

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 27 AUGUST – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 120

8.00am Mass: Duncan Hodgson RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm Mass: Cynthia Rapazzini RIP

Mon 28th No Rosary or Mass today
Tues 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist
12Noon Mass: Mary Rose Pace and Family
Wed 30th SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Lucy Swain

Thur 31st Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP
10.00am Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions

Friday 1st Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Kine and Paul Verger RIP

Sat 2nd The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.00am Mass: Cecilia Suarez
9.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Eucharist,
Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

New item

Sunday 03 SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 122

8.00am Mass: Richard Manche RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Wellbeing of the Nkohkwo Family
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Readers 27th Aug 8am: Alberto Ravano
Readers 3rd Sept 8am: Mark Murphy
Counters 28th Aug Vera and Valentino

10am: Marcel Gilly Bruno
10am: Shehara Gamage
Cleaners w/c 28th Aug

6pm: Paul Johnston
6pm: Aurea Coloma
Jozwicki 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.

JESUS ASKS US ALL: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

**CHRIST CAME TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD
NOT JUST THE CHOSEN PEOPLE.**

**BUT JEW AND GENTILE ALIKE,
CATHOLIC AND NON-CATHOLIC ALIKE,
WE ARE ALL CALLED TO RECOGNISE JESUS AS
TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN AND SAVIOUR.
THOSE WHO RECOGNISE HIM YEARN FOR HIM,
TRUST HIM, THANK HIM AND PRAISE HIM**

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, 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

£664.11 (of which £232 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £257.11 cash)

Next Sunday we will have a second collection to kick start fundraising for church repairs.

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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.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINE SCHOOL FORMS – 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

If you would like me to sign application forms for Catholic schools, or indeed any documentation that requires my signature, please approach me before 30 September.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 THE NEXT COURSE

Applications are invited for the next First Holy Communion course which will start on the first Sunday of November (the 5<sup>th</sup>) 2023, with a briefing for parents and children in mid October. Children starting Year 3 and above at school in September 2023 are eligible to apply for the course. The course will run every Sunday after the 10 am Mass (11.15 am to 12.15 am) except during holidays and half term. Attendance at Mass is essential and obligatory and is a key part of understanding the Mass and the centrality of the Eucharist in our faith. An experienced team of catechists led by Mrs Louisa Nkohkwo will take the children through the course.

Parents will need to remain at church with the children for safeguarding purposes and in parallel a separate course will be provided for them so that they may be able to help their children in their faith.

The First Holy Communion ceremony will be on the Corpus Christi weekend: Saturday 1 June 2024 for the ceremony; Sunday 2 June for a thanksgiving Mass followed by a First Holy Communion party for the children. **For application forms see our website (go to the menu link *Sacramental Life*).** Please hand the completed form directly to Fr Peter after the Mass you attend. If you have any queries, please contact Fr Peter or Mrs Louisa.

## CONFIRMATION 2024 THE NEXT COURSE

The next Confirmation course for teenagers will begin in January 2024. More information will be provided in due course together with application forms. If you would like to discuss the course, please approach Fr Peter in the first instance. (The current group of Confirmation students will be confirmed on Saturday 25 November 2023.)

## BECOME A CATHOLIC THE NEXT COURSE

Those who are considering becoming Catholics, or who would simply like to know a little more about Christ and his Church before committing themselves, are most welcome to join the next course. We will be following a combination of two well-established courses: the *Evangelium* course and the *Sycamore* course. Fr Peter will lead the course. We will cover among other things the nature of God, the Father, the Holy Spirit and the person and the teachings of Christ, the handing down of faith through the Church, the Bible and the Mass, and Prayer. If you are interested – or if you know of a non-Catholic who might be interested or simply wants to know more – please speak to Fr Peter. The course will begin in late September. This is an opportunity to ask questions about our faith in a friendly atmosphere. There is no pressure to become a Catholic. Each person travels at their own pace.

**The course is also suitable for baptised adult Catholics** who have yet to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation.

## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU! THE WAY AHEAD FOR OUR PARISH THE NEXT STEPS

Dear Brothers and Sisters – the time has come for us to do some serious planning and fundraising in order to safeguard our parish buildings and beautify our parish to show the world that we are proud of Christ. We would be proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ from the roof tops! It is a form of evangelisation. It is also about responsible stewardship of God's gifts. At our last parish meeting I spoke further about the formation of various parish teams so that we might work together to do God's work. I will be writing to you further about that very soon, but we need to think right away about **building two teams in particular:**

1. **BUILDINGS TEAM** - a team to advise me and help me manage the replacement of rotting windows with double glazed stained glass windows, together with the installation of PVC, soffits, fascias and gutters. We need a mix of people with both practical and artistic qualities.
2. **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING TEAM** - a team to run activities to help us pay for the new works and also to consider options for obtaining grants, borrowing interest-free loans from other parishes etc. This team I hope will be ready to organise a **Christmas Market or Bazaar** in our Hall at the beginning of December to raise money.

**I would like to ask for volunteers to approach me as soon as possible and preferably in the next week. Please do help if you can in this important work. You can make a difference.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

We ask for your prayers and good wishes for several celebrations and sacramental liturgies yesterday:

**Arianna Rodrigues** who was baptised:

**Steph and Remi Rutkowski** who were married.

**The Nkohkwo family** who celebrated a thanksgiving Mass for among other things a 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS TODAY – REFLECTION “WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?” JESUS ASKS US

**ABSOLUTELY NO ONE ON THIS PLANET CAN AVOID THIS QUESTION:** Jesus is not only asking the Apostles

to decide who Jesus is, but he asks this question of every generation and he is asking each one of us individually today, each one of us whom he has called by name. Is he simply a man, a human being or is he something more? Is he the Christ, the anointed one, the Son of the Living God? If the answer is yes, then it ought to change us and make us determined to live the sacramental life established by Jesus himself. It ought to fill us with energy and optimism, spur us on to help one another and our parish community, and build up the kingdom of God here in our parish of Chessington and Hook. Only YOU can answer this question. **HAS CHRIST CHANGED YOU?**

The Sacrament of Confession, acknowledgement and forgiveness of our sins before Christ, helps to make that change; it helps to heal us, and healing leads to change. St Peter was not only given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven by Jesus; he was given the power to bind and loose, to decide whether to forgive our sins or not through Christ's authority. This gift is available to us today:

**WHEN YOU COME TO CONFESSION YOU TRULY AND HUMBLY PROCLAIM JESUS AS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. BE HEALED.**