and Pope Francis' visit to Canada in July 2022 when he spoke about looking towards a future of "Justice, healing and reconciliation".

### Prayer for racial justice:

God of our past, present and future, you created each one of us in your image and likeness, help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism, lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we may create a future based on justice and healing, where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## NEWS IN BRIEF – DATES FOR DIARIES

### Baptism for baby Jimmy Toohey

Congratulations to Jimmy whose baptism takes place this afternoon, 5 February.

### Funeral: Peter Judge RIP

10 February 11.40am at Kingston Crematorium.

Family flowers only, donations to Kingston Hospital.

### 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

## REFLECTION – SPREAD THE LIGHT OF CHRIST – SHOW THAT CATHOLIC MARRIAGE IS STABLE

This individualistic, selfish, consumerist, greedy and "me-first" society which the atheistic secular "progressives" have created is devastating our families and our societies, and children suffer more than anyone else. While children are resilient, the adults they become are less so. We must do everything possible to protect children and marriages. 50% of marriages in the UK break up, and the Catholic average is not much better. The days when couples stayed together for the sake of the children have gone. Yet that is precisely what couples must do. Children come first and foremost. It is a responsibility given to each one of us by God who gives us a share in the act of creation. We have a chance to spread the **LIGHT OF CHRIST** in our world, damaged by divorce and family break-up. Moreover, the proliferation of broken families has increased the demand for homes and energy which in turn adds to global warming. Pray.....

**Marriage Care: Become a Relationship Counsellor - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk) – Training course starts soon.** Link here - [www.cbcew.org.uk/training-marriage-care-become-a-relationship-counsellor/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/training-marriage-care-become-a-relationship-counsellor/)