

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 13 AUGUST – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 114

8.00am Mass: Deceased members of the Brownrigg and Walsh Families RIP

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

Confessions – 11.10 to 11.30 am

6.00 pm Mass: Bill Woolliscroft RIP

Mon 14th No Rosary or Mass today

Tues 15th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Jacob Nkohkwo RIP

7.30pm Mass: Wellbeing of Helen Walker and John Stratford

Wed 16th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Walter O'Dea RIP and Louise O'Dea and Family

Thur 17th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP

Friday 18th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Vincent Nkohkwo RIP

Sat 19th Feria

9.00am Mass: Neville de Souza RIP

09.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

Sunday 20 AUGUST – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Paul Wateridge RIP – 20th Anniversary

Confessions – 11.10 to 11.30 am

6.00pm Mass: Angela Woolliscroft RIP

Readers 13th Aug

8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Alex Duval

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Readers 20th Aug

8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Pauline Holman

6pm: Frances Harryman

Counters 13th Aug

Howard and Marlene

Cleaners w/c 14th Aug

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

£711.23 (of which £263 is Gift Aided envelopes, £184 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £264.23 cash)

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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.

#### **MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP**

**“We are called to greatness. You are called to greatness in the Christian life. You are called not to live on the surface, but to go deep – deep into the heart of Jesus. To go deep into what it means to be a disciple.”**

**See over the page for his message at World Youth Day on the power of the Sacraments**

#### **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 Pencyate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, DS Aiden Taylor and residents of the Amy Woodgate Residential Home.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR ALL CATHOLICS  
TUESDAY 15 AUGUST Mass at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm**

Fr Peter writes: please make every effort to come to Mass on the Feast of the Assumption. For me, your shepherd, it will be a barometer of how much our parish cares about Our Lady, how much it is grateful for her constant intercession in our lives. She is the first disciple.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION  
THAT SINKING FEELING!**

I'm sure we have all experienced what St Peter is going through in today's Gospel as he tries to walk on water towards Christ. We want to trust in Jesus and in his promises. There are times when we are full of confidence. We recognize Christ and give him our hearts. Then suddenly it can all evaporate. We become afraid, we lose confidence, usually because of anxieties or of our sinfulness and our feelings of unworthiness to be in the presence of God. But Jesus does not condemn us for our sinfulness or for doubting him. He came to call sinners, not the just. He continues to help us, to choose us to be his disciples. Just like he never left St Peter, so he never leaves us. Note the encouraging words of our Archbishop John Wilson -see the right hand column: Jesus "*invites you into his presence. He calls you personally by name. Do you believe this? He calls you not at some point in the future, he calls you not when you think your life is perfect. No. He calls you tonight – now – to encounter the love of His Sacred Heart and the healing of His divine mercy.....*"

**WE DON'T HAVE TO WALK ON WATER: GOD CALLS US EVEN WHEN WE ARE MIRED IN SIN**

**HOW THE PARISH CAN SPREAD THE GOSPEL  
Engage the Disengaged:**

**How to accompany 'Non-Religious' Persons  
MESSAGE FROM OUR CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

"We are excited to welcome **Sherry Weddell** from the **Catherine of Siena Institute** to an online webinar organised by the Diocese of Portsmouth in collaboration with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. In this webinar she will deliver a masterclass on **how Catholics can fulfil their mission to bring all to Christ**. Sherry is a best-selling author, lecturer and evangelist who is much in demand across the world to talk on equipping parishes and dioceses to become centres of evangelisation and formation, and on-going apostolic support for the laity. The evening will offer the chance to learn from a world-renowned speaker about how to initiate a conversation with someone who would consider themselves non-Religious. This online seminar will also give people the chance to meet new people and understand new ways to work through an increasingly secular world. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world and trained and helped lead an international team who have worked directly with over 130,000 lay, religious, and ordained Catholics in hundreds of parishes in 150 (arch)dioceses on 5 continents. Sherry's book, **Forming Intentional Disciples** which came out in July 2012, is a best seller that has sold over 100,000 copies.

DETAILS FOR YOUR DIARIES:

**Where: ZOOM ONLINE**

**When: 6pm – Tuesday 21 November 2023**

**Tickets: £10 Book your place through:**

**Eventbrite (click link in newsletter on our website)**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023  
IMPORTANT PERSONAL MESSAGE TO  
EACH ONE OF US FROM  
OUR ARCHBISHOP**

**Archbishop John Wilson encourages World Youth  
Day pilgrims to go deeper to respond to Christ's call**

"Dear friends, the most important words I can say to you this evening are these: The Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, is calling you. And He is calling you to meet Him, to know Him and to love Him. He is calling you to be strengthened by Him to serve others. Tonight, dear friends, we receive a royal summons from a mighty king, the Lord Jesus. He invites you into his presence. He calls you personally by name. Do you believe this? **He calls you not at some point in the future, he calls you not when you think your life is perfect. No.** He calls you tonight – now – to encounter the love of His Sacred Heart and the healing of His divine mercy.....

Dear friends, we are called to greatness. You are called to greatness in the Christian life. **You are called not to live on the surface, but to go deep – deep into the heart of Jesus. To go deep into what it means to be a disciple.** To go deep into living the Gospel as a witness to Christ. You were not created to live on the surface, living superficially, without purpose, without meaning. In the words of the great English Cardinal and Saint, John Henry Newman, you were created for some definite purpose. **You have a mission, you have a call, and it is unique to you. Our life of faith is that of ongoing conversion.** Faith takes us deeper into the meaning of our existence where our life makes sense with Christ, in relationship with Him. Why? Because he is sweetness for your soul in His love and in His mercy.

So, dear friends, wherever you are in your faith, the Lord Jesus is calling you to take a next step, a new step, a deeper step. **Are you ready for this? Are you sure?** Reading the Gospels page after page, we meet people who were called by Christ, first, to make an act of faith and an act of trust. To open themselves more fully and more deeply to His love and mercy. The biggest journey we have to make is from our head knowledge to our heart knowledge. Down the centuries, all the saints have dug deep to find the sweetness of Christ. And the question is, will you? **Will you live superficially or do you want to go deeper? This is the question.**

My friends, the Holy Spirit is here amongst us. The Lord Jesus is calling you to deeper relationship with Him because He is alive. He is alive in the world, He is alive in the Church, He is alive in you, by the Holy Spirit. **The Lord Jesus is here for you in his sacraments and in His word.** The Lord Jesus is calling you, will you respond?"

**Eucharistic Adoration and Confession** -Fr Peter writes: our inspiring Archbishop ended his talk by extolling to young and old the spiritual rewards that come from Eucharistic Adoration and from Confession. These are two aspects of our religious practice which we emphasise all the time here at St Catherine of Siena – and for good reason: adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and regularly making use of the Sacrament of Confession enables us **to dig deep, to listen to God and to find our mission.**