

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS IN HOLY WEEK

Sunday 2 APRIL—**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** (Year A – Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Mass Book p 182*

8.00am Mass: Kit Brownrigg and Family

**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am Mass: Mrs Lynette Noronha-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

5.00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Holy Week**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: George Banks RIP

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY AT ST CATHERINE'S -  
CHRISM MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL 11.30am**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Passover Supper**

Mass: Wellbeing of Andrew and Ruth McKinlay

10.00 pm **Adoration** from 9 pm to 10 pm, closing with **Night Prayer**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**9.00am Walk of Witness** beginning at St Paul's C of E Church

**3.00pm Good Friday Service and Veneration of the Cross.**

**7.00pm Stations of the Cross**

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL**

**8.00pm Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection**

Mass: Joel, Stefan, Charlotte, Isabella and Sophia who be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

**CONFESSIONS 9.30 am – 11.00 am**

**Sunday 9 APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY MASS OF THE RESURRECTION**

8.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Anyi and Ateh Nkohkwo and Liam Ngu

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

**There will be NO 6pm evening Mass**

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### **TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION 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.

### **Last Week's Offertory**

**£703.25** (of which £218.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £310.25 cash)

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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.

### **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.

**THIS IS HOLY WEEK  
THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEK IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

**PALM SUNDAY – PASSION SUNDAY - usual Mass times.** Jesus rides on a donkey into Jerusalem and is cheered by ecstatic crowds. We will hear the Gospel Passion Narrative of St Matthew.

**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. Fr Peter will be washing the feet of twelve men at the Maundy Mass to indicate his service, after which we will celebrate Christ's institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacred Priesthood. 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 a period of adoration until Compline (Night Prayer) at 10 pm.

**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 (see below). The **Good Friday service** marking the passion and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus will be at **3 pm** at which the Gospel 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.

**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.

**EASTER SUNDAY – 8 am and 10 am (no 6 pm Mass)**

**This is a stunning sequence of events** in our faith and I urge you all to participate at the services.

**CONFESSIONS – HOLY SATURDAY 9.30 AM – 11.00 AM**

**TRY TO COME TO ALL THE SERVICES – IT IS A PILGRIMAGE IN ITSELF. TRY NOT TO WORK IN HOLY WEEK IF AT ALL POSSIBLE! MAKE AN OFFERING OF YOURSELF TO GOD. USE IT AS A RETREAT. PRAY IN SILENCE. SPEND TIME BY YOUR CRUCIFIX. ENTER INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST'S CONQUEST OF SIN AND DEATH THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION!**

**WALK OF WITNESS WITH OUR  
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

Please do join us on this Walk of Witness to the crucifixion and resurrection of Our Lord led by our Anglican and Methodist friends. Be at St Paul's C of E church, Hook Rd, Hook, Chessington KT9 1PF, at 9 am. We will walk towards Chessington Methodist, Church Lane, KT9 2DJ.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - A MUST**

Please make every effort to come to this poignant liturgy at least once this Lent. 5:00 pm this Sunday evening and on Good Friday at 7 pm.

**YOUR EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST**

Your Easter Offering is your personal gift to your priest. Please take an Easter Offering envelope if you wish from the church lobby and hand it in at a collection. Thank you.

**ST CATHERINE'S LENTEN DISCUSSION EVENING  
THE BIBLE AND THE MASS PART II  
THE MASS IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES  
AND THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS**

Join Fr Peter at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 4 April in the church sacristy to view and discuss a video which explains the way the Mass embodies the Bible.

**CHRISM MASS - WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 11 am  
ST GEORGES'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL**

Please do come to this liturgical spectacular at our Cathedral in Lambeth. The priests from across the Archdiocese will renew their priestly promises before the Archbishop. The Archbishop will bless the Holy Oils for distribution to parishes for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing (and ordination for priests).

**MEETING OF THE  
PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A parish priest is obliged under Canon Law to establish a Finance Committee and to meet with the Committee as necessary. This ensures that the priest feels supported and that there is independent scrutiny of the parish finances. I asked the existing members of the Committee

to stay on for the time being. They are: Carolyn Cooper-Burrows, Peter Brownrigg, Howard Brinkworth, Vera Parfitt, our parish secretary. The Committee met last Wednesday. We discussed an overview of parish income and expenditure, taking account of the big expense items so far. We are left with just £10,000 in our bank accounts together with a generous £15,000 loan which we must pay back over time. As I have mentioned to you before, the parish is solvent, with income exceeding normal expenditure. However, we are going to have to spend heavily over and above the normal day-to-day parish expenses. Some of the expenses are to beautify the church and the estate as I have mentioned at our three parish meetings. But others are absolutely vital to maintain the integrity of our buildings. I am particularly concerned about the church's rotting window frames, the rotting gutters, soffits and fascias and the damp wall on the right-front side of the church where all the water accumulates after heavy rain. We shall engage a surveyor to come and take stock of the estate to help build a five-year plan of likely expenses so that we can raise money accordingly and plan ahead. However, it is clear that in the short term we shall have to borrow more. In future I shall advertise the date of the Finance Committee meeting in case you want to raise anything with the members beforehand as an agenda item.

**REFLECTION – PALM SUNDAY**

Today we ourselves join Jesus in his journey to the Holy Temple of Jerusalem, to the heights of his Father in heaven. Today, we begin our pilgrimage of Holy Week having prepared and purified ourselves over the five weeks of Lent. Let us never be discouraged if we have fallen along the journey. Jesus is there with us to pick us up, encourage us and love us to the end. We are in good hands. I ask you all to enter solemnly into the mystery of Holy Week, during which we go from the depths of despair to the height of joy in the resurrection. At all times, Jesus did the will of God, and that is what we are called to do as well.

**Nothing makes us happier than to know we are doing the will of God. Christ is our model.**