

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 10 SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish 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
6.00 pm	Mass: For the People of the Parish
Mon 11th	No Rosary or Mass today
Tues 12th	The Most Holy Name of Mary
11.30am	Rosary
12Noon	Mass: Marie Manyi Fombin RIP
Wed 13th	St John Chrysostom
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Deceased members of the Clune Family RIP
Thur 14th	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Jamie Huckle, C.J and Family
10.00am	Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
Friday 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Jose Loreto Ancheta RIP
Sat 16^h	SS Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop
9.00am	Mass: Wellbeing of Rodrigo, Sebastian and Evelyn Sarzeda
9.30am	Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions

Sunday 17 SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Book p 128

8.00am	Mass: For the People of the Parish Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am	Mass: Win Holman RIP
6.00pm	Mass: Karen Winyard RIP

Readers 10th Sept 8am: Valentino Ferdis
Readers 17th Sept 8am: Alberto Ravano
Counters 10th Sept Howard and Marlene

10am: Steve Kearney
10am: Cristabela Pereira
Cleaners w/c 11th Sept

6pm: Kristin Walsh
6pm: Ruth MacKinley
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

£958.40 (of which £425.02 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £358.38 cash)

Fundraising collection for church repairs £ 475.99

TODAY is Education Day and there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service.

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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.

#### REFLECTION: SCRIPTURE MESSAGE TODAY THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PRIVATE SIN

**WHEN ONE OF US SINS IN PRIVATE  
THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS DAMAGED**

**The sin of an individual in private, in thought, word or action, diminishes that person and if it diminishes that person it diminishes the community as a whole.**

**We must do what we can to remind people that there is reconciliation and a path of return to the love of Christ. THE PATH OF RECONCILIATION**

#### 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.

## OUR PARISH MEETING LAST WEEK

We had a good parish meeting last Thursday. We covered an overview of what had to be done to make this a shining example of a parish in bringing the Good News to others who I believe are waiting to be called.

I am aware that many of you wanted to come along to the meeting but already had other commitments. I will continue to call general parish meetings rather than create a Parish Council at this stage. My preference is to create small teams to deal with particular areas that need attention. The teams I have in mind and which we discussed at our parish meeting will be laid out next Sunday and I urge you to join a team to help our community. Remember: I do not acknowledge cliques in this parish. Rather, I want everyone to get to know each other and to work together as Christ would have wanted.

I have had volunteers for the two critical teams we must establish right away.

1. **ARTS & 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 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

I shall lead the *Arts & Buildings team*, because I think I need to own the decisions on expenditure. I will approach someone to lead the *Social & Fundraising team*. By all means approach me today and volunteer. It would be great if two people could work together in leading this team. It could be a married couple for example, or two friends. It could be two families. I have had plenty of volunteers to help out, but not to lead. The leaders of the Social & Fundraising team are not getting A LIFE SENTENCE! We can change the leaders each year if necessary. Let's go forward with passion and enthusiasm!

## CHRISTMAS MARKET 2023 HANGS IN THE BALANCE

### Organisers please come forward today!

Some of you have come forward to offer your help with a Christmas Fayre or Market and raffle, 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 raise money, to show our faith is very much alive and to get to know each other as the parish grows.

## LAST SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION AFTER MASS

Thank you so much for your second collection contributions last Sunday to kick off our fundraising campaign for church refurbishment. We raised close to £500.

## ALTAR SERVERS – please come forward

I will be giving training shortly to altar servers. I invite anyone who would like to be an altar server to complete the form available in the lobby and on the website and to hand it to me after Mass. I welcome children who have made their First Holy Communion.

## “QUICK QUERIES & QUESTIONS” – QQQ DROP-IN MAKING MYSELF AVAILABLE

I am aware that there is much business to conduct with you. Some of it is quick and straightforward. Some of it takes longer. Many of you need to talk to me after Mass, which is fine but not always possible. For the next two weeks I will make myself available in my office on Tuesdays, from 4.30 pm to 7 pm, when you can drop by my church office for short bits of business. I will allocate ten minutes to each drop-in so as not to keep people waiting for too long. I can sign forms; provide church documentation; have an initial discussion about weddings, baptisms, sacramental courses, arrange further appointments etc. For more complicated discussions, please continue to contact me as now to set up an appointment. It's usually best to e-mail me (address at top of newsletters) which is my preferred medium.

## 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. Catholic Schools ask for your priests' signature on the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to say you are practising Catholics. Please therefore come to Mass every Sunday so that I can sign the forms with a clear conscience. Track me down, talk to me, so that I know who you are!

## 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 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 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.

## PLEASE DONATE: SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE (CES)

The CES acts on behalf Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. It is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. This is an important service and needs our support.