

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2023

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 17 DECEMBER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Gaudete Sunday Parish Mass Book p87

8.00am Mass: Philomena Manche RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish
6.00 pm Mass: Frances Gibbons RIP

NO DAILY MASS FROM MON 18th – SATURDAY 23rd

CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS

This year Christmas Day falls on a Monday and Christmas Eve therefore on a Sunday Evening. **The Sunday obligation to attend Mass still stands, even if we come to a Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve.**

SUNDAY OBLIGATION SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

Mass at 8 am
Mass at 10 am
No Sunday obligation Mass at 6 pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

Christmas Mass at 6 pm
Christmas Midnight Mass (12.00 am)
preceded by Carols and Readings at 11.30 am

CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

Mass at 8 am
Mass at 10 am
No evening Mass

Readers 17th Dec
Counters 18th Dec

8am: Mark Murphy
Vera and Valentino

10am: Marcel Gilly Bruno
Cleaners w/c 18th Dec

6pm: Emilia de Rennes
Jozwicki Group

Readers for Christmas and New Year's Eve will be advised in due course

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS – Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney

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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

£803.61 (£299.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £329.61 cash)

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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 Maureen Kinahan to the Hansa Family after the 10am Mass.**

**PLEASE PRAY for the sick** especially Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Joyce Crooks, Tyler Curniffe, Louise Dovey, Delia Gallagher, Marie Gilbert & Family, 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, and residents of the Amy Woodgate Home.

## ADVENT MEDITATIONS: OUR PRAYERS

### Trust in God

My God, you have created me to do you some definite service.

You have given some definite work to me which you have not given to any other.

I have my place in your plan.

I may never know what it is in this life, but I will be told it in the next.

Therefore, I will trust you in all things.

If I am sick, my sickness may serve you.

If I am worried, my worry may serve you.

You do nothing in vain.

You know what you are doing.

You may take away my friends.

You may put me among strangers.

You may make me feel forgotten.

You may make my spirits sink.

You may hide my future from me.

Still You know what you are doing

and I trust you Amen. *Cardinal Newman*

### Learning Christ

In all the events of my life –Teach me, my Lord, to be sweet and gentle in disappointments, in the thoughtlessness of others, in the insecurity of those I trusted,

in the unfaithfulness of those on whom I relied.

Teach me to profit by the suffering that comes across my path.

Let me so use it that it may mellow me, not harden nor embitter me;

that it may make me patient, not irritable;

that it may make me broad in my forgiveness, not narrow, haughty and overbearing.

May no one be less good for having come within my influence; no one less pure, less true, less kind, less notable for having been a fellow-traveller in our journey towards eternal life.

As I go my rounds from one distraction to another, let me whisper a word of love to you.

May my life be lived in the supernatural, full of power for good and strong in its purpose for good, and strong in its purpose for sanctity. *Anon*

### Live in Christ

Always seek the Lord Jesus, grow in friendship with him, receive him in Communion. Learn to listen to his word and also to recognize him in the poor. Live your lives with joy and enthusiasm, sure of his presence and of his unconditional, generous friendship, faithful even to death on the cross. *Pope Benedict XV1*

### Morning Offering

Jesus, through the most pure heart of Mary

I offer thee all my prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this day,

for all the intentions of thy divine heart, through the Holy Mass

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND PARISH GATHERING!

**THANK YOU!**

**It was wonderful to see so many people at our Christmas Gathering last Sunday. Your support of this very important fundraising and social event was overwhelming.**

**As a result we managed to raise £1,890.00**

**Thank you for the generosity of our donors and those who helped to make this such a successful fundraising effort.**

**The proceeds all go to help towards the repair and maintenance of our Church and we hope we can continue with your wonderful support at future events in the New Year.**

### FR. PETER

You will be pleased to learn that Fr. Peter had his operation last Thursday.

Everything went to plan and we wish him all the very best with his recovery.

In Fr Peter's absence, we welcome Fr. Dominic Allain to St Catherine's this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We also welcome back next weekend, Fr. David Howell, who will be with us to celebrate all our Christmas and New Year Masses.

### YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Offering is your gift to your Parish Priest. Envelopes are available in the porch. Please use your Gift Aid envelopes if you are a member of the scheme. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

You are invited to join Our Lady Immaculate Church, Tolworth for a traditional sung Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm. Drinks and mince pies will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall.