

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

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

#### Mon 25<sup>th</sup>

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9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Leonard and Bridget Bown RIP

#### Tues 26<sup>th</sup>

##### SS Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

11.30am Rosary  
12Noon Mass: Thanksgiving – Cristabela Pereira

#### Wed 27<sup>th</sup>

##### St Vincent de Paul

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Thanksgiving – Private Intention

#### Thur 28<sup>th</sup>

##### St Wenceslaus

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Mary Sebastian RIP  
10.00am **Holy Hour**–Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

##### SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass: Vitor Santos RIP

#### Sat 30<sup>th</sup>

##### St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9.00am Mass: Mr Dick Saunders RIP  
9.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.45 am – 10.15 am

#### Sunday 1 OCTOBER – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 134

8.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**  
10.00am Mass: Catherine Fotabe RIP  
6.00pm Mass: Prayers for Andre Desbruslais

Readers 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Rovena Goclari

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

Readers 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Counters 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

Vera and Valentino

Cleaners w/c 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

Jozwicki Group

**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.

#### Last Week's Offertory

£1,095.72 (of which £487.20 is Gift Aided envelopes, £195.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £413.52 cash)

#### Home Mission Sunday

£155.13 (of which £3 is Gift Aided envelopes)

**Next Sunday we will have a second "Fundraising" collection for church repairs. There are envelopes available for Gift Aiding your donation or if you are a member of our scheme please use your Gift Aid number.**

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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

We are so grateful for and we marvel at God's great generosity. We too must learn to have a generosity of spirit that is divine: we must rejoice that those who discover late in the day the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, will nonetheless receive exactly the same wonderful and heavenly rewards as those who have laboured for the Kingdom all their lives.

**WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAVED FROM SIN AND DEATH; WE WANT EVERYONE TO EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF GOD**

#### 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.

## WHAT IS THE PARISH WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?

As you can see, I am not around this Sunday. I am working with parishioners on a number of projects relating to the parish. I will be with you again from next Saturday. We are working on:

- Developing several **parish teams** in addition to the two teams mentioned further down. These teams will cover every aspect of our parish life so that the burden of work never falls on one or two people. I am sure you all welcome this.
- a **parish survey** to put to you soon so that we have a good idea of the needs of the parish.
- **getting initial quotes for work** that needs to be done, such as the church windows, gutters, soffits, fascias, redecoration and refurbishment of the parish Presbytery, inside and outside, a replacement parish sign at the entrance to the car park pending a general overhaul of the façade of the parish estate from the road.
- the re-launch of **next year's sacramental programmes** - Communion for children and parents, Confirmation for teenagers, RCIA for new Catholics, and the possibility of a short course for current parishioners attending Mass.
- crucially the development of a parish team to spearhead **catechesis, evangelisation and formation of disciples** among us all. These three areas are of course interconnected and feed off each other. All 175 parishes in the Archdiocese are working with the Archbishop's *Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis* (AEC) to develop parish plans for mission. This is an exciting time in the history of the parish but it will take us time and effort to mobilise us all so as better to learn our faith, express our faith with confidence and welcome others into our faith. **The Holy Spirit will guide us. He is the spiritual director of our beautiful parish.**
- the introduction of more **liturgical music** at the 10 am Mass, supported by an expanded choir.
- the establishment of a funded **Caritas Southwark** group to carry out charitable works;
- the resumption of **Children's Liturgy** after the three year COVID hiatus.
- the development of a **Youth Ministry Group** for our teenagers.
- a fully trained and expanded **Altar Server** team.
- a team of **Extraordinary Ministers** of the Eucharist to take Holy Communion to the sick and those unable to get to church for any reason.
- I am also spending some time getting to know the schools in the area which many of our children attend. I have had the pleasure of celebrating Mass at **Richard Challoner School** for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form at the start of their school year, and on Friday I celebrated Mass for *Holy Cross Day* at **The Holy Cross School**, New Malden.

I am grateful to those who have volunteered to join the two critical parish teams we must establish right away.

**ARTS & BUILDINGS TEAM** - to advise me on the replacement of rotting windows with double glazed stained glass windows, and the installation of PVC soffits, fascias and gutters. We need a mix of people with practical and artistic qualities. More volunteers please.

**SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING TEAM** - to run activities to pay for the new works.

I shall lead the *Arts & Buildings team*. One of you should lead the social and fundraising team, or perhaps two of you in partnership. More volunteers please.

## CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY OUTINGS, TRIPS, PRAYERS.

**WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023**

I am also looking to build an adult team to harness the energy of the many teenagers in our parish. If anyone would like to join me in attending a youth ministry workshop at St Elizabeth of Portugal Catholic Church in Richmond, please contact me.

## DROP-IN SESSION NEXT WEEK

I am available this Tuesday 26 September from 3.30 pm to 5.30 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.

## IMPORTANT FOR TODAY'S PARENTS 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)

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE OR A NEW YEAR FAYRE

Organisers please come forward today!

It won't happen without a leader or two!

E-mail Fr Peter today!

## SCHOOL FORMS – 20 OCTOBER 2023

I have extended the deadline to 20 October. If you would like me to sign application forms for Catholic schools, or indeed any documentation that requires my signature, please approach me sooner rather than later.

## 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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

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. For application forms see our website (go to the menu link *Sacramental Life*).

## CONFIRMATION 2024

Applications are invited for the next course to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It will start in mid January 2024. The date of the Confirmation ceremony will be set with the Bishop for the autumn 2024. For application forms see website (go to the menu link *Sacramental Life*).