

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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
6.00 pm	Mass: Prayers for Andre Desbruslais
Mon 2nd	No Rosary or Mass Today
Tues 3rd	Feria
11.30am	Rosary
12Noon	Mass: Carolyn and John Cooper-Burrows
Wed 4th	St Francis of Assisi
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Kevin Greenway RIP – 1 st Anniversary
Thur 5th	St Faustina Kowalska
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP
10.00am	Holy Hour –Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
Friday 6th	St Bruno (CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY)
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass: Kit and Andrew Brownrigg and Family
Sat 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary
9.00am	Mass: Get Well – Marian McNamara
9.30am	Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.40 am – 10.00 am

Sunday 8 OCTOBER – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 137

8.00am	Mass: Frank and Sharon McCluskey-45 th Anniversary Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am	Mass: Joshua and Rosie An – First Holy Communion
6.00pm	Mass: For the People of the Parish

Readers 1st Oct

8am: Alberto Ravano

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Readers 8th Oct

8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Tony Gernon

6pm: Volunteer

Counters 1st Oct

Karen and Peter

Cleaners w/c 2nd Oct

Aurea's 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, Thursdays 10.15 am – 10.45 am, and after 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

£856.65 (of which £336.40 is Gift Aided envelopes, £195.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £325.25 cash)

TODAY 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

**There is no past and no future. Only the present matters, and especially the present state of our relationship with God. We cannot fool God. It does not matter what we have done in the past, good or bad. The past is gone. What matters is our love for God and our neighbour right now and whether we have truly turned away from sin and returned to God**

#### WHERE IS GOD RIGHT NOW, THIS MINUTE, IN WHAT WE ARE THINKING, SAYING AND DOING TODAY?

#### PLEASE PRAY for the sick

especially Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Joyce Crooks, Tyler Curniffe, Louise Dovey, Delia Gallagher, Marie Gilbert & Family, Noel Horgan, 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.

## THANK YOU FR DAVID

A big thank you to Fr David Howell for his ministry among us over the last ten days. As well as offering Mass daily and last Sunday's three Masses, Fr David took a session with the Confirmation candidates to discuss faith and vocation. He has now returned to Rome to complete his studies in Canon Law. He will return to be among us for the week after Christmas when I will take a short break.

## OUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY OUTINGS, TRIPS, BIBLE & PRAYERS. WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023

We are 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 right away.](#)

## DROP-IN SESSION NEXT WEEK

This Tuesday 3 October from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. You can drop in to my church office for short bits of business or a quick chat. I will allocate ten minutes to each drop-in so as not to keep anyone 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)

## 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*).

## ST CATHERINE'S BUILDING & REPAIR FUND FUNDRAISING TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION

I would be most grateful if you could make a donation today for the major building and repair projects on which we are working. I am grateful to those who have volunteered to join the *Social & Fundraising Team* and the *Architecture & Buildings Team*. You can still sign up (the forms are by Our Lady's Statue in the front porch).

## FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL FOR CAFOD CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

Family Fast Day is on Friday 6 October. Come together with your parish, friends and family to raise money so that families around the world can have access to the medical and other care they need to survive in challenging times. By sharing a simple meal or fasting and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by disease and poverty, displaced from their homes and communities by war and natural disasters. Next Sunday we will hold a second collection to support the charity CAFOD which delivers help world wide where it's most needed. Please take a CAFOD envelope after Mass today from the church lobby and return it at next week's Second Collection.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING

*A message from Audry who organizes every year this important fundraising for the **Macmillan Cancer Charity**:* Please drop in to our hall for coffee/tea after **all Masses on Sunday 15 October** and support our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Please donate cakes, breads, desserts etc and bring them to the hall on the day. The money we raise with the cakes you bring will support Macmillan's vital work to support cancer sufferers and fund their amazing **Macmillan nurses**; answer calls on their **Support Line**; give financial support, and more. Every penny we raise means Macmillan can help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can. Thank you, Audry.

## SCHOOL FORMS – 20 OCTOBER 2023

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.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND ADULTS WORKING ON SUNDAYS CAN DESTROY FAMILIES AND FAITH AND CAN MAKE US LOSE SIGHT OF GOD NOW

The secular world cares nothing about keeping holy the sabbath Day – God's eternal 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment and it cares little about family life. Making money is the priority. It forces us to work on Sundays, breaking up families. It forces us to play sports on Sundays, preventing the family gathering at Mass and ruining the family lunch. Shift working can make us shop extensively on Sundays, trapping others into working. Is it not time to focus our energies on being together at Mass and sharing a meal at home on Sundays? Yes, very old fashioned ideas, I know, particularly when family unity is already absent and when families are riddled with tension. But we risk becoming pagans. I know how difficult all this is – please don't misunderstand me. I really understand the pressures on families. I judge absolutely no one. But I would be a very bad shepherd if I did not say:

**REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY.**

## PLEASE NOTE

**ALL MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAYS  
ARE FULLY BOOKED UNTIL CHRISTMAS.  
WEEKDAYS / FEAST DAYS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.**