

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 16 APRIL – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 255

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

Monday 17th **NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY**

Tuesday 18th **Feria**

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Martin Williams and all other Motor Neuronic Disease (MND) Sufferers

Wed 19th **St Alphege, Bishop and Martyr**

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Stuart West RIP

Thurs 20th **Feria**

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Rose and John Dique and Family

Friday 21st **St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Wellbeing of Ann Fielding

Sat 22nd **Feria**

9.00am Mass: Gezime Hysenai RIP
9.30am **Holy Hour** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions
11.30am Baptism: Harper Jansens

Sunday 23 APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

8.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Frank, Sharon and Daniel
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish
6.00pm Mass: Doris Rapazzini RIP

Readers 16th Apr 8am: Mark Murphy
Readers 23th Apr 8am: Alberto Ravano
Counters 17th Apr Pauline and Una

10am: Pauline Holman
10am: Marcel Gilli Bruno
Cleaners w/c 17th Apr
6pm: Paul Johnston
6pm: Emilia de Rennes
Aurea's Group

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney
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Holy Places collection

£ 283.11 (of which £ 25.00 is Gift Aided envelopes)

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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 WE MUST 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.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR EASTER OFFERING

I would like to thank you all for your generosity and kindness in your Easter Offering to me and in your good wishes. I thank you for your support and encouragement in what are difficult times for everyone.

I would like to thank you again for your participation in the Holy Week ceremonies. How beautiful is our faith, that we may renew ourselves through Lent and Holy Week and emerge strengthened by the risen Christ for the journey ahead.

### THANK YOU HOLY SPIRIT!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THE NEW CATHOLICS WHO WERE BAPTISED,  
RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED IN THE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH AT THE EASTER VIGIL

Stefan

Joel

Charlotte

Isabella

Sophia

Classes will continue right up to the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, with the emphasis now on deepening our relationship with Christ, aided in our prayers by the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation and the gifts of Holy Communion and Reconciliation.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

These classes resume next Sunday 23 April (11.15 am to 12.15 pm).

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

These classes resume next Friday 21 April (6.15 pm to 8.00 pm).

### ST CATHERINE'S DISCUSSION EVENING

#### ALL ARE WELCOME

Our informal, friendly and enjoyable discussion evenings resume on Tuesday 2 May 2023 at 8 pm at church.

### 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



### NEXT SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

There is a retiring collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, the mother church of the diocese. The collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

### THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS A HISTORICAL FACT SPIRITUALLY IT BRINGS US TRUE PEACE AND GOD'S MERCY

The scriptural passages in this Easter Season tell us of the early appearances of Jesus risen from the dead. He first appears to the women. They had come as soon as it was permitted for them to anoint the body of Jesus which had been buried in great haste as the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday. The Scriptures tell us, therefore, that the women were the first messengers of Christ's resurrection to the apostles (CCC 641 ff). Crucially, the apostles did not believe the women. Some people then and now say that the apostles and all the disciples, male and female, had been so traumatised by the crucifixion of Christ (and their feelings of guilt at their lack of courage in scattering and denying Christ) that through post-traumatic stress and hysteria they jumped at the idea that Christ had risen from the dead. But it was not and is not an idea. The apostles needed a lot of persuading to believe that Christ had risen from the dead. These were solid, normal, down-to-earth and trustworthy men and women, who, though traumatised, had healthy doubts about the very possibility of resurrection, even though they had been told several times by Jesus that he would rise from the dead, and even though they had witnessed Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Initially the apostles did not believe the women's eye witness account of the risen Christ and rejected it as an "idle tale."

Even when Christ first appeared to them, we are told in the Gospels that they thought they had seen a ghost. Christ reassures them and asks them to touch him. In Luke's Gospel he even asked for something to eat and they gave him broiled fish which he ate. But he also rebukes them for their unbelief in Mark's Gospel and for failing to heed what he had been telling them several times as they accompanied him on his mission. We hear how Jesus then opened their minds to the Old Testament Scriptures, that they had to be fulfilled, that the Christ must suffer terribly and die before then rising from the dead on the third day. The resurrection is a historical fact. Christ's body was truly physical though no longer earthly. He could pass through locked doors, disappear at will and defy time and space and the laws of nature (CCC 646, 659). In today's reading from John's Gospel the risen Jesus shows the apostles his wounds and his first words are "**Peace be with you.**" This is a calm and peaceful resurrection with the very special peace of Christ. As pope Benedict explains, "the wounds of the risen and glorious Lord are the permanent sign of God's merciful love for humanity. From them flows a spiritual light that enlightens consciences and pours into hearts comfort and hope." The apostles' encounter with the risen Christ exuded love, hope, forgiveness and mercy – and great patience as he later appeared to Thomas who would not believe until he had felt the physical wounds of Christ – "**My Lord and my God.**"