

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 19 MARCH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A – Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 164 LAETARE

8.00am Mass: Patricia, Chris, Anthony and Matthew Hill and their Families (*Manche Family*)

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Maureen and Brian Clune (*Frank McCluskey*)

5.00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Monday 20th NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY

Tuesday 21st Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Rita Aguiar (*Audry Abraham*)

Wed 22nd Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Duncan Hodgson RIP (*Brownrigg Family*)

Thurs 23rd Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: David Sheridan RIP (*Nora and Family*)

Friday 24th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Holy Souls

Sat 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

9.00am Mass: Mama Nkeze RIP (*Nkohkwo Family*)

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

Sunday 26 MARCH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

8.00am Mass: Loris and Yvonne Manche RIP (*Manche Family*)

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

5.00pm **Stations of the Cross**

6.00pm Mass: Wellbeing of Maria Clara Taborda

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney

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Readers 19th Mar 8am: Cecilia Suarez

10am: Tony Gernon

6pm: Frances Harryman

Readers 26th Mar 8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Alex Duval

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

Counters 19th Mar Howard and Marlene

Cleaners w/c 20th Mar

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

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 an operation with 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 Pencyate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.

Last Week's Offertory

£ 817.51 (of which £270.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £199.50 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £348.01 cash)

Today 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.

**OUR LENTEN MISSION – JESUS OUR GUIDE  
PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK AND MISSION:  
THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE  
PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

**If we are going to succeed in being missionary disciples of Christ, we need to participate fully in the three most important days in the Christian calendar.** Known by the Latin word *Triduum* (three days), they are *Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Saturday Vigil* and commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 8 pm** – Mass of the Lord's Supper at which Jesus washed the feet of the Apostles to signify that he came to serve, not to be served, after which he instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Fr Peter will be washing the feet of twelve men at the Maundy Mass.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – will begin at **9 am** at St Paul's CofE church with a **Walk of Witness** with our Anglican and Methodist brothers and sisters. More about this next week. The **Good Friday service** marking the passion and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus will be at **3 pm** at which there will be the reading of the Passion account, the veneration of the Cross, the distribution of Holy Communion (but it is not a Mass), the stripping of the altar and the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in the Sacred Heart Chapel. There will be **Stations of the Cross at 7 pm** at St Catherine's, followed by a period of adoration ending with Compline (Night Prayer) at 10 pm.

**HOLY SATURDAY – Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection – 8 pm.** This will begin with the liturgy of light outside the church, followed by the Easter Proclamation, several readings from Scripture and the baptism, reception and confirmation of new Catholics. This is a stunning sequence of events in the our faith and I urge you all to attend and participate as much as possible. Moreover, 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."*

**CHRISM MASS AT OUR CATHEDRAL**

Please come to the spectacular Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral when the priests and deacons of the diocese gather. The priests renew their priestly promises and the Holy Oils are blessed by the Archbishop for anointing, baptising and confirming (*Chrism*). This will be on **Wednesday 5 April at 11 am for 11.30 am.**

**ST CATHERINE'S LENTEN DISCUSSION EVENING  
THE BIBLE – AN OVERVIEW PART II**

Join Fr Peter at 8.00 pm (a little later on this occasion) on Tuesday 21 March in the church sacristy to view and discuss a video on the Bible.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY – MORE HELP NEEDED**

We need more volunteers. We need men as well as women. 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.

**WE ARE ALL BORN WITH  
SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS AND WE ALL NEED A  
GUIDE TO GET US TO HEAVEN**

Last week in the Gospel of John we heard about the Samaritan woman whom Jesus encountered at the well, and how he brought her from darkness into light by giving her the living water of the Holy Spirit. Today we hear how Jesus brought the "man born blind" from darkness into light. Both the woman and the man gradually increased their understanding of Jesus, from thinking he was simply a man to a prophet to the saviour and light of the world, to God, worthy of worship. This journey of faith, from darkness to light, is the hallmark of John's Gospel. We too are born blind and need a guide to show us the way to heaven. A blind man cannot cross the road on his own. We too cannot traverse this life journey without the help of God. We are individually called to go on this journey of faith with Christ. God could easily have chosen to make the world a better place and to save us from sin and death by a simple nod, but he did not want to treat us like robots or slaves. He wants us to know him for ourselves and have this intimate relationship with his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. When in the Gospel passage Christ mixes his spittle with mud and places it over the eyes of the blind man, and then tells him to wash his eyes in the waters of Siloam ("sent"), he is pointing all of us to make use of the Sacraments (and specifically to Baptism) which combine both earthly and divine elements to bring us his grace and healing.

**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.

**COLLECT YOUR GIFT AID BOXES NEXT SUNDAY  
JOIN THE GIFT AID SCHEME**

Please note that next Sunday after Mass you will be able to collect your Gift Aid boxes of envelopes. For those who have are not yet signed up for Gift Aid, please consider doing so. We are able to claim back from the government tax office 25% of whatever you donate to St Catherine's. And if you can, please try to donate by Gift Aided Standing Order. It cuts down on unnecessary admin.