

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 21 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 275**

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

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> No Rosary or Mass today**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Wellbeing of Philomena Manche

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Victor Gallucci RIP

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> St Bede the Venerable**

9.00am Rosary

**9.30am** Mass: Nigel Soar RIP

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> St Philip Neri**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Geoffrey Manche RIP

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> St Augustine of Canterbury**

9.00am Mass: Wellbeing of John Stratford and Helena Walker

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

**Sunday 28 MAY – PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)**

8.00am Mass: Margaret and Joe Walsh RIP

**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am Mass: Julianna Nkeng Fotabe RIP

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Readers 21<sup>st</sup> May

8am: Cecilia Suarez

Readers 28<sup>th</sup> May

8am: Valentino Ferdis

Counters 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Vera and Valentino

10am: Rovena Gocllari

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

Cleaners w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> May

6pm: Paul Johnston

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

**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.

### 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.

### Last Week's Offertory

**£816.13** (of which £313.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £328.13 cash)

**Today is World Communications Day and there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN).**

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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.

## REFLECTION THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS

For those who were unable to attend the Mass of the Ascension last Thursday, here is a reflection on the meaning of the Ascension.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in his risen and glorified body, ascended into heaven forty days after the Resurrection. The image of sitting **at the right hand of the Father**, which we say also in the Creed, echoes Psalm 110:1, and is mentioned in Acts (2:33) and Mark (16:19). It signifies the universal and eternal rule of the Messiah prophesied in the Book of Daniel (7:14). **The Apostles witnessed the moment of the Ascension with their own eyes (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51, Acts 1:1-11). It is a historical fact, just as they had seen and touched the risen Christ. But what does the Ascension signify? It signifies that God the Son, Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, has taken our humanity into God, into the relationship of love and truth that is the Blessed Trinity.** That is just how precious we are, that our very human nature, created by God in his own image and redeemed by Christ, is now fully absorbed into God for all time. The Ascension is our own exaltation and glorification, because we have been deemed worthy as Christ's disciples and "friends" (John 15:15) to be united with God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit into eternity. **As St Paul says in Ephesians (4:13): "In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself."** That does not mean every human being is automatically saved from death and sin and will be united with God. Our co-operation, our faith, our selfless love of God and of one another is still required. An act of will is still required both to acknowledge and to live the truth and love of Christ in humility. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mt 5:8). **The Ascension is a necessary prelude to the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which we celebrate next Sunday**, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and who through our Baptism guides us through this world to the incarnate, crucified, risen and ascended Christ in God's heavenly kingdom. See also: *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 659-664.

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

### PARISH SUMMER GATHERING SATURDAY 1 JULY 12 NOON

FOLLOWING A MORNING OF  
PRAYER AND REFLECTION WITH MARY  
WHEN WE RECEIVE AGAIN

### THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Pilgrim Statue will be with us once again this year to help us pray and gather as Christians. More details soon.

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

We are launching 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) has organised 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 **Aurea Coloma**, the **parish custodian of the statue**, to give you a sign-up form to complete and return Aurea:

E-mail: [aureakate19@gmail.com](mailto:aureakate19@gmail.com) Tel: 07713 149269

### FREECYCLE FUNDRAISING

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 at**

[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>

### 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.**

### TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – SECOND COLLECTION

As mentioned last week, there will be a second collection today in support of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, which promotes evangelization. The CCN is part of a wider Catholic communications network supported by Pope Francis. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication. It promotes the Gospel, the Good News, through the media on current issues and it provides news releases, features and podcasts and trains spokespersons.

**PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN. THANKS**