

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 19 NOVEMBER – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) *Mass 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
6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish
- Mon 20th** No Rosary or Mass Today
- Tues 21st** **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
11.30am Rosary
12noon **Mass: Kitty Madden RIP**
- Wed 22nd** **St Cecilia**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass: Alex Josephides RIP**
- Thur 23rd** **St Clement I, Pope and Martyr**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass: Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP**
No Holy Hour
- 11.15am Funeral Mass: John Kinahan RIP**
- Friday 24th** **St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Foundation Mass: Monica Theresa Munnery RIP**
- Sat 25th** **St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**
9.00am No 9.00am Mass or Holy Hour
11.00am Confirmation Mass – Canon Gerard Bradley presiding

Sunday 26 NOVEMBER – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE TIME (A) (Year A–Weekly Cycle 1) *Parish Book p 158*

- 8.00am **Mass: Rita and Patrick Brownrigg RIP**
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
- 10.00am **Mass: Michael Rapazzini RIP**
6.00pm **Mass: For the People of the Parish**

Readers 19th Nov

8am: Alberto Ravano

Readers 26th Nov

8am: Mark Murphy

Counters 20th Nov

Vera and Valentino

10am: Cristabela Pereira

10am: Emilia de Rennes

Cleaners w/c 20th Nov

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

6pm: Kristin Walsh

Jozwicki Group

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TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION WE MUST LIVE THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE - BE A PRACTISING CATHOLIC THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

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.

No Drop-in Session this coming week – instead, please make an appointment with Fr Peter – 07921 667679 or e-mail him: petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

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 Julie Woolliscroft to Louise Quilligan & 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, 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.

Last Week's Offertory

£739.03 (£296.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £268.03 cash)

Archbishop's Appeal

£187.19 (£92.83 Gift Aided envelopes)

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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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.

**MORNING RECOLLECTION & PRAYER  
FOR READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2023**

**St Boniface Hall 185 Mitcham Rd, Tooting, SW17 9PG**  
Canon Gerard Bradley, our Episcopal Vicar for the South-West area of the Archdiocese, invites on behalf of Archbishop John all our *Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EEM)* and *Readers* to a morning of recollection and prayer at St Boniface, Tooting. I strongly encourage as many readers and EEMs as possible to attend. To read the Word of God for our brothers and sisters at Mass or to carry Christ in the Eucharist to our sick and aged brothers and sisters at home is a great privilege. This recollection morning will help us nurture our faith and understand the gifts we have been given, emphasizing the importance of living the sacramental life in full. Here is the program which has been designed specifically for these ministries:

- 10:00 am: Arrival / Tea and Coffee
- 10:30 am: Introductory Session
- 11:15 am: Short Break
- 11.30 am: Ministry Review
- 12:15 pm: Tea and Coffee break
- 12:40 pm: Adoration & Confessions
- 13:30 pm: Mass
- 14:15 pm: Lunch

*Priests will be available for confession from 12.40 to 13:15*  
*To readers and EEM: **please let me know if you plan to attend***

**CANON GERARD BRADLEY WILL PRESIDE AT OUR  
CONFIRMATION MASS 25 NOVEMBER**

Eighteen of our parish teenagers will be confirmed at St Catherine's next Saturday at 11 am by Episcopal Vicar Gerard Bradley. I look forward to welcoming him. Our young parishioners have steadfastly and faithfully travelled on this journey of faith which began last January. They are a credit to our parish.

**TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

Sunday 19 November 2023 is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of not turning away. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7). Whenever we turn away from those who are poor, we turn away from Jesus himself, who is forever associated with the most vulnerable in society (Matthew 25: 31-46). While south-west London is relatively rich, we may encounter people in financial distress. See below how we might help. Click also here online newsletter:

[Novena: World Day of the Poor - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**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 me know as soon as possible.

**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. Let us also keep in our prayers his dear wife Maureen

**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!**

**HOOK SINGERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Come and celebrate Christmas with Hook Singers and sing Carols, on Saturday December 9, at 3 pm, at the Methodist Church, Church Lane, Chessington, followed by refreshments and a raffle. Admission FREE. There will be a Retiring Collection, in aid of the Fircroft Trust. Contact Cecilia Suarez telephone 0208 397 5891 or Ruth MacKinlay telephone 07743 234508 - If you are unable to attend on Saturday please come on Friday 8 December at 11am and listen to our last rehearsal.

**DATES FOR DIARIES**

25 November – 11 am Saturday, Confirmation Mass  
2 December – Saturday, Morning of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, St Boniface, Tooting.  
10 December – Parish Gathering and Raffle – 11 am

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS  
THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS AND PREPARING  
FOR A NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST**

**FROM LUMEN GENTIUM – LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
Vatican Council II Documents**

**Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium § 34**

"The supreme and eternal priest, Christ Jesus, since he wills to continue his witness and service also through the laity, vivifies them in this Spirit and increasingly urges them on to every good and perfect work. For besides intimately linking them to his life and his mission, he also gives them a sharing in his priestly function of offering spiritual worship for the glory of God and the salvation of men. **For this reason, the laity, dedicated to Christ and anointed by the Holy Spirit,** are marvellously called and wonderfully prepared so that ever more abundant fruits of the Spirit may be produced in them. For all their works, prayers and apostolic endeavours, their ordinary married and family life, their daily occupations, their physical and mental relaxation, **if carried out in the Spirit, and even the hardships of life, if patiently borne — all these become "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"** (1 Peter 2:5). Together with the offering of the Lord's body, they are most fittingly offered in the celebration of the Eucharist. Thus, as those everywhere who adore in holy activity, the laity consecrate the world itself to God."

**We will not squander the gifts of the holy spirit. We will not bury our talents in a hole in the ground**