

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 26 MARCH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A – Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 170**

8.00am Mass: Loris and Yvonne Manche RIP  
**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: Wellbeing of Maria Clara Taborda

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Eva RIP and Noel McFadden

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Breda Byrne and Family

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Professor Edwin RIP and Pearl Grech  
10.15 am **Stations of the Cross**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Feria**

**11.30am Funeral Mass: John Cullen RIP**  
Followed by Committal at 1pm at Kingston Crematorium

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April Feria**

9.00am Mass: Holy Souls  
9.30am **Holy Hour** – First Saturday Devotions, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

**Sunday 2 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

8.00am Mass: Kit Brownrigg and Family  
10.00am Mass: Mrs Lynette Noronha-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
5.00pm **Stations of the Cross**  
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Readers 26th Mar 8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Alex Duval

6pm: Emilia de Rennes

Counters 27th Mar Pauline and Una

Cleaners w/c 27<sup>th</sup> Mar

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

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### LIVE THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE BE A PRACTISING CATHOLIC

**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 vocations director.

### ST CATHERINE'S SACRAMENTAL COURSES

- **Baptism course** – as required
- **Confirmation**: every Friday 6.15 pm to 8.00pm
- **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 before 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.

### Last Week's Offertory

**£1015.48** (of which £426.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £163.25 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £426.23 cash)

### Poor Parishes

**£150.91** (of which £81.46 is Gift Aided.)

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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 LOVE

### ST CATHERINE'S LENTEN DISCUSSION EVENING THE BIBLE AND THE MASS

Join Fr Peter at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 28 March in the church sacristy to view and discuss a video which explains the way the Mass embodies the Bible.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS - A MUST

Please make every effort to come to this poignant liturgy at least once this Lent. 5:00 pm every Sunday and next week it will also be on Thursday 30 March at 10:15 am.

### “DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE PERSON IN THE REFUGEE DEBATE”

#### SAYS OUR ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

Archbishop Wilson recently visited Dover in his Archdiocese and paid tribute to the work of those working at the lifeboat station there:

“We have people before us who are in desperate need. And if we lose sight of the desperate need of the people, we lose sight of our conscience as a country. So it was incredible to hear the testimonies of those who work on the lifeboats in Dover. They simply said, ‘Our mission has always been and will always be to save people in danger at sea. We don't ask who they are or where they're from.’ I was really, really impressed by that.” Pointing to a fundamental truth of the Gospel, Archbishop Wilson stressed that the Christian response is to reach out in love: “There are issues that need humane resolution, not simply isolating people or cutting them off or rejecting them or transporting them elsewhere. That doesn't help anybody. Global solutions need countries to speak to each other and they need partnership and they need a compassion that puts into practice real solutions, not simply knee-jerk reactions that seemingly solve a problem at the expense of the dignity of human life.”

To access the Archbishop's full statement, click on this link in the newsletter on our website:

[Don't lose sight of the person in the refugee debate, says Archbishop](#)

### 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 after each Mass today you will be able to collect your Gift Aid boxes of envelopes. For those who have 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. Yes, 25% extra! And if you can, try to donate by Gift-Aided Standing Order. It cuts down on unnecessary admin!

### THE RESURRECTION BECKONS BUT FIRST WE MUST SHARE IN THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST

Just as we rejoice that Jesus has raised Lazarus from the dead, we have a sense of foreboding, that this act of mercy hastens the crucifixion of Jesus himself. From this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, the statues, images and crucifixes are covered in purple cloth to remind us of the impending crisis we are about to witness. Like the Jews who followed Jesus, we begin to prepare for the unthinkable – that Jesus, the world's only hope, is going to be killed by the powerful and spiritually blind. We need to immerse ourselves in the suffering of Christ, his Passion, his agony in the Garden, his betrayal and brutal trial, his torture by whipping and piercing with a crown of thorns into his skull, his carrying the cross to Calvary, his nailing on the Cross and his horrible death. We need to continue our journey with Christ and immerse ourselves in his own suffering. **Therefore, come to Stations of the Cross to join Christ in his hour of need, in his suffering. Watch with him. Do not abandon him.** We are given glimpses not only of Christ's destiny but also our own. Three Apostles witness the Transfiguration, therefore aware that there is an afterlife. Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead points to Christ's own resurrection. The Samaritan woman at the well and the Man born Blind whom we have encountered over the last two weeks were reborn, **given new life in this world. No one is so lost or so dead in this life that God cannot reach them and raise them. We have been BORN AGAIN.**

### HOLY WEEK 2-9 APRIL

**PALM SUNDAY – usual Mass times.** Jesus rides on a donkey into Jerusalem and is cheered by ecstatic crowds. We here the Passion Narrative of our Lord.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 8 pm** – Mass of the Lord's Passover 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 this Mass. The stripping of the altar and the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the Sacred Heart Chapel ends the service to signify we have lost Jesus.

**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. The **Good Friday service** marking the passion and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus will be at **3 pm** at which the Passion Narrative of St John will be read, followed by universal intercessions and the veneration of the Cross, the distribution of Holy Communion (but it is not a Mass). 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 the light of Christ outside the church, followed by the Easter Proclamation, several readings from Scripture, and after the homily 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 participate at the services.

### 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.