

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 9 APRIL—EASTER SUNDAY MASS OF THE RESURRECTION (Year A—Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Mass Book p 251*

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

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

THERE WILL BE NO 6PM EVENING MASS

Monday 10th Monday within the Octave of Easter

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Wellbeing of Josephine Foreki

Tuesday 11th Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Denis Brennan RIP

Wed 12th NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY

Thurs 13th NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY

Friday 14th NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY

Sat 15th Saturday within the Octave of Easter

9.00am Mass: David Enfield RIP and Beryl Enfield

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

Sunday 16 APRIL – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

8.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Kit, Peter and Andrew

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

3.00 pm **Divine Mercy Devotions** – Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Prayers, Confessions ending with Benediction.

6.00 pm Mass: Jackie Woolliscroft – Birthday

Readers 16th Apr

8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Pauline Holman

6pm: Paul Johnston

Counters 9th Apr

Easter Offerings-Fr Peter and Vera

Cleaners w/c 10th Apr

Jozwicki Group

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney

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Last Week's Offertory

£969.71 (of which £331.50 is Gift Aided envelopes, £168.25 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £469.96 cash)

On Good Friday there will be a collection for Holy Places.

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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.

### 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.

### 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 Sheehy, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.

**HE IS RISEN – HE IS TRULY RISEN  
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ - ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ**

My dear brothers and sisters. "It is accomplished." Jesus' words on the cross as he was dying echo down these 2,000 years. Jesus has done everything the Father asked him to do to save us from our miserable selves. Only Christ – the God-Man – could save us from sin and death and restore a broken people. Only Christ was good enough to break the bonds of evil we had embraced so willingly, because he was not only fully human but fully divine. And therefore only Christ could love us so much that he was prepared to become one of us and suffer torture and die for us – as St Paul says, one might be prepared to die for a good man, but for a sinner?

One thing is abundantly clear: we could not and cannot fix broken humanity on our own. That is the message to all our friends and relatives and brothers and sisters who do not acknowledge Christ: we keep trying to fix humanity by rejecting God, yet constantly fail and make matters worse. Human solutions seem to involve slavery, restriction of liberty and death of one sort or another, sanctioned and enforced by the impersonal state. God's solutions, however, bring life, rebirth, freedom and resurrection – they bring wisdom, truth and love which cannot be separated.

I would like to thank everyone for participating so well in our Holy Week services. For me it has been such an enriching experience to be with you in this community of Chessington and Hook. I am so grateful to those who have done so much behind the scenes. I would like to thank those who have freely chosen to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church and to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil last night. They helped to make our Vigil of the Resurrection a glorious liturgy. They have earned the reward of their efforts, and they serve as a wonderful example to all of us of how the Holy Spirit continues to call and bring people to Christ. They opened their hearts to the Holy Spirit and he did not disappoint.

We have experienced again the greatest act of love in the entire universe – that God humbled himself to share in our humanity, to suffer and die for us to rid us of sin and death, but still more - to teach us how to be the beautiful human beings who will live with God into eternity. My brothers and sisters, we are filled with love and hope and joy. The worries and sufferings of this world are nothing compared to the destiny which God has prepared for us. I wish you all a happy Easter Season in the joy of the Resurrection of our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

**THANK YOU HOLY SPIRIT!**

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED, RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT THE MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION.

**Stefan  
Joel  
Charlotte  
Isabella  
Sophia**

**YOUR EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST**

Your Easter Offering today at Mass is your personal gift to your priest. If you wish you can also take an Easter Offering envelope and hand it in at later collections. Thank you.

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

Thank you to the many St Catherine's parishioners who joined me and our Christian brothers and sisters as we walked with the Cross from the Anglican Church of St Paul's, Hook, to Chessington Methodist church. It was a lovely and warming experience. We were greeted with great warmth and we were received with hospitality.

**ST CATHERINE'S DISCUSSION EVENING**

Our friendly and enjoyable discussion evenings resume on Tuesday 2 May 2023 at 8 pm



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
HOLY HOUR**

16 APRIL 2023 AT 3 PM  
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
3 pm  
Divine Mercy Devotions  
Confessions  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
3.45 pm – 4 pm