

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 16 JULY – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 102**

8.00am Mass: Mary Redmond RIP  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am Mass: Lucy and Chin – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
**Confessions – 11.10 to 11.30 am**

6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> No Rosary or Mass today**  
**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> No Rosary or Mass today**  
**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Michael and Diane McCluskey and Family

**Thur 20<sup>th</sup> No Rosary or Mass today**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feria**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Michael Allard RIP and Doris Allard and Family

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> St Mary Magdalene**

09.00am Foundation Mass: Edward and Monica Munnery RIP  
09.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

**Sunday 23 JULY – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8.00am Mass: Philomena and VJ Srivastava  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am Mass: Richard Grey RIP  
**Confessions – 11.10 to 11.30 am**

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Readers 16<sup>th</sup> July 8am: Alberto Ravano  
Readers 23<sup>rd</sup> July 8am: Mark Murphy  
Counters 16<sup>th</sup> July Howard and Marlene

10am: Cristabela Pereira  
10am: Shehara Gamage  
Cleaners w/c 17<sup>th</sup> July

6pm: Volunteer  
6pm: Kristin Walsh  
Concie, Rovena and Inoka

**SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS** – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney

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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.

**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, Louise Dovey, 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, DS Aiden Taylor and residents of the Amy Woodgate Residential Home.

#### Last Week's Offertory

**£837.43** (of which £314 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £348.43 cash)

#### Stella Maris

**£281.81** (of which £40 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.

## PARISH CENSUS TODAY

We have created a new Parish Registration Form for our records and we would be grateful if parishioners could complete a form today at Mass on a voluntary basis. The forms will be made available at the 8 am and 10 am Masses today and at the 6 pm Mass next Sunday. We will repeat the process over the next few weeks to ensure everyone has a chance to complete the form. 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.

The purpose of the census is to help me be a better servant in my pastoral work on your behalf and to take care of your spiritual needs. I am also keen to be able to communicate securely by e-mail with the whole parish as we begin to move into the next phase of **parish renewal**. After discussion at our recent parish meeting about the future of the parish, we decided to conduct 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 a missionary parish** (known as "Called to bear fruit." There will be a more formal survey of the people at a later date as part of this "**Called to bear fruit**" umbrella initiative.

## STELLA MARIS CHARITY

Well done everyone. Last Sunday you donated **£281.81** to this very worthy charity (Apostleship of the Sea).

## THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP SAYS THANKS

The Bethlehem Nativity Group, a missionary group from Bethlehem, came to talk to us last Sunday and to sell their excellent religious articles made out of Olive Wood. Nicholas, their representative who visited, has sent us this fraternal message of thanks:

**"Christian greetings and the Peace of our Lord be with you always.** We thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. The sale raised **£2317.30** You have been a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We cannot thank you enough. St Catherine's parishioners will always be in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk)

God bless you all -

*Love and blessings from The Bethlehem Nativity Group+*"

## SPREAD THE WORD

### MASS AT 12 noon EVERY TUESDAY!

**But not this Tuesday! Always check the Newsletter and the website in case the Mass times change**

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.*

## CATHEDRAL MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating a 1st/10th/25th/30th/40th/50th/60th or any other significant wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at **3pm on 23 September**. Close family members are welcome. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, either give your details to your parish priest or email them to [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) The details needed are: full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. **The deadline is 31 July 2023.**

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

### CATHEDRAL SEMINAR – Saturday 28 October

"Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities". This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023. This is an initiative of our own Archdiocese by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for Southeast London*. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including our Archbishop John Wilson. For more information and registration, please use this link

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. Or

write to: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk).

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. **Registration is FREE.**

## 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.

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS AT MASS

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the world in parables, because those who **yearn** to know and bring themselves to God, their creator, will be able to understand the true meaning and follow Christ's teaching. Those who are determined to be **spiritually blind**, by following their own will rather than God's Will, cannot understand. Jesus amplifies his message for the Apostles by giving them his personal commentary on the parable. We need to read his parable and commentary many times and examine our conscience and so decide what type of soil we have prepared for the seed of God's Word. If we are the "rich soil" in which the seed flourishes, we need to prove it by our fruits, by the size of the harvest. **We are called to bear fruit**. As we know, "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few." St Paul reminds us that we are children of God, who is Abba, literally "our Daddy" "our Father." We are not his slaves and we are not made to be slaves to sin and to decadence. **Let us do everything to live the sacramental life, avoid sinful thoughts, deeds and words, examine our consciences daily and bring in a rich harvest for God our loving Father.**