

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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 and Hanby Families
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: Chris Raymond RIP
6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish
Mon 6th No Rosary or Mass Today
Tues 7th **The Dedication of our St George's Cathedral**
11.30am Rosary
12noon **Mass:** Richard Manche RIP - Anniversary
Wed 8th **Feria**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass:** John Kinahan RIP
Thur 9th **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass:** Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP
10.00am **Holy Hour**–Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
Friday 10th No Rosary and no Mass today
Sat 11th No Mass, No Holy Hour today
(but check front page of the website in case this changes)

Sunday 12 NOVEMBER – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Book p 152

- 8.00am **Mass:** Deceased relatives and friends of Bernadette Vethanayagam
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am **Mass:** The People of the Parish of St Catherine's and the Two World Wars
6.00pm **Mass:** Angela Woolliscroft RIP – 47th Anniversary

Readers 5th Nov

8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Shehara Gamage

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Readers 12th Nov

8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Tony Gernon

6pm: Ruth MacKinley

Counters 5th Nov

Howard and Marlene

Cleaners w/c 6th Nov

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

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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

£1033.28 (of which £549.96 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £308.32 cash)

TODAY we will have a "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.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Day. There will be a collection for the Archbishop's Appeal. Please use the special envelopes provided in the lobby for this collection.

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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.

**Fr Peter's DROP-IN SESSION Tuesday 5.00-6.30pm for short pieces of business, form signing, or a chat.**

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

Having the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima week by week in our homes helps us to develop a stronger prayer life at home and to immerse ourselves in the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To arrange to receive the Statue in your home, **please contact: Aurea on 07713 149269. This week the statue is being passed from the Abraham family to the Gocllari 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.

### FUNDRAISING SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters, since we are not having a fundraising Christmas Fayre, we are having a series of fundraising second collections to build up the fund both to beautify and repair our church. In particular, we need to replace the rotting windows, gutters, soffits and fascias around the gutters as I have said before. So many of you at the moment are rushed off your feet with so many responsibilities at home, with children and at work, with Christmas not far. That's understandable. You may prefer to make a donation to the fund rather than give the time to taking part in social and fundraising events. However, by giving money alone, we do all miss out on the joy of meeting one another more frequently, sharing the wonder of our faith and helping one another like true brothers and sisters in Christ. But anyway, let's press on. I will soon convene a meeting of the volunteers for the *Fundraising Team* and of the *Art and Architecture Team*, and we do plan to have a *Christmas raffle and a parish gathering*. We are also forming a *Knitting Craft Club*. See below.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND GATHERING SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER AFTER 10 AM MASS

We would like to hold a Christmas raffle along the lines of last year. It was very successful. Last year a parishioner kindly arrange for matched funding from his place of work. Unfortunately this won't be possible this year, unless one of you can organize a similar arrangement. The money will be used both to repair the parish buildings and to support the poor at Christmas. If you want to donate prizes, go ahead but they need to take account that tickets will be sold from next Sunday at £10 per ticket.

### NEW! - KNITTING CRAFT CLUB

Julie Woolliscroft has offered to start a knitting club which I warmly welcome. The Club meets every Tuesday, 2pm-4 pm. Donations per person per session £3 – Contact Julie on 020 8286 1525 OR [julie.woolliscroft@gmail.com](mailto:julie.woolliscroft@gmail.com) for details. Sessions start on Tuesday 14 November. All proceeds to the Art & Building Fund.

### FAMILIES IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS

There may be families you know who may not be able to afford Christmas festivities, food or presents for children or the like. We may be able to help out that family. Please let Fr Peter know.

### MORNING RECOLLECTION FOR READERS & EEMs SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

There will be a time of Recollection designed specifically for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EEM) and Readers in the SW Area of the Archdiocese at St Boniface, Tooting on the morning of 2 December. Further details to come which Fr Peter will share accordingly.

### REMEMBER NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

There are 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 in November. If you would like to place an offering in the envelope these will be used to offer Masses for the Holy Souls through the year.

### 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.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – REFLECTION

Today we are reminded that our faith has been revealed to us directly by God who is our Father in heaven and the source of all fatherhood in priests and bishops. Our faith is not a man-made philosophy or political ideology restricted by the human brain. Our faith is sacred and supernatural, unlimited and infinite. It points us to our eternity in the love and truth of God. It is all the more important, therefore, that priests take their sacred responsibilities seriously and work hard to meet the needs of their flock. Unfortunately there are priests who have misled the faithful in their teaching or who have abused their position or laid burdens on the faithful while shirking the practice of their faith themselves. We see this today and we must guard against being led us astray. But the vast majority of priests have huge love for the people and make great sacrifices for them and pray constantly for them, acting in the person of Christ.

**Please pray for your priests constantly, that they may bring you the teachings of Christ safely, lovingly, confidently.**

### IMPORTANT - ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION ON 12 NOVEMBER

This is a hugely important appeal for the effective running of the Archdiocese and the support of many people and faith projects. Money collected is spent on:

**Youth and Evangelisation** – to strengthen the formation of young people in the faith within our schools and parishes and support the work of parish catechists.

**Our faith in action** – to love all people by protecting human dignity, hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth, our common home, and supporting social outreach projects in parishes and schools.

**Care and formation of our clergy** – to care for sick and retired priests who have given their life to our service; support ongoing formation of clergy in active ministry, and to support the work of the vocations team and the formation of seminarians and deacons.

**Pooled together**, our support can have a big impact in our faith community. Some of the money will be given to parishes and Catholic schools to support local projects.

**Donations** by cash / cheque using Archbishop's Appeal envelopes in the church porch or donate online at [rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal) or scan QR code on poster in church porch.

### DATES FOR DIARIES

2 pm Surbiton Cemetery; 3 pm Kingston Cemetery  
12 November – Remembrance Sunday  
17 November – Mass for deceased clergy  
25 November – 11 am Saturday, Confirmation ceremony  
2 December – Saturday, Morning of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, St Boniface, Tooting. Further details to come.

### 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.

### PARISH SHOP / REPOSITORY IN OUR LOBBY

There are Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, Candles, Diaries and lots of other merchandise on sale in our parish shop. Please do drop in to have a look.