

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

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

#### Sunday 22 OCTOBER – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Book p 143

8.00am	Mass: Kit Brownrigg – Birthday Blessings <b>Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am</b>
10.00am	Mass: Thanksgiving: Private Intention
6.00 pm	Mass: For the People of the Parish
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>No Rosary or Mass Today</b>
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
11.30am	Rosary
12noon	<b>Mass:</b> John Stratford and Helen Walker
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	<b>Mass:</b> Holy Souls
<b>Thur 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	<b>Mass:</b> Denis Weldon
10.00am	<b>Holy Hour</b> –Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.00am	Rosary
9.30am	<b>Mass:</b> Vincent and Wendy McCluskey and Family
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass: MASS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT THE POPE'S REQUEST (SEE OVER PAGE)</b>
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SS Simon and Jude, Apostles</b>
9.00am	<b>Mass:</b> Deceased members of the Nkohkwo Family
9.30am	<b>Holy Hour</b> – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.40 am – 10.00 am

#### Sunday 29 OCTOBER – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 146

8.00am	<b>Mass:</b> Christopher Byrne RIP <b>Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am</b>
10.00am	<b>Mass:</b> Teresa McGrath
6.00pm	<b>Mass:</b> Jacqueline Dick RIP

<u>Readers 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</u>	8am: Valentino Ferdis
<u>Readers 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</u>	8am: Alberto Ravano
<u>Counters 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</u>	Howard and Marlene

10am: Pauline Holman
10am: Kate Moir
<u>Cleaners w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</u>

6pm: Marcel Gilly Bruno
6pm: Emilia de Rennes
Jozwicki Group

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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

**£834.35** (of which £310.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £349.35 cash)

#### TODAY is World Mission Sunday.

There will be a retiring collection for Missio. Please take one of the envelopes in the lobby if you can **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 being passed from the Nkohkwe family to the Holman family at the 10 am Sunday Mass.

**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 Pencyate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, John Stratford, DS Aiden Taylor and residents of the Amy Woodgate Residential Home.

**“THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT  
OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE”**

**ARE WE MAKING FULL USE OF THE  
HOLY EUCHARIST?**

**HOLY HOUR - COME AND ADORE GOD!**

**Practise your faith. Love God. Be good to  
yourself. Deepen your personal relationship with  
Christ, and be at peace with the world.**

Is your time so precious that you cannot give a little more of it to adoring the God who made you? Do come and join us for Adoration of the *Blessed Sacrament*, also known as *Eucharistic Adoration*. Come and receive a very special blessing with the Eucharist at the beautiful *Benediction* ceremony at the end of Holy Hour. Get to know yourself and love yourself better through meditative gazing at the Eucharist. Make it a regular monthly occasion to get up close and personal with Jesus. Also avail yourselves of Confession during Holy Hour.

**COME AS A FAMILY**

**Saturdays after 9 am Mass and most Thursdays  
after the 9.30 am Mass.**

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

**- SECOND COLLECTION FOR [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)**

Today is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for *Missio*, his charity to share the Good News of Jesus to the world. Please support *Missio* in helping missionaries to work alongside poor and deprived communities throughout the world, regardless of their background or belief. Let's donate what we can on this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please take one of the envelopes in the lobby if you can **Gift Aid your donation**.

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

Further to the day-long workshop at St Elizabeth of Portugal Catholic Church, Richmond, which several of us attended to find out more about Richmond's experience of parish-based Youth Ministry, we are in the process of **building a Youth Ministry Team (YMT)**. This team of adults young and old will enable the parish to offer young Catholics a way to form friendships in a safe environment, spiritual guidance, catechesis and other support. If you would like to be involved in this exciting enterprise, please come and have a chat. Everyone has something to offer.

**LOVE, RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY  
10-12 November 9am to 6 pm**

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)

**MY DROP-IN SESSION NEXT WEEK**

Tuesday 24 October 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. You can drop in to my church office for short bits of business or a quick chat. **PLEASE MAKE USE OF THIS. I love to see you and have a chat with you!**

**SECOND DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING  
FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER - MASS FOR PEACE – 7 pm**

We will offer Mass for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East in response to the call of the Holy Father last week for another day of prayer and fasting. The Holy Father went on to say, it will be “a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit.” On that Friday, the Holy Father will preside over a vigil in St Peter's Square at 6pm.

**GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S  
AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S**

The Bible passages today remind us that God is the God of every single human being on this planet, not just the baptised. We sometimes claim him just for ourselves. But God speaks to every one of us, and calls us by name, because we are all made in his image. We see how he uses a pagan/gentile, the great Persian King Cyrus, to liberate the Jewish people from a generation in captivity in Babylon to return to rebuild Jerusalem and its Temple as the preparation for the coming of Christ unfolds. All through salvation history and to this day, God's will is done through both Jew/Christian and gentile. By avoiding the trap laid for him by the Jewish leaders by replying to their question about Roman taxes with the words “Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's,” **Jesus is teaching us that we have an obligation to participate fully in the affairs of this world, obeying the laws of the land with integrity and honesty**, while never forgetting that nothing can force us to ignore that **our first obligation is to God**. The key is to know our faith and put it into action.

**PRAY REGULARLY - LIVE THE SACRAMENTS  
KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS  
KNOW YOUR FAITH - SHARE IT  
LOVE AND RESPECT YOUR COUNTRY & WORLD**

**LAST MINUTE APPLICATIONS?**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 – NOTE DATES**

Applications are invited for the next First Holy Communion course which will start on **5 November 2023, with a briefing for parents and children on Sunday 29 October** after the 10 am Mass. Children who started Year 3 and above at school in September 2023 may apply. 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 (*Sacramental Life*).

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT CHARITY  
COFFEE AND CAKE SUNDAY – THANK YOU FOR  
TAKING PART AND RAISING £583.90!**

Thank you to everyone involved and those who supported our very successful Coffee Sunday. Thank you for the wonderful cakes, for your kind donations and just supporting the event by coming for a cuppa! Together we raised an amazing **£583.90** to help Macmillan to be there for people living with cancer. Thank you all.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES – 5 NOVEMBER 2023**

The blessing of the graves of your loved ones can be blessed individually by our priests and deacons on Sunday 5 November. The blessings will start with a short service in the cemetery chapel as follows:  
2pm Surbiton Cemetery, 3pm Kingston Cemetery.