

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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
6.00 pm	Mass: Karen Winyard RIP
Mon 18th	Feria
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Yvonne Terreni and Family
Tues 19th	St Theodore of Canterbury
11.30am	Rosary
12Noon	Mass: Bernadette Vethanayagam
Wed 20th	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companions
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Get well – Ann Lavery
Thur 21st	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP
10.00am	Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
Friday 22nd	Feria
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Wellbeing of John Kinahan
Sat 23rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
9.00am	Mass: Thanksgiving – Pereira Family
9.30am	Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.45 am – 10.15 am

Monday Mass for this week and next week only

Last Week's Offertory

£818.47 (of which £306.02 is Gift Aided envelopes, £195.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £317.45 cash)

Catholic Education Service

£156.54 (of which £51.05 is Gift Aided envelopes)

Today is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization.

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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.

**Sunday 24 SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Book p 131**

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| 8.00am  | Mass: Sharon and Frank McCluskey–Wedding Anniversry |
|         | <b>Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am</b>             |
| 10.00am | Mass: Cyril Fairman RIP                             |
| 6.00pm  | Mass: For the People of the Parish                  |

Readers 17<sup>th</sup> Sept

8am: Alberto Ravano

10am: Cristabela Pereira

6pm: Ruth MacKinley

Readers 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Rovena Gocllari

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

Counters 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

Pauline and Una

Cleaners w/c 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

Audry and Siobhan

**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.

#### REFLECTION: SCRIPTURE MESSAGE TODAY “ALIVE OR DEAD, WE BELONG TO THE LORD”

We must live every minute as if it is our last, loving God and one another always, helping and making allowances for each other, not judging each other but forgiving and not holding grudges, while at the same time standing up for objective truth as expressed by Jesus through his Church. St Paul tells us *“The life and death of each of us has its influence on others. If we live, we live for the Lord, if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.”* **So? Don't wait until your last minute. LOVE NOW!**

#### 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, John Kinahan, 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.

## UPDATE ON ESSENTIAL REFURBISHMENT

I have had some volunteers for the two critical parish 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

As mentioned before, I shall lead the *Arts & Buildings team*, because I think I need to own the decisions on expenditure. One of you should lead the social and fundraising team, or perhaps two of you job sharing. By all means approach me today and volunteer. I have had plenty of volunteers to help out, but not to lead. We can change the leaders each year if necessary. Let's go forward with passion, love and enthusiasm!

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE OR A NEW YEAR FAYRE

**Organisers please come forward today!**

**It won't happen without a leader or two!**

Many of you have come forward to offer your help with a Christmas (or perhaps a New Year Fayre in mid January) in our Hall, but no one has come forward to offer to organise it. Without an organiser, we won't be able to do it. We have not had such an event since 2019, because of COVID. This is a good way to raise money, to show our faith is very much alive and crucially to get to know and help one another across the parish.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINE EXTENDED SCHOOL FORMS – 8 OCTOBER 2023

I have extended the deadline into October. 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 throughout the year so that I can sign the forms with a clear conscience. Track me down, talk to me, so that I get to know who you are!**

## 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 starting soon. 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.

## EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY TODAY!

### HOME MISSION SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. We proclaim the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart. This collection today is focused on spreading the joy of the Gospel in England and Wales. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done under the direction of our Bishops in support of parish evangelization. We will ultimately benefit directly in our own parish.

## THE WONDER OF THE HUMAN BODY LOVE, RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY FORMATION WEEKEND

10-12 November 9am to 6 pm

### Are you the parent or educator of a teenager?

Do you want to help them flourish in one of the most important aspects of their lives? The *Centre for the Development of the Person* (formerly TeenSTAR UK) invites you to their next formation weekend. The Centre provides training and formation for parents and educators on topics related to love and responsibility. The Centre's teaching will enable you to:

- teach your teenager to grow in self confidence and self knowledge;
- answer key questions relating to love, relationships and sexuality.

Location: Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Balham.

Cost: £150 per person (financial support available).

For further information see [www.centredevp.com](http://www.centredevp.com) or e-mail [infor@centredevp.com](mailto:infor@centredevp.com)

## 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.

## DROP-IN SESSION QUICK QUERIES & QUESTIONS

I will make myself available again this Tuesday 19 September from 4.30 pm to 6.30 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.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC YOUTH OUTINGS, TRIPS, PRAYERS. WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023

If anyone would like to join me in attending a workshop at St Elizabeth of Portugal Catholic Church in Richmond on developing a youth ministry in our parish among teenagers, please contact me. Thanks.