

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023

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

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

8.00am Mass: Christopher Byrne RIP  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am Mass: Teresa McGrath  
6.00 pm Mass: Jacqueline Dick RIP

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> No Rosary or Mass Today**

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Feria**

11.30am Rosary  
12noon **Mass: Catherine O’Sullivan RIP**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov ALL SAINTS, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am **Mass: Wellbeing and reuniting of a family in distress**  
7.30pm **Mass: For St Catherine’s Confirmation Candidates**

**Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> ALL SOULS’ DAY**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am **Mass: Holy Souls**  
10.00am **Holy Hour**–Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions  
7.30pm **Mass: Holy Souls**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Martin de Porres**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am **Foundation Mass: Edward Munnery RIP**

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> St Charles Borromeo**

9.00am **Mass: Alban Suarez RIP**  
9.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.40 am – 10.00 am

**Sunday 5 NOVEMBER – THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Mass Book p 149**

8.00am **Mass: Deceased members of Towing & Hanby Families**  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am **Mass: Chris Raymond RIP**  
6.00pm **Mass: For the People of the Parish**

Readers 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8am: Alberto Ravano	10am: Kate Moir	6pm: Emilia de Rennes
Readers 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8am: Mark Murphy	10am: Shehara Gamage	6pm: Kristin Walsh
Counters 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Karen and Peter	Cleaners w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Aurea’s Group

**SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS** – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail: chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Tel: 07818 108689

#### Last Week’s Offertory

**£725.40** (of which £226.45 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided bank standing orders and £323.95 cash)

#### Missio £214.99

**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.  
**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.

#### 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.

#### Fr Peter’s DROP-IN SESSION Tuesday 4.30-6.30pm for short pieces of business, form signing, or a chat.

#### MORE INTENSE PRAYERS AT HOME WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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 Holman family to the Abraham 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 Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, John Stratford, DS Aiden Taylor and residents of the Amy Woodgate Home.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST "THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

**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.**

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.**

## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – 1 November 2023 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

We are all saints through our baptism in Christ, but the saints we commemorate as a group on this day are people the Church has concluded are already in heaven, after conducting rigorous investigation of their lives and associated miracles. As for Halloween, the eve of All Saints or All Hallows, we should be commemorating the great saints of the Church, many of whom died a martyr's death for Christ, rather than to play about with ghouls and devils in trick or treat. Perhaps next year our children can dress up as their favourite saint and we can gather together to mark the eve of this great feast.

## COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ALL SOULS – 2 November 2023 AND NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES

This is not a holy day of obligation but it is a great opportunity to pray for all those souls who are being purified in purgatory awaiting the beatific vision in heaven. Please note that there will be envelopes in the lobby if you would like us to pray for your deceased loved ones. Place a list of the deceased in the envelope and hand it in as you would a Mass intention. The envelopes will be placed in front of the Altar on the sanctuary and your loved ones will be remembered at every Mass during the month of November. If you would like to place an offering in the envelope these will be used to offer Masses for the Holy Souls during the year.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – NOTE NEW DATES

There will be an introductory briefing for parents on **5 November 2023 after the 10 am Mass. The course will begin on Sunday 12 November** and then 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.

## BLESSING OF GRAVES – 5 NOVEMBER 2023

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: 2pm Surbiton Cemetery, 3pm Kingston Cemetery.

**MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF THE KINGSTON DEANERY – 17 November 12 noon**  
The Kingston Deanery consists of seven parishes. Every November we celebrate Holy Mass for deceased clergy of the seven parishes. This year Mass will be celebrated at St Ann's, Kingston Hill, KT2 7LX. All are welcome.

## FIRST LOVE GOD IN TOTAL SELF-GIVING SO THAT YOU MAY LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Very often we try to explain that the Bible is all about the history of our salvation, of how God saved us, after we had rejected him because of our sin of pride. We mention how we had plunged ourselves into a world of sin and death, our consciousness filled with fog so that we could no longer see and enjoy the company of God. The Bible is all about humanity's relationship with God and how God reached down to bring us back to him and save us from our sinfulness; how God revealed himself to us gradually over millennia, and with greater and greater intensity in the 2000 year period from Abraham to Jesus. Finally, God loved us so much that he sacrificed himself through Jesus whom he raised from the dead. And all this in order to save us from sin and death and to show us that through the **example of Jesus we can rediscover the beauty which God had created in each one of us. The Scripture readings today provide the key to rediscovering that beauty:** *'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'* Alas, the Jews of the Old Testament kept turning away from God; they broke the covenants God had made with them – with Abraham, Moses, David. When we talk about the Jews in this way, we are talking about ourselves today just as much. The Jewish nation are the chosen people to whom God first revealed himself as the one true God. They were given so much more than others. Yet they kept turning away. **How many times have Catholics broken the covenants, and not just the covenants with Abraham, Moses and David. But the "new and eternal covenant" bought with the very blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true human. We have committed far greater sins than the Jewish people, because we have been given so much more. Today, we are still turning away from God:**

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-How many baptised Catholics ignore Christ in their hearts and minds, and so deprive their children?

-How many Catholics honour the Sabbath with Mass?

-How many believe that the Eucharist is in reality the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ?

-How many Catholic couples live together and yet are not married in the sight of God, ignoring the covenant of marriage? How many Catholic couples are already in a full sexual relationship before they come to the priest to marry them yet still receive Holy Communion? These are grave sins which need confession.

-How many know that in vitro fertilisation is sinful, because the medical process involves the creation of many human beings most of whom are aborted or frozen for experimentation later?

-How many have abortions? Many of the 10 million babies aborted since 1967 are children of baptised Catholics.

-How many will vote for assisted suicide?

-How many Catholics care enough to live the sacramental life, or can even name the Seven Sacraments?

-How many give time to prayer, even for a few minutes?

-How many Catholics know their faith well enough to explain it to friends and family?

-How many know the history of Christian witness over the last two thousand years or venerate the saints?

-How many examine their conscience daily and confess their sins? How many hold grudges and resentments?

-How many perform acts of charity and mercy daily?

**IF WE TRULY LOVE GOD, WE WILL KEEP HIS  
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THEM WE WILL TRULY LOVE EACH OTHER**