

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 3 SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish 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
6.00 pm	Mass: For the People of the Parish
Mon 4th	No Rosary or Mass today
Tues 5th	Feria
11.30am	Rosary
12Noon	Mass: Canon Karm Calleja (Dun Karm)
Wed 6th	Feria
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Boniface Michael Fotabe RIP
Thur 7th	Feria
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP
10.00am	Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
Friday 8th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Deceased members of the Burke Family RIP
Sat 9th	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.00am	Mass: Sharon McCluskey
9.30am	Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

New item

Sunday 10 SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Mass Book p 125*

8.00am	Mass: Wellbeing of Veronica Woodger
	Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am	Mass: Louis Reeves RIP – 1 st Anniversary
6.00pm	Mass: For the People of the Parish

Readers 3 rd Sept	8am: Mark Murphy	10am: Shehara Gamage	6pm: Emilia de Rennes
Readers 10 th Sept	8am: Valentino Ferdis	10am: Steve Kearney	6pm: Kristin Walsh
Counters 3 rd Sept	Karen and Peter	Cleaners w/c 4 th Sept	Aurea's Group

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail: chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Tel: 07818 108689

Last Week's Offertory

£812.37 (of which £306.50 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £330.87 cash)

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

Tea and coffee are served every Sunday in the hall after 10am Mass. All welcome.

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.

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 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.

GOSPEL MESSAGE TODAY

Jesus says to St Peter who was trying to take the Cross away from him: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

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, John Stratford, DS Aiden Taylor and residents of the Amy Woodgate Residential Home.

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. **Please also note the deadline for applications and for attending Open Days.**

FUNDRAISING TODAY SECOND COLLECTION AFTER MASS

Given the urgency of Church repairs, we turn to your generosity to help us kickstart our fundraising efforts to repair and beautify our holy church of St Catherine's.

THANK YOU TO THE CAMEROON COMMUNITY

We are most grateful to the Cameroon community – the guests of the Nkohkwo family thanksgiving service – who donated over £1,000 last weekend for church repairs.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 THE NEXT COURSE

APPLICATION DEADLINE - 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Applications are invited for the next First Holy Communion course which will start on the first Sunday of November (the 5th) 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 to attend in parallel a separate course 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 CLASSES 2023 RESUME

For those to be confirmed on Saturday 25 November Confirmation classes continue every Friday, 6.15 pm to 8 pm in the church's main Meeting Room. (The course for teenagers who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the autumn of 2024 will start in January 2024 and will be led by Fr Peter. More information will be provided in due course together with application forms.)

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. 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.

CHRISTMAS MARKET 2023 IS IN YOUR HANDS!

Organisers please come forward today!

Some of you have come forward to offer your help with a Christmas Market, but no one has come forward to offer to organise it. Without an organiser, we won't be able to have a Christmas Market. **Its fate lies in your hands!** We have not had a Christmas Market since 2019, because of COVID. This is a good way to show our faith is very much a live and to get to know each other as the parish grows.

PARISH MEETING TO AND FORM TWO VITAL TEAMS INCLUDING THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 7 September at 6.00 pm

PARISH ESTATE LOOKS TIRED AND RUN DOWN

As spoken, 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 because repairs are badly needed now:**

1. **ART & 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

Volunteers – please approach me now

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

To serve better the needs of our parishioners, I would 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.

SPREAD THE WORD

MASS ON TUESDAYS NOW AT 12 PM TO HELP
OLDER AND LESS MOBILE PEOPLE TO ATTEND

SCRIPTURE READINGS TODAY – REFLECTION CHRISTIANS ARE A NEW CREATION! WE YEARN FOR GOD IN OUR HEARTS!

St Paul urges the faithful **“Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.”** And we know that the only thing that can make us happy in this life is to know we are doing the will of God, to unite ourselves with Christ and his suffering.

**IS YOUR BEHAVIOUR DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF
NON-CATHOLICS OR IS IT EXACTLY THE SAME?
IS SUPPORTING DEATH (ABORTION,
EUTHANASIA) YOUR SOLUTION TO LIFE'S
PROBLEMS, TO INCONVENIENT SITUATIONS,
OR IS IT LOVE AND ETERNAL LIFE IN GOD?**