

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26 NOVEMBER—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A) *Parish Mass Book p158*

8.00am Mass: Rita and Patrick Brownrigg RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: Michael Rapazzini RIP
6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish
Mon 27th No Rosary or Mass Today
Tues 28th **Feria**
11.30am Rosary
12noon **Mass:** Helena Walker – In Thanksgiving
Wed 29th **Feria**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass:** Kelvin Okogwu - Healing
Thur 30th **St Andrew, Apostle**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass:** Sharon and Daniel McCluskey
10.00am **Holy Hour**—Exposition of the Eucharist and Confessions
Friday 1st **SS Edmund Campion, Ralph Sherwin and Alexander Briant (Priests and Martyrs)**
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass:** Heather Webster RIP
Sat 2nd **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
9.00am **Mass:** Wellbeing of Mami Lucia Agendia
Holy Hour – First Saturday Devotions, Our Lady of Fatima, Exposition, Benediction, Confessions

Sunday 3 DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

8.00am **Mass:** Dennis Allen RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am **Mass:** Noel Horgan
6.00pm **Mass:** For the People of the Parish

Readers 26th Nov

8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Emilia de Rennes

6pm: Kristin Walsh

Readers 3rd Dec

8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Louisa Nkohkw

6pm: Paul Johnston

Counters 26th Nov

Karen and Peter

Cleaners w/c 27th Nov

Aurea's 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.

Last Week's Offertory

£780.74 (£290.70 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £315.04 cash)

TODAY 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.

**No Drop-in Session this coming week** – instead, please make an appointment with Fr Peter – 07921 667679 or e-mail him at 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 passes from the Quilligan family to the Desbruslais family after the 6 pm 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, 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.

## COME HOLY SPIRIT!

### A JOYOUS AND WONDERFUL OCCASION! CANON GERARD BRADLEY ADMINISTERED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Yesterday was such a wonderful day. Eighteen of our parish teenagers were confirmed at St Catherine's by our Episcopal Vicar for the SW of the Archdiocese, Canon Gerard Bradley. We thank him for a wonderful celebration of the Sacrament. Our young parishioners have steadfastly and faithfully travelled on this journey of faith which began last January. They are a credit to our parish community. They have received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Let us now pray together that the rigours, temptations and lies of this world will not deflect them from their journey to eternal life in the love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

### 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 (10 am to 2 pm). I strongly encourage all readers and EEMs 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. *please let me know if you plan to attend*

### 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.

### KNITTING CRAFT CLUB

**Every Tuesday 2 pm - 4 pm Parish Hall Foyer**

This excellent example of a social and fundraising initiative is under way. If you want advice on your knitting or simply want to start from scratch, come to this friendly group. Step out of the cold and into the warmth.

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE (SCYS)

This is an **annual collection** and is aimed at nurturing young people 'post confirmation' who aspire to develop and own their faith more. SCYS is committed to the spiritual and holistic growth of each young person and is designed to encourage growth in faith, knowledge, leadership skills and personal development. Please see [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/about-scys/](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/about-scys/)

### 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.

### 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**  
**PLEASE DONATE MORE PRIZES!**

### CHRISTMAS RETREAT FOR WOMEN 8-10 December 2023

**AT THE CONVENT IN LYNTON, DEVON EX35 6BS**  
An opportunity for young women aged 18-35 to come and await the birth of Christ in the heart of a Monastic community, to experience the Advent liturgy, silence, prayer, lectio Divina, lived in joyful expectation with the Blessed Virgin. To book or for more info contact the Sisters [srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com](mailto:srsmarymorningstar@gmail.com) NB This is a retreat for all women. It is not about testing one's vocation.

### CHRIST IS THE SERVANT KING AND JUST AS JESUS HAS SERVED US SO WE MUST SERVE ONE ANOTHER IF WE ARE TO ENTER HIS KINGDOM

Dear Brothers and Sisters - **Who is Christ for us?** Surely he is the God who humbled himself to become one of us out of pure love, to die for us sinners, who calls us "friends" and shares our sufferings and joys, who heals us with his intense love and his divine truth, who weeps for us as he wept for his friend Lazarus, who shares meals with us and our families, who said to us that he was giving us his very body and blood to sustain and enable each one of us to enjoy a deeply personal relationship with him in the Holy Eucharist. Why on earth then does Christ need to be given the title King of the Universe? He is God after all, far greater than any king on earth. It is precisely because "my kingdom is not of this world" that he shows us the true kingship which earthly rulers should copy, but don't. He is truly the King of the Universe, the source of all power on earth, who nonetheless humbles himself to serve us in order to shepherd us into his Kingdom. The Solemnity of the Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI as recently as 1925 to counter the rise of atheistic secularist regimes, the lies of fascism and communism. In Christ, love and truth come together as in no other king and in no other kingdom. He himself tells Pontius Pilate (John 18:37): "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice." When we encounter Jesus in the Gospels and through the Holy Spirit, we see that he stands for truth – the objective truth of our existence – and that he stands for love, love of the Father and love of one another. Uniquely, truth and love cannot be separated in Christ's kingship. Nor can they be separated in our Christian lives. **That means we cannot enter Christ's Kingdom unless we truly love and serve each other, those who are poor, sick, afflicted, hungry, dejected, imprisoned, marginalised.....**