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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2 JULY – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 96

8.00am Mass: Paul O' Driscoll RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: John Murphy RIP
6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish
Mon 3rd NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY
Tues 4th Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
12.00am Mass: Edwin Grech RIP
Wed 5th Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Mary O'Sullivan RIP
Thur 6th St Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP
2.30pm FUNERAL MASS: MRS MARY REDMOND RIP
Friday 7th Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Lily McCluskey and Family
Sat 8th July The Blessed Virgin Mary
09.00am Mass: Deceased Members of the Fotabe Family
09.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

Sunday 9 JULY – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00am Mass: Michael Durrant RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: Kevin Holman RIP
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Readers 2nd July
Readers 9th July
Counters 3rd July

8am: Mark Murphy
8am: Valentino Ferdis
Vera and Valentino

10am: Shehara Gamage
10am: Steve Kearney
Cleaners w/c 3rd July

6pm: Frances Harryman
6pm: Paul Johnston
Jozwicki Group

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney

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Last Week's Offertory
£853.89 (of which £307 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided bank standing orders and £371.89 cash)

TODAY there will be a retiring collection for PETER'S PENCE

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and there will be a retiring collection for STELLA MARIS

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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 e 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.

**BEFORE WE CAN BRING THE  
GOSPEL OF JESUS TO OTHERS,  
WE OURSELVES HAVE TO KNOW,  
EMBRACE AND PRACTISE  
THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL  
WITH THE HELP OF THE SACRAMENTS  
ESTABLISHED BY JESUS HIMSELF**

### 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, Aiden Taylor, Coby Thomas and residents of the Amy Woodgate Residential Home.

## A DAY WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA

A very big thank you to Jerry Rivera and his team from the World Apostolate of Fatima (England & Wales) for organising for us a wonderful day of prayer yesterday, and for bringing to us Our Lady's Fatima message of hope and peace through prayer to the Holy Trinity, self-sacrifice and Holy Communion. The Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima will remain with us all Sunday morning and Jerry will say a few words about the Fatima message at the start of our two morning Masses. He will also be showing a film about Fatima at 11 am today in the parish hall. Jerry is the National President of the World Apostolate of Fatima (England & Wales). See also:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/>

YouTube & Facebook: World Apostolate of Fatima

## PARISH CENSUS AND SURVEY

I am aware that the parish has continued to grow the further away we move from the COVID pandemic. There are many people in the parish who have not formally registered and our records are now out of date. I am also keen to be able to communicate securely by e-mail with the whole parish as we now begin to move into the next phase of renewal. Following discussion at our parish meeting last Thursday about the future, we have decided to conduct soon a parish census and also run a short survey to hear your thoughts about the parish and where we want to be as we take part in the Archbishop's drive to make us a missionary diocese and missionary parish (known as "Called to bear fruit" (see insert). There will be a more formal survey of the people at a later date as part of this "Called to bear fruit" umbrella initiative.

## SPREAD THE WORD

### MASS AT 12 noon EVERY TUESDAY!

I recently had a conversation with the Amy Woodgate Residential home to see whether the residents would like to attend Mass during the week. The 9.30 am daily Mass is too early to enable many older people from getting to Mass. I am therefore experimenting with a 12 noon Mass on Tuesdays instead of the usual 9.30 am Mass. This may enable older parishioners in other locations to attend a weekday Mass and it may encourage some older parishioners who want to avoid a crowded church on a Sunday. *Please always check the newsletter for the times of Masses during the week until the times stabilize.*

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

To serve better the needs of our parishioners, I would now like to rebuild a team after the COVID years who can visit the sick and housebound and give them Holy Communion under my guidance. I am not entirely sure who has been trained as an EMHC. The EMHC core role is to take Holy Communion to the sick. I would be grateful if those who have been trained **could approach me**. To handle the precious Body of Christ one must live the sacramental life.

## FUNERAL SERVICES AT CHURCH

**Mary Redmond** who died on 10 June

Requiem Mass and funeral:

Thursday 6 July at 2.30 pm St Catherine's

**Philomena (Phil) Manche** who died on 10 June

Requiem Mass and funeral:

Thursday 13 July at 10.30 am St Catherine's

## SEA SUNDAY - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA STELLA MARIS

### NEXT SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION

Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. 90% of world trade is transported by ship. But the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely, spending up to a year at a time away from home and their family. *Stella Maris* is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. It provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers and their families, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains visit ships and seafarers, offer a welfare service, advice, care and friendship. Some 250 ports around the world are covered. *Stella Maris* relies wholly on voluntary contributions. Please help with a donation.

[www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

## THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

The Bethlehem Nativity Group, a missionary group from Bethlehem, will visit us on **Sunday 9 July** to talk briefly at the end of every Mass about the Holy Land and sell **religious articles made out of Olive Wood**. The proceeds will help and support the poor Christian families living there. Any help you can give to them it will be highly appreciated (when you help the poor you help our Lord). The articles for sale are high quality and have been sold in several parishes in our Deanery over many years.

## "CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT"

"Called to bear fruit" is the name given to our Archbishop's drive to make this a MISSIONARY DIOCESE, WITH MISSIONARY PARISHES. Recently I attended an enthusiastic gathering of priests with the Archbishop to discuss how to develop ourselves to be missionary parishes, to take the Word of God beyond the parish boundaries as well as to help our church communities deepen their relationship with our dear Lord Jesus Christ. We were not provided with a ready-made blueprint. Rather, we began a process which will involve all of us to develop ourselves and our parishes to spread the Gospel.

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS STAND UP FOR THE TRUTH!

### LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND EMBRACE YOUR CROSS!

"O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth." So speaks today's Opening Prayer at Mass. Do we stand in the bright light of truth? **Do we even know what the truth of Christ is? Or do we make it all up ourselves, no matter what the Church, founded by Jesus himself, teaches us?** These are vital questions if we are going to join the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into eternity. Before we can bring the Gospel to others, we ourselves have to know and practise the truth of the Gospel. The best way to bring the Gospel to others is to embrace our crosses and follow Christ to the end. We are now children of the light, and as St Paul explains in his letter to the Romans, we must be dead to sin, because we have died with Christ in Baptism in order to rise again with him, freed from sin and death.