

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26 FEBRUARY - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A-Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Mass Book p 151*

8.00am Mass: Dennis Allen RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: Emmet McLoughlin RIP (*Kay McLoughlin Family*)
5.00 pm Stations of the Cross
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Monday 27th Feria

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Wellbeing of the Duffy Family (*A Duffy*)

Tuesday 28th Feria

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Denis Brennan RIP and Ursula Brennan

Wed 1st Mar NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 2nd Feria

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Wellbeing of Peter Betts (*Sue Betts*)

Friday 3rd Votive Mass "in time of famine" re CAFOD Fast Day

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: For the hungry and the homeless

Sat 4th Feria

9.00am Mass: Peter Judge RIP (*Murphy Family*)
9.30am **Holy Hour** - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

Sunday 05 MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

8.00am John McAvoy RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)
10.00am Brendan Tobin RIP (*Philomena*)
5.00pm Stations of the Cross
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Readers 26th Feb 8am: Valentino Ferdis

Readers 5th Mar 8am: Mark Murphy

Counters 27th Feb Pauline and Una

10am: Cristabela Pereira

10am: Rovena Gocllari

Cleaners w/c 27th Feb

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

6pm: Paul Johnston

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

Last Week's Offertory

£ 807.05 (of which £331.96 is Gift Aided envelopes, £199.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £275.59 cash)

Today there will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Support Fund.

Next Sunday there will be a CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal. Envelopes are available today.

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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** – by appointment to discuss your needs.
- **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.

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND  
LET'S SHOW OUR LOVE!  
AS REPORTED LAST WEEK, THERE IS A  
SECOND COLLECTION AFTER MASS FOR  
THIS VITAL CAUSE TODAY**

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**



**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL  
FRIDAY 3 MARCH  
NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION  
TAKE AN ENVELOPE TODAY**

*This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.*

**ALTAR SERVERS TEAM – WELL DONE BOYS!  
IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE CHRIST**

Further to my appeal last Sunday, three boys have come forward with a willingness to be of service to our Lord at the Altar. I thank them very much. As I said last week, it does not seem right to let the girls be the servants. We are all servants, and boys and men may wish to come forward to be altar servers, help in the sacristy and so on.

**OUR LENTEN MISSION – JESUS OUR MODEL**

Fr Peter writes: Our Lenten mission is to prepare ourselves for mission as Christ prepared himself to launch his mission to the world. For forty days and forty nights he lived in the wilderness, he **fasted** and denied himself, he **prayed** to his Father in heaven and all this in order to pour out his **love** for us, for fallen humanity. At the end of this period he was physically weak, worn out, hungry and vulnerable to the temptations of the devil. Yet, he resisted the most ferocious of temptations. This desert experience set the pattern for our journey to God and to eternal life. We can spend a lifetime distracting ourselves from loving God, avoiding him, blaming him, laughing at people who love him, insisting on doing our own will rather than God's, but in the end we all share a common fate – death. Will we be ready to "pass through the narrow gate" to heaven?

**This is the time to set aside all clutter in our lives – the devil can take many forms:** unnecessary and often gossipy and damaging chit chat on social media, inane films and television, bad manners and rudeness, bullying and abuse of all kinds, slavery to fashion, binge eating and drinking, lustful pursuits and thoughts completely devoted to self-aggrandizement, money-making, celebrity and self-image. "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel!" Yet whatever we do must be done in a spirit of joy. No one must know how we are denying ourselves. There must be no competition. We do everything quietly so that the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing and we do it with immense love in our hearts.

**This is the time to think about how to help** our mission by joining a parish team. Over Lent we will move forward the parish programme to develop the parish and its mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**This is the time to devote more of ourselves to Christ.** Come to Stations of the Cross once a week. Come to an extra Mass (e.g. 9 am on Saturdays). Come to Holy Hour (9.30 am on Saturdays). Come to Confession and be reconciled with God. Do not be put off by any feelings of embarrassment. Do you think I have never done anything I am embarrassed about!? "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."

**FEEL THE HOLINESS OF GOD!**

**JOIN FR PETER AT CHURCH TO VIEW AND DISCUSS  
SCOTT HAHN's "THE HOLINESS OF GOD"  
BIBLE STUDY – STARTS Tuesday 28 February 8 pm**

"Scott Hahn traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today. In twelve beautifully produced, short lessons (we will cover two a week), this study explores the Scriptural encounters with the Divine – the burning bush, the ark of the covenant, the burning coal, and more! As our fear and trembling turns to awe and wonder, you'll come to a new appreciation of our sharing in the divine life."

**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.