

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

- 8.00am Mass: Frank and Sharon McCluskey-45th Anniversary
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
- 10.00am Mass: Joshua and Rosie An – First Holy Communion
6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish
- Mon 9th No Rosary or Mass Today**
- Tues 10th Feria**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Brian Duffy RIP
- Wed 11th Pope St John XXIII**
6.00pm Mass: Fr Dominic O'Sullivan - Birthday
- Thur 12th St Wilfrid**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Engagement of Gerard Dique and Michelle
- 10.00am **Holy Hour**–Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
- Friday 13th St Edward the Confessor**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Mother Aidan RIP and Loreto Nuns
- Sat 14th Pope St Callistus**
9.00am Mass: Jessie Gilli RIP
9.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.40 am – 10.00 am

Sunday 15 OCTOBER – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 140

- 8.00am Mass: Phil Manche RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
- 10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish
6.00pm Mass: Brian McKehon RIP – 2nd Anniversary

Readers 8th Oct

8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Tony Gernon

6pm: Volunteer

Readers 15th Oct

8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Alex Duval

6pm: Paul Johnston

Counters 8th Oct

Vera and Valentino

Cleaners w/c 9th Oct

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

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, 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

£877.25 (of which £340.96 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £361.29 cash)

Fundraising collection for church repairs
£403.48 (of which £192.00 is Gift Aided envelopes)

TODAY there will be a Second collection in aid of CAFOD. Envelopes are available in the lobby if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.

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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.

#### **PRAYERS AT HOME WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR FAMILIES AND EVERYONE ENHANCE YOUR PRAYER LIFE!**

The recent initiative in our parish to pass from person to person, family to family, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima week by week to help us develop a stronger prayer life at home and to immerse us in the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, has been a great success. This week the statue is passed from Jimena's family to the Walsh family.

#### **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 Sheehy, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, John Stratford, DS Aiden Taylor and residents of the Amy Woodgate Residential Home.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION – ARE CATHOLICS KILLING THE SON OF GOD?  
AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR OUR STUDENTS, TEENAGERS AND PARENTS AND FOR ALL**

In your hands is the fate of our human family. Are you going to produce rich fruit or are you going to consume selfishly all the gifts given to you by God? Will you work in the vineyard of the Lord and produce the fruit for which he made you, thanking and praising God, or will you indulge yourselves, worshipping the false gods of pride, wilful ignorance of Christ, insolence, selfishness, indulging in pornography, promiscuity, fornication, rampant consumerism, denying that your divine benefactor even exists, killing his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in your hearts, wiping him from your minds? By not embracing the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, never going to Confession, and not living all the Sacraments, we kill the Son of God in our hearts. There are grave dangers ahead for all of us if we cannot embrace Christ and live the Sacraments in truth and love. **Do you have the faith to be a witness to Christ? Or will you melt away into paganism, atheism and modern humanism. It is your choice – to love and serve God in his vineyard, or to kill his Son in your hearts.**

**DEVELOPING OUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY  
OUTINGS, TRIPS, FRIENDSHIP, BIBLE & PRAYERS**

I attended a day-long workshop at St Elizabeth of Portugal Catholic Church, Richmond, with four members of our parish to find out more about Richmond's experience of parish-based Youth Ministry. It was a most valuable day. We are looking to build a team at St Catherine's to harness for Christ the energies of all our children and especially of the many teenagers in our parish. We want to offer spiritual guidance, support and development before, during, after and between conferring the Sacraments of Communion, Confession and Confirmation. If you would like to be involved in this exciting enterprise, please come and have a chat.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY  
FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL FOR CAFOD  
CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT  
[www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)**

I hope you were able to come together last Friday (Family Fast Day) with your family and friends to raise money for the charity CAFOD which helps people around the world who are threatened by disease, poverty, homelessness - victims of war and natural disasters. The charity helps them to have access to medical and other care they need to survive in challenging times. (You can also Gift Aid by using a CAFOD envelope from the church lobby).

**THE HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2024 ENTRY**

A message from Holy Cross School:

"We warmly invite 6<sup>th</sup> form applicants to attend our Open Evening on **Wednesday 11th October from 4 - 7.00pm**. We are based in Sandal Road in New Malden, convenient to public transport links and the local train station. We welcome applications from both external and internal students. External students (not enrolled at Holy Cross): please book via Eventbrite to book your ticket (one ticket will allow entry for the student and parents/carers). Alternatively please contact Mrs Parker/Mrs Nolan on 0208 395 4225 for further information."

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC PRIMARY(OLI)  
"With God in our hearts, we follow Jesus' footsteps,  
as we love and learn together"**

Job advert: "Our school has an exciting job vacancy for a *Wraparound Manager* (pre- and after-school clubs) to start as soon as possible. The role is a great opportunity to join a vibrant staff team that puts all the children and families in OLI at the forefront of everything they do. OLI is open to working with all levels of experiences as well as existing members of the OLI family. If you are interested or know someone who would like to join our friendly team, please follow the link for more details: <https://www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/>  
Full-time equivalent: £27,357 - £29,214 depending on experience. Closing date: Monday 16 October 2023  
Please contact the school office on 020 8399 9854 if you would like to visit the school and more information."

**LOVE, RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY  
10-12 November 9am to 6 pm  
Important knowledge for everyone**

Do you want to help your children 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).

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

**MACMILLAN COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING**

A message from Audry who organizes this important fundraising for the **Macmillan Cancer Charity**: Please drop in to our hall for coffee/tea after the **8am and 10am Masses only on Sunday 15 October** and support our Macmillan Coffee Morning. There will be cakes for sale after the 6pm in the Sacristy (unfortunately the hall is in use at that time). 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.

**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. There will be a parallel course for parents at the same time to help them bring Jesus to their children. For application forms see our website (go to the menu link *Sacramental Life*).

**DROP-IN SESSION NEXT WEEK**

This Tuesday 10 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.