

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2023

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

#### Sunday 12 NOVEMBER – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Mass 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
- 6.00 pm Mass: Angela Woolliscroft RIP – 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** No Rosary or Mass Today
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**
- 11.30am Rosary
- 12noon **Mass:** Sr Mary Healy RIP and Marist Sisters Living and Dead
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** **St Albert the Great**
- 9.00am Rosary
- 9.30am **Mass:** Sharon McCluskey - Birthday
- Thur 16<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**
- 9.00am Rosary
- 9.30am **Mass:** Wellbeing of Gyana Fotabe
- 10.00am **Holy Hour**–Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** **St Hilda**
- 9.00am Rosary
- 9.30am **Mass: Tony – In Thanksgiving**
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** **The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul**
- 9.00am **Mass:** Sharon Moir RIP
- 9.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.40 am – 10.00 am

#### Sunday 19 NOVEMBER – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) Parish Book p 155

- 8.00am **Mass:** Amelia and Joseph Manche RIP  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**
- 10.00am **Mass:** Sharon Moir RIP
- 6.00pm **Mass:** For the People of the Parish

Readers 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 8am: Valentino Ferdis

Readers 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 8am: Alberto Ravano

Counters 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Pauline and Una

10am: Tony Gernon

10am: Cristabela Pereira

Cleaners w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Nov

6pm: Ruth MacKinley

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

Audry and Siobhan

**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.

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

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Let us remember the sacrifices made by so many who died or were injured during the two World Wars and in every war. Let us remember those in our community of Chessington and Hook who died for us. Let us remember the freedoms they protected for us today.

**And may the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

**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, 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 Home.

#### Last Week's Offertory

**£783.60** (£322.50 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £286.10 cash)

**Fundraising collection for church repairs**  
**£431.72 (245.00 is Gift Aided envelopes)**

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

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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.

# LOVE AND TRUTH CANNOT BE SEPARATED. THEY ARE ONE

## OUR ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON SPEAKS ABOUT THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF CHRIST

You have often heard me speak in my homilies about how the truth and love of our Lord Jesus are inseparable. Here Archbishop John writes to you all about his reflections on the recent Synod in Rome. The Bishops of England & Wales elected him to represent them at the Synod.

### Some Reflections in Light of the Synod on Synodality

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

I returned recently from the month-long Synod on Synodality in Rome, convened by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reflect on communion, participation, and mission in the Church's life. It was a remarkable journey, both engaging and exhausting, that led us forward on the way together – the Way who is the Lord Jesus himself, our Truth and our Life. (cf. Jn 14:6) I share with you a summary of my reflection on the Synod on Synodality available at <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk> Please take a moment to read it in full. Taking place against the backdrop of war, we prayed for peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, Sudan and elsewhere. We heard harrowing first-hand accounts of war from delegates. For me, meeting people from across the Universal Church, and hearing their experiences, was the most enriching and stimulating part of the Synod. Our Archdiocese took part in the preparatory synodal process, **demonstrating a deep love for the Lord Jesus and his Church, and a desire to be more hospitable and evangelising.** This is something we do together, recognising both the distinctiveness and complementarity of those who share Christ's priesthood through baptism and those who share it through ordination. I took to the Synod the passion and energy the Archdiocese showed for enacting the evangelising mission entrusted to us by Christ. **Sincere sharing of human experiences, sometimes charged with emotion, highlighted a perceived tension between truth and love for those who may struggle to accept or live to the Church's teaching. How can we better include people who feel unwelcome? We need a patient openness to receiving people's experience. There is a caution, however, in setting human experience against divine revelation, received through Scripture and Tradition, as if it were somehow corrective of a now outdated deposit of faith.** As Pope Francis reminded us, the Synod is not a parliament. Discernment is not a referendum on Church teaching, or a ballot where individuals vote according to what they believe the Holy Spirit is saying personally to them. Our faith is given to us through the Church in the Apostolic Tradition. In his earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus was open to everyone. Through acts of healing and forgiveness, he never remained passive. He always offered a way forward. Not everyone could accept this – the rich young man (cf. Mk 10:17-22) left sorrowful. Others, like Zacchaeus (cf. Lk 19:1-10), transformed their lives. Christ never rejects us. He leaves us free to follow him or not. We understand ourselves in the light of Christ's call to discipleship. The Gospel challenges us to accept Christ's invitation, finding in him a merciful and loving Saviour, especially as we face our own sinfulness. **If we empty the Gospel of its challenge, adapting it to our own way of thinking, then we empty the Gospel of its power to save. The Gospel teaches we cannot dislocate truth from love or love from truth. The Lord Jesus does, indeed, meet us where we are, but loves us too much to leave us there.** The Church is called to welcome people with **kindness and respect**, sharing the

**truth and love of Christ and his Gospel.** It is by encountering the Lord Jesus more deeply and personally that we grow in discipleship and service.

We continue to pray and discern what synodality means for our Archdiocese. I thank you all for your witness. We are one in faith, hope, and love, each of us with a unique part to play in loving Christ and serving him in others. May we share this responsibility passionately and joyfully in the harmony of the Holy Spirit. Be assured of my continued prayers and please pray for me.

**Most Rev John Wilson Archbishop of Southwark**

## FAMILIES AND ELDERLY IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS

There may be families or elderly people 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.

### TODAY - ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION - IMPORTANT

Money supports many vital projects:

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

**Our faith in action** – 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 clergy** – for sick and retired priests who have given their life to our service; support ongoing formation of clergy and the vocations team and the formation of seminarians and deacons.

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

**Donations:** 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/)

## 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.

### JOHN KINAHAN RIP

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of our dear parishioner John who passed away last Sunday. His funeral Mass at St Catherine's will be on Thursday 23 November at 11.15 am. May his rest in peace.

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

**PRIZES GALORE:** CLASSIC TEA FOR TWO AT FORTNUM AND MASON HAMPERS AND DELIGHTS:

Virginia Hayward Christmas Tradition Hamper; Virginia Hayward Snowy Delights Hamper; Virginia Hayward Taste of Christmas Hamper; Virginia Hayward Christmas Delights; Lindt Chocolate Christmas Hamper; Cadbury Christmas Hamper; Whiskey and Wine Hamper

NATIVITY SCENES AND SETS: Marco Paul Christmas Nativity scene; Deyros the Christmas story Unique Nativity set; Holy Art Nativity set (large figures).

CASH PRIZES: £50, £25 £25

**MANY OTHER PRIZES - £10 PER TICKET  
FROM NEXT SUNDAY  
PLEASE DONATE MORE PRIZES!**