

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12 MARCH - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A-Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 158

8.00am Mass: Agnes Ruth (*Veronica*)  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**  
10.00am Mass: **For the People of the Parish**  
5.00 pm **Stations of the Cross**  
6.00pm Mass: Private Intention (*Adele Badrick*)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Holy Souls

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feria**

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

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Jose Loreto Ancheta RIP (*Aurea Coloma*)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Margaret Brennan and Family  
(*Kay McLoughlin and Family*)

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Cecilia Suarez (*Frank McCluskey*)  
9.30am **Holy Hour** - Exposition and Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

**Sunday 19 MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

8.00am Patricia, Chris, Anthony and Matthew Hill and their  
Families (*Manche Family*)  
10.00am Wellbeing of Maureen and Brian Clune (*Frank McCluskey*)  
5.00pm **Stations of the Cross**  
6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Readers 12th Mar 8am: Alberto Ravano

Readers 19th Mar 8am: Cecilia Suarez

Counters 12th Mar Karen and Peter

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

10am: Tony Gernon

Cleaners w/c13<sup>th</sup> Mar

6pm: Aurea Coloma

6pm: Frances Harryman

Jozwicki Group

### Last Week's Offertory

£ 740.16 (of which £300.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £199.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £240.66 cash)

### CAFOD Lent Fast Day

£ 267.79 (of which £ 75.00 is Gift Aided).

**Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Poor Parishes.**

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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.

**SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS** – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney  
E-mail: chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Tel: 07818 108689

### 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

**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 Healing** – It is our duty to call a priest to anoint family members in failing health. 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. It can be administered at church, in hospital, care home, at home, indeed anywhere. Make sure you are anointed before having general anaesthetic

**Sacrament of Ordination and consecration** to the sacred Priesthood and Religious life – 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 11.15 am to 12.15 pm.
- **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 Sheehy, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.

## OUR LENTEN MISSION – JESUS OUR SHEPHERD

**Fr Peter writes:** last week I joined other priests ordained in the last eight years for an evening with our Archbishop John Wilson. It was a joyful evening, beginning with a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament followed by drinks and a chat with the Archbishop and then supper. Our new auxiliary bishop, Philip Moger was also present. The Archbishop urged his priests, some of whom were ordained only last July, to deepen their prayer life, to spend more time with the Lord and to abandon themselves totally in heart and mind to Christ. It was very inspiring and vital to a priest's ability to be a shepherd to his people in the parish and beyond. I therefore pass on the Archbishop's message to all of us to do what we can to renew ourselves this Lent, to examine our conscience, to come to confession, to deny ourselves certain pleasures, to double our efforts to help others – **in short to deepen our love for God and for one another.**

Therefore, this is the time to devote more of ourselves to Christ. Come to **Stations of the Cross** once a week (Sundays 5 pm and Fridays after 9.30 am Mass). Come to an **extra Mass** during the week. Come to **Holy Hour** (9.30 am, Saturdays). Come to **Confession** and be reconciled with God. *"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."*

### ST CATHERINE'S LENTEN DISCUSSION EVENING HOW DO WE PRAY?

Join Fr Peter at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14 March in the church sacristy to view and discuss a video on prayer.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY COMING SOON

I am grateful to the three responsible teenagers / young adults who have volunteered to run Children's Liturgy during Mass. That means taking the children to the hall after the Opening Prayer to go over the Bible readings with them and then bringing them back after the Prayers of Intercession. We need three volunteers per Mass, so this team will cover one Sunday a month at the 10 am Mass. I would be most grateful for another three volunteers to enable us to hold a second 10 am Mass with Children's Liturgy each month. 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.** There are two types of roles: one is the catechist role to explain the Scripture readings of the day. The other is to provide support (e.g. helping with any artwork, taking children to the toilet etc) and playing a safeguarding role. Both the catechist and the support roles require safeguarding checks to be made and clearance to work with children. **NB SAFEGUARDING: DON'T DELAY TO APPLY as safeguarding clearance can take weeks.**

### REPOSITORY

**Easter cards, Mothering Sunday cards** - our shop has cards for various occasions. Please approach Philomena who runs the shop with any suggestions for re-stocking.

### FUNERAL MASS - JOHN CULLEN RIP

The funeral Mass of John Cullen, a former parishioner, will take place at St Catherine's on Friday 31 March at 11.30 am followed by the committal at Kingston Crematorium at 1.00 pm.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP FAITH INTO ACTION – CARITAS SOUTHWARK WE ARE INVITED TO THE LAUNCH SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2023 12.30 PM

Some weeks ago we drew your attention to the formation of Caritas Southwark, the Archbishop's umbrella organization to coordinate charitable works in the Archdiocese and across the Archdiocese of Southwark. **Today the Archbishop** sends us all a pastoral letter about this new initiative and invites us to join him at Mass in the Cathedral on 18 March and afterwards in the Amigo Hall next door. Our challenge at St Catherine's is to form a parish team which concerns itself with putting faith into action, and reaching out to the poor and needy to bring them our love and support.

**LET'S FORM ST CATHERINE'S CARITAS TEAM:  
Any volunteers? There is much to do.  
PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF  
THE ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER**

### REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE PASSAGES ARE WE TRULY THIRSTING FOR GOD OR ARE WE SIMPLY PUTTING HIM TO THE TEST CONSTANTLY ASKING:

**"IS THE LORD WITH US OR NOT?"**

In the beautiful Gospel of John, the fourth Gospel, we get a sense of the relationship of Jesus with the Father and with the Holy Spirit. Jesus is committed to doing the will of the Father, and the Father sends the Holy Spirit through Jesus to help us do the will of the Father in our own lives. In John's Gospel, Jesus gradually reveals the Holy Spirit, the Spirit he would reveal fully only after his resurrection. A key feature of John's Gospel are the Seven Signs or miracles which show how Jesus focuses on a person as an individual and brings them from darkness and confusion to the light of faith. This is what Jesus does in this famous and beautiful story of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well – the second of the seven signs. Her life had become dry and lifeless. At first she is resistant and dismissive, but Jesus persists until she understands that he is the Messiah come to save her and that the water of eternal life, truth and fulfilment is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does the same for each one of us – brings us to the light of Christ and refreshes us and our faith.

**Thought for the week - If we are searching for God, he is searching for us a hundred times more.**

### APPEAL FOR ACCOMMODATION – OLENA

Olena is the mother of Inna and the grandmother of Lillia – the mother and daughter who were let down by their sponsor under the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme (HfU) but were then found accommodation. They are happy and thankful and they brought the parish a very large bag of biscuits for us for our Sunday coffee and Confirmation evenings. Olena had already secured a place in a good home, but the host is moving, so Olena needs a new home here in Chessington from 1 May for six months. **CAN YOU HELP?** Under the HfU scheme you would receive £350 per month. Olena is 60, a widow and a parishioner. She was forced to flee Ukraine as her city was being bombed by the Russians. Olena buys her own food and just needs a bedroom and access to a kitchen or cooking facilities. She is out most of the day doing cleaning jobs. Her current host speaks highly of Olena.