

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12 FEBRUARY - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A – Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book page 136

8.00am Wellbeing of Fr Brian Maxwell (*Brownrigg Family*)
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mary Anne Sorci RIP (*Pauline Holman*)
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday 13th Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Aggie Keoghan and Family (*Frank McCluskey*)

Tuesday 14th SS Cyril, Monk and Methodius
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Mary Banks (*M & J Kinahan*)

Wed 15th No Mass today

Thurs 16th Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Peter Judge RIP (*B and M Clune*)

Friday 17th Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Holy Souls

Sat 18th The Blessed Virgin Mary
No Morning Mass or Holy Hour

12.00 noon Fr Peter's Induction Mass as Parish Priest, with Canon Gerard Bradley, Episcopal Vicar for South West London presiding.

Sunday 19 FEBRUARY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8.00am Brian Duffy RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)
10.00am Evelyn Murphy (*Siobhan Coffey*)
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Readers 12th Feb 8am: Mark Murphy
Readers 19th Feb 8am: Cecilia Suarez

Counters 12th Feb Karen and Peter

10am: Steve Kearney
10am: Kate Moir

Cleaners w/c 13th Feb

6pm: Emilia de Rennes
6pm: Kristin Walsh

Jozwicki Group

Last Week's Offertory

£ 796.62 (of which £302.46 is Gift Aided envelopes, £169.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £324.66 cash)

Catholic Association for Racial Justice
£ 78.47

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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 and don't leave it to the last minute. It brings consolation to the dying as well as healing to the sick.  
**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 Sheehy, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.

## **CONTINUING REPAIRS AND REFURBISHMENT WITH HELP OF GENEROUS DONORS**

Fr Peter writes: I am pleased to say that thanks to the generosity of one parishioner and the efforts of a professional painter, the Parish Hall has been repainted, along with the toilets and the lobby area. It has certainly smartened the hall. Our cleaner, Sarah, has also done a great job cleaning up the general mess.

Another parishioner has provided a £15,000 interest free loan to provide us with a financial cushion until our fundraising programme gets underway. All the light fittings in the hall, the stage area, kitchen and lobby have been changed and upgraded to energy efficient LED lights. New and clearer light fittings have been installed in the emergency exit areas to comply with Health & Safety guidelines. The outside lights, which rarely worked, have been replaced with energy-efficient lights with sensors making the area between the church and the Hall safer.

All the pendant lights in the church have been replaced (some had expired) with energy-efficient lights which are brighter. The lights have also been changed over the emergency exits at the back of the church for safety.

I am pleased that our technical helper Ronnie has fixed the audio-visual equipment both in the church and in the sacristy / conference room. A big thank you to Ronnie. This will be a great help as we continue to launch teaching and learning programmes.

We are continuing to work on developing a medium term plan to enhance the fabric and the beauty of the parish estate. This stewardship is linked to our mission to form ourselves into disciples of Christ. As I mentioned last week after our two parish meetings, 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 recent 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.

## **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

These courses are now taking a break for half term. The FHC course will recommence on Sunday 26 February and the Confirmation course on Friday 24 February. For the first time we are trialing the SYCAMORE course for Confirmation, produced by Fr Stephen Wang, the author of the pamphlet "*A Way of Life for Young Catholics*" (Catholic Truth Society – on display in the church lobby) with which many of you are now familiar. If SYCAMORE proceeds well, we can set up a special enquiry course for non-Catholics and lapsed-Catholics.

## **REFLECTION – KEEP GOD’S COMMANDMENTS**

If we were given a choice between on the one hand having all our sins forgiven never to sin again and on the other hand being healed of all our sicknesses never to fall ill again, which of these would we choose? Our answer will have a bearing on how we treat Christ’s teaching in the Sermon on the Mount in today’s Gospel. Jesus is not mincing his words. We have to keep the commandments. That is real wisdom, not the wisdom of this world which encourages personal gain. Here Jesus is giving us guidance on how to live a good life and avoid sin. Forgiveness of our sins leads us to everlasting life with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The healing of our physical illnesses leads to a finite life on this globe. Only by avoiding sin and keeping the commandments can we realise our destiny to be united with our Father in heaven.

## **HELP!**

### **Fr PETER’S URGENT CALL AFTER MASS TODAY**

I need as many **able bodied** people as possible to help me move the chairs from the library and the sides of the hall onto the stage in order to free the space for the laying of a new floor in the lobby, kitchen and library areas (I suggest we form a human chain!). The main floor of the hall will also be cleaned and polished. All this is again being funded by a generous donor.

### **URGENT CALL TODAY - ALTAR SERVERS**

I would be most grateful if all those who submitted application forms for altar serving approach me after Mass today?

## **INDUCTION MASS**

### **SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY 12 NOON**

Our main focus at the moment is to prepare for Fr Peter’s induction as your Parish Priest at Mass on Saturday 18 February at 12 noon. The parish will then gather for refreshments in our Parish Hall. As mentioned previously, this is a public occasion at which the Parish Priest makes certain commitments which are reciprocated by the people. There will be around fifteen priests concelebrating and a fair number of people from other parishes. Fr Peter has invited ministers from other Christian denominations. We hope as many of us as possible will be able to gather to celebrate our lovely church and parish.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF – DATES FOR DIARIES**

### **THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT PHILIP MOGER**

Tuesday 21 February at 12.30 pm

The Episcopal Ordination of the Bishop-Elect will take place in St George’s Cathedral on Tuesday 21st February at 12.30 pm. All are welcome to attend but you are asked to be seated by midday. For those unable to attend in person, it will be possible to join the service via livestream at <https://bit.ly/EpiscopalOrdination23>

### **CARITAS SOUTHWARK INAUGURATION MASS**

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