

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 14 MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 268

8.00am Mass: Ita Kidd RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: Therese Nkohkwo
6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Mon 15th No Rosary or Mass today
Tuesday 16th St Simon Stock
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Anthony Cleere

Wed 17th Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Eric RIP and Karen and Family

**Thurs 18th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: For Catholics and Christians persecuted
for their faith around the world
Mass: Katerina Gocllari RIP

7.30pm
Friday 19th Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Mags Cody RIP

Sat 20th No Mass or Holy Hour today

Sunday 21 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

8.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Veronica Woodger
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: Paul Wateridge RIP – 47th Birthday
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Readers 14th May 8am: Alberto Ravano
Readers 21st May 8am: Cecilia Suarez
Counters 14th May Peter and Volunteer

10am: Cristabela Pereira
10am: Rovena Gocllari
Cleaners w/c 15th May

6pm: Frances Harryman
6pm: Paul Johnston
Aurea's Group

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail: chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Tel: 07818 108689

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

£753.82 (of which £272.96 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £305.86 cash)

Next Sunday is World Communications Day and there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

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

**“If you love me  
you will keep my commandments”**

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
Thursday 18 May  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**All Catholics are bound to attend Mass if they can.  
Mass at St Catherine’s: 9.30 am and 7.30 pm  
HERE’S WHAT HAPPENED**

“The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’ (Matthew 28:16-20)

“They asked him ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive the power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’ As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight.” (Acts 1:6-9)

**PART-TIME TEACHER FOR INFANTS REQUIRED  
FROM SEPTEMBER 2023  
LALEHAM LEA SCHOOL**

**29 Peaks Hill, Purley, Surrey CR8 3JJ  
www.lalehamlea.co.uk**

**Catholic, Independent, co-ed, ages 3—11**

Please contact Mrs Strachan for an application pack on  
[sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk) 0208 660 3351

Closing date for applications noon May 19th 2023

**FREecycle  
SUNDAY 28 MAY  
DANIEL McCLUSKEY**

is taking part in the Ford sponsored Freecycle known as the FORD RIDELONDON

**TO BUILD UP OUR DEPLETED CAPITAL  
AND TO PREPARE FOR FURTHER REPAIRS  
PLEASE SPONSOR HIM BY MAKING A PLEDGE  
TODAY AS YOU ENTER OR LEAVE THE CHURCH.  
YOU CAN ALSO E-MAIL US WITH YOUR PLEDGE**

[chessington@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:chessington@rcaos.org.uk)

You can also donate using the

**JUST GIVING WEBSITE**

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/francis-mccluskey>

**RECEIVE THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
INTO YOUR HOME FOR A WEEK**

Yesterday was the feast of the Our Lady of Fatima, celebrating the famous apparitions of 1917. This seems like a good moment to **launch a prayer initiative** for you and your families which enables you to consecrate (make holy) your home, whether you are single or a family. The *World Apostolate of Fatima in England & Wales* (WAF E&W) is organising a **portable statue of the Pilgrim Virgin** to visit parishioners' homes, having been blessed at the sanctuary of our church, to encourage us, as we kneel in prayer before the Mother of the Holy Family, to entrust to her loving care all the struggles and difficulties, joys and sorrows, which we experience day by day in our own family. Remember, this is veneration and not adoration of Mother Mary, asking for her intercession and support. If you would like to have the statue enthroned in your home for a week, please ask Fr Peter or Aurea Coloma, the parish custodian of the statue, to give you a sign-up form to complete and return Aurea.

**NOTE DATE – 1 & 2 July**, we shall have another parish weekend with the *National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima* with prayers and devotions. Spread the word.

**NEW SACRAMENTAL COURSE - HOLY COMMUNION FOR TEENAGERS - WE LOVE YOU!**

I am aware that there are older children and teenagers who were unable in the past for whatever reason to attend a First Holy Communion / First Confession course. We are therefore starting on **Saturday 17 June at 11 am** a new weekly course to meet the needs of these young people. This course may also lead to the Sacrament of Confirmation. The purpose of this notice is to invite all those young people who fall into this category to join the course. Parishioners may know of other teenagers who have stopped coming to Mass, because they have not been received into Holy Communion or for some other reason. Please do tell them that Jesus and his Church want them and love them and embrace them and they are most welcome. NOTE: this is more like a course for adults and at the ceremony itself it will not be necessary for female teenagers to wear white dresses. Candidates should simply dress smartly.

**Baptised Catholic adults who have not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation can join our adult course known as RCIA. Please contact Fr Peter now about both courses. They will be fun.**

**NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – “THE TRUTH IN LOVE.”**

There will be a second collection (Sunday 21 May) in support of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, which promotes evangelization. The CCN writes: “The Pope’s recent *Message for the 57th World Communications Day* follows the theme *speaking with the heart*. **“The truth in love” (Eph 4:15)**. Pope Francis, following tradition, released his message for World Communications Day on the Feast of St Francis de Sales – patron saint of Catholic writers and journalists. He stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to “see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, also in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live.” “The call to speak with the heart,” he says, “radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth.” The Pope hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, and his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue with everyone – even those who opposed him. A gifted theologian, his phrase “Heart speaks to heart” inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman who, on being made a Cardinal in 1879 by Pope Leo XIII, chose as his cardinal motto, *Cor ad cor loquitur* or “Heart speaks to Heart.” Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that ‘Heart speaks unto heart’ was also the motto for Pope Benedict XVI’s historic visit to the UK in 2010.” The **57th World Communications Day is marked on 21 May 2023. Please note and donate what you can. Thank you.**