

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 19 FEBRUARY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A-Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Mass Book p 139*

8.00am Brian Duffy RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Evelyn Murphy (*Siobhan Coffey*)

6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Monday 20th NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY

Tuesday 21st St Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Lily Kirk (*Frank McCluskey*)

Wed 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass with distribution of Ashes: Holy Souls

7.30pm Mass with distribution of Ashes: Holy Souls

Thurs 23rd Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Mrs Evelyn Lobo RIP-1st Anniversary (*Lobo Family*)

Friday 24th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Requiem Mass: Margaret Garner RIP

Sat 25th Feria

9.00am Mass: Jake Andrews (RIP) and Andrews Family
(*Manche Family*)

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

Sunday 26 FEBRUARY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

8.00am Dennis Allen RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)

10.00am Emmet McLoughlin RIP (*Kay McLoughlin and Family*)

6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Readers 19th Feb 8am: Cecilia Suarez

Readers 26th Feb 8am: Valentino Ferdis

Counters 19th Feb Howard and Marlene

10am: Kate Moir

10am: Cristabela Pereira

Cleaners w/c 20th Feb

6pm: Kristin Walsh

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

Aurea's Group

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.

Last Week's Offertory

£ 846.44 (of which £309.50 is Gift Aided envelopes, £199.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £337.44 cash)

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Support Fund. Envelopes will be handed out after Mass.

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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 12n oon**. 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.

### 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.

**A VERY MOVING DAY  
PARISH PRIEST INDUCTION MASS**

Fr Peter writes: I would like to thank the parish as a whole for organizing a truly wonderful day for my induction as your Parish Priest. I am so grateful for all the hard work behind the scenes to bring the parish together. Guests and priests from outside the parish commented on how kind and welcoming you all were. I have to say that as I write this on the evening of the day of my induction, I feel the weight of responsibility for your wellbeing more than ever! It is my responsibility to make sure you are properly fed with Christ's spiritual food so that you grow in faith and understanding – so that together we all grow in faith and understanding. I have no doubt that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will look after each other. I pray that I will remain here with you for some time. I would like to thank our Episcopal Vicar for SW London, Canon Gerard Bradley, and all my brother priests for coming to support us. A special thank you also to our guests - Methodist Minister Mark Wakelin, CofE Rev Luke Wickings of St Paul's, Hook, and the Leader of the Council of the Royal Borough of Kingston, Andrea Kirsch and his wife, Griseldis – both of whom are our elected representatives for the Chessington South Ward. And a special thank you to our organist, Paul Reeves.

**ALTAR SERVERS TEAM  
IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE CHRIST**

I would very much like to commend the Altar Servers on their service at the Induction Mass. It was wonderful to see their commitment and dedication and their zeal to do a good job. I am very proud of them and I ask for more volunteers to join the team, particularly boys. We should not leave it to girls and women to be the servants. We are all servants and it is a great privilege to serve Christ at that very moment when heaven and earth come together on the altar at Mass. Serving Christ well at the altar enables us all the more to feel the holiness of God.

**CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
CLASSES RESUME NEXT FRIDAY AND SUNDAY**

These courses will now resume. The FHC course will recommence on Sunday 26 February and the Confirmation course on Friday 24 February. As I have mentioned, 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. This will be central to **OUR MISSION TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, THE MISSION WE SHARE WITH OUR ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON AND ALL THE CLERGY IN OUR DIOCESE.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM**

I have been approached by several of you to re-start the Children's Liturgy Team in our parish. I would be delighted to do this. I would suggest we initially trial Children's Liturgy one or two Sundays every month at 10 am. As usual we shall have to make sure that we have all the safeguarding measures in place and that the volunteers are given support in imparting their faith to the children. **Please do come forward and volunteer** for this important ministry. We cannot start this worthy initiative until we have enough volunteers to form a rota so that the adults and teenagers involved in helping the children do not miss the Homily every Sunday!

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND**

**IMPORTANT ACTION  
TO CARE FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS  
NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE A  
SECOND COLLECTION  
FOR THE DIOCESAN  
CLERGY SUPPORT FUND**

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their retirement and time of ill health. A gift to this fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our clergy, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. In 2022, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese. Wherever possible, the Archdiocese works with the NHS and the local council to ensure funding gaps are met, but the Archdiocese still relies heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year. Please be generous next Sunday with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund. Envelopes for your gift (which can also be Gift Aided – the Church can receive an extra 25% of your gift from the tax department). Please continue to keep our priests in your prayers.

**To make donations:**

1. **Donate Online:**  
<https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>
2. **Use the QR Code below.**
3. **Telephone Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504**
4. **Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes in church lobby**



**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>

Fr Peter will be attending this Episcopal ordination on Tuesday after the usual morning Rosary and Mass.

**CARITAS SOUTHWARK INAUGURATION MASS**

18 March 12.30am St George's Cathedral

Action to help those in need

**More about this important initiative soon**