

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 23 APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 258**

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  
6.00 pm Mass: Doris Rapazzini RIP

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> St George**

9.00 Rosary  
9.30 Mass: Karen Clancy and Family

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> No Rosary or Mass today**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> No Rosary or Mass today**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> No Rosary or Mass today**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> No Rosary or Mass today**

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> St Catherine of Siena**

9.00am Mass: Camilla Palmer and all Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Sufferers  
9.30am **Holy Hour** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

**Sunday 30 APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

8.00am Mass: Kenneth McKinnon RIP  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**  
10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish  
6.00pm Mass: Jim and Margaret Curran RIP

Readers 23<sup>th</sup> Apr 8am: Alberto Ravano  
Readers 30<sup>th</sup> Apr 8am: Cecilia Suarez  
Counters 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr Howard and Marlene

10am: Marcel Gilli Bruno  
10am: Steve Kearney  
Cleaners w/c 24<sup>th</sup> Apr

6pm: Emilia de Rennes  
6pm: Kristin Walsh  
Concie, Rovena and Inoka

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### 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.

### Last Week's Offertory

**£800.71** (of which £310.10 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £315.61 cash)

**Today there will be a retiring collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral**

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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.**

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**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, Chris Raymond, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas and Amy Woodgate Residential Home residents.

## RESURRECTION!

### WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE JOYFULLY ACCOMPANIED BY THE RISEN CHRIST WE ARE LIKE THE TWO DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

We are all on the road to Emmaus one way or other – as we meditate on today's famous passage from the Gospel of Luke about the RISEN CHRIST (Luke 24:13-35). The road to Emmaus is the journey of life, the real Chessington world of adventures, the rollercoaster of faith, of trusting and entrusting oneself to God, of taking a risk for Christ. Paraphrasing St Anselm, we have faith but we are constantly seeking understanding. We need the Holy Spirit to bring us to Christ, to explain everything to us so that we may believe and be saved. And in believing, we are reborn into a new life, a life of selfless giving, of generosity of spirit, of a dedication to truth and love - a life in Christ. "I am the way, the truth and the life." (John 14:6). **The account of the two disciples who were joined by the risen Christ on the road to the town of Emmaus has the same shape as the Mass we celebrate today.** Initially the two disciples fail to recognize the risen and glorified Jesus who encounters them on the road. First, Jesus explains the Scriptures to them, of how the Mosaic Law and the Prophets are about his coming to save humanity and creation, and how the Christ had to suffer and die to overcome sin and death through the blood of the new and eternal covenant. Later the two disciples explain to the Apostles how their "hearts burned" as Jesus unfolded the Scriptures to them. Having listened and gained an understanding, they invite him to join them for supper. **Jesus does not impose himself on the disciples, just as he does not impose himself on us. He respects our free will.** But after they insist, yearning for more precious time with him, it is at supper that they recognize Jesus at the "breaking of bread." And then suddenly he vanishes. **IS NOT THIS ENTIRE ENCOUNTER LIKE OURS WITH JESUS AT HOLY MASS?** The Mass is in two parts. In the first part, passages from Holy Scripture are proclaimed and then explained with reference to Jesus' saving mission through his incarnation, teaching, crucifixion and resurrection - explained by the priest himself acting in the very person of Christ. In the second part, the Mass is a Eucharistic meal – a giving thanks meal and a sacrificial Paschal meal - **where we too recognize in the consecrated Host the real presence of our Lord Jesus. Our hearts burn as we hear the word of God and then receive the Word made flesh at Holy Communion.** And then after a few minutes as we leave the church, Jesus appears to have vanished and we are left feeling perhaps a little bewildered but also strengthened. **It is in the Eucharist that Christians above all recognize Jesus our saviour. THAT IS WHY IT IS CRUCIAL TO ATTEND MASS EVERY WEEK ON THE LORD'S DAY.** The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) quotes the Vatican II document Lumen Gentium in explaining Holy Communion to be the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324) "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." If you are able bodied and can get to church yet are still glued to your internet screens for Mass, or worse still if you have switched yourself off, **IT'S TIME TO COME BACK TO CHRIST.**

## VOCATION! VOCATION! VOCATION!

### Priest Training Fund Second Collection on Good Shepherd Sunday 30th April 2023

The Sacred Priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. We also pray for vocations to the Permanent Diaconate and the religious life. This fund specifically pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have three men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for six years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. You can donate in the following ways:

- Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes in the entrance lobby and which Fr Peter will distribute.

## ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

### SOUTHWARK ONLINE MEETING 9 May 2023 Please register for this meeting

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on **Tuesday 9 May at 7pm** entitled **The Good Shepherd Calls** where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by [registering for this event in advance](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8441111111) by using following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8441111111> which will be accessible in the newsletter on our St Catherine website. [www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk](http://www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk)

### TODAY'S RETIRING COLLECTION IS FOR THE UPKEEP OF OUR CATHEDRAL OF ST GEORGE

There is a retiring collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, the mother church of our diocese. This is an important collection as the Cathedral and the Archbishop host many diocesan-wide celebrations and liturgies in the Cathedral.

## PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR:

OUR NEW CATHOLICS FROM THE EASTER VIGIL

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN