

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Sebastian

Confidential phone number 07921 667679 Confidential business e-mail: petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

Office: Tel Number 0208 397 4499 Office Email: chessington@rcaos.org.uk

Address: 98/100 Leatherhead Road, Chessington, KT9 2HY Website: [www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk](http://www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk)

## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024

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

#### SUNDAY 14 JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Parish Mass Book p127

8.00am Mass: Frank McCluskey - Birthday  
Confessions during Mass and 9.15 am to 9.45am  
10.00am Mass: Frank Maughan RIP  
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feria  
Fr Peter Private Mass – For Lino and Nivea Mizzi RIP

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Feria  
Fr Peter Private Mass – For Private Intentions

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony  
Fr Peter Private Mass – For Daniel McCluskey

Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Feria  
Fr Peter Private Mass – For Holy Souls

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> St Wulstan  
Fr Peter Private Mass – For the wellbeing of Maura Fanning

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> St Fabian  
Fr Peter Private Mass – John Woodger RIP

#### Sunday 21 JANUARY – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

8.00am Mass: Welling of Veronica Woodger  
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am  
10.00am Mass: Emmet McLoughlin RIP  
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

#### Last Week's Offertory

£807.55 (£327.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £305.55 cash)

TODAY we will have a second "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.

~~~~~  
Tea and coffee are served every Sunday in the hall after 10am Mass. All welcome.

~~~~~  
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.

~~~~~  
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.

#### SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS–Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail: [chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) Tel: 07818 108689

Readers 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8am: Alberto Ravano	10am: Shehara Gamage	6pm: Volunteer
Readers 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	8am: Mark Murphy	10am: Alex Duval	6pm: Kristin Walsh
Counters 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Howard and Marlene	Cleaners w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Jozwicki Group

#### 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.

Fr Peter – no appointments till further notice. In case of emergency, please speak to Vera our Parish Secretary or e-mail Fr Peter himself at [petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk)

This week Our Lady of Fatima Statue passes from Rosemary Okogwu at 10am Mass to Marianne Walsh and Family at 6pm

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** especially Cindy Albright, Patrick Beglane, Joyce Crooks, Tyler Curniffe, Louise Dovey, Delia Gallagher, Eileen Gathercole, 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 Penycate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Anne Srivastava, John Stratford, and residents of the Amy Woodgate Home.

**KNITTING CRAFT CLUB & SOCIAL**  
Every Tuesday 2 pm - 4 pm Parish Hall Foyer  
The Club will resume on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Or just come and have a cup of coffee / tea!

## PLANS FOR THE REST OF JANUARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters - I thank Fr Dominic Allain who has covered for me for most Sundays over this period of my recovery. He will cover all Masses today – Sunday 14 January. He will return to be with us again on Sunday 28 January. Next Sunday 21 January I am pleased to say that the morning Masses will be offered by our Episcopal Vicar for the South-West of our Archdiocese of Southwark – Canon Gerard Bradley. As some of you will recall, he came to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our teenagers last November and to induct me as Parish Priest in February 2023. I am also pleased to say that Fr Michael Lovell, Dean of the Kingston Catholic Deanery of seven parishes, will step in to cover the 6 pm Mass that Sunday. I hope to return at the start of February. With love and prayers as ever, Fr Peter.

### CONFIRMATION FOR TEENAGERS

(13-17 yrs)

Course starts on Friday 23 February  
Confirmation Ceremony in November 2024

I would now like to pull together the applications of all those teenagers who would like to be confirmed in November 2024 or who want to know more about Christ before committing themselves.

This course is also suitable for those teenagers who were unable to make their First Holy Communion earlier. It is also suitable for those teenagers who would like to be baptised and live the sacramental life.

The course sessions will take place every Friday from 6.15 pm to 8 pm, except for holiday and half term periods. Once again we will follow the Sycamore Course created by Fr Stephen Wang, formerly the Chaplain of London University and currently the Rector of the Venerable English College (seminary) in Rome. The course will be a mix of imparting knowledge, discussion about faith and morality, prayer and examination of conscience. All being well we may also be able to organise a day trip or two on a Saturday to sacred locations.

**Application forms** can be found on the parish website under *Sacramental Life* in the menu at the very top of the home page.

**PLEASE APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

### MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Building a Better Marriage  
– new course for married couples

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a *Building a Better Marriage Course* throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark website.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

**PLEASE**

**DO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS COURSE.  
THE STRONGER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
HUSBAND AND WIFE, THE STRONGER THE  
FAMILY. THE STRONGER THE FAMILY, THE  
STRONGER OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST**

## BECOME A CATHOLIC!

**SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFESSION,  
CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST  
FOR ADULT NON-CHRISTIANS (18+)**

**SACRAMENTS OF CONFESSION, HOLY  
EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION  
FOR ADULT CATHOLICS AND  
NON-CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS (18+ yrs)**

**The course starts mid February at a date which  
is mutually convenient for all involved. Please  
e-mail Fr Peter for details or to confirm your wish  
to attend the course even if you have already  
been in contact with him about it.**

[petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk)

The Catholic Church guided by the Holy Spirit is the hope of the world, because it brings to us the authentic Christ, especially important in these troubled and confused times. People want the truth that comes from Christ. The key is to stay close to the faith in Jesus Christ handed down to us from the Apostles chosen and taught by Jesus, and to proclaim that faith in truth and love. This is a friendly course allowing each participant to go at their own pace. There is no pressure to take the final step and become a Catholic. There will be formal group teaching and one-to-one tuition.

**“HERE I AM LORD, I COME TO DO YOUR WILL”  
ARE WE TRULY LISTENING?**

**ARE WE SERIOUS ABOUT DOING GOD’S WILL?**

Today we hear about God’s call to each one of us. He is calling us by name individually and personally. His call to the Prophet Samuel in the Old Testament and his call to the Apostles are very personal calls to action. The call to us is just as real, if only we are prepared to listen. What’s the best way of listening, of hearing the call from God? **AVOID SIN OF ANY KIND**, and especially sin that turns us in on ourselves, selfish, self-engrossed beings who live life by exploiting others. Anyone engaged in implementing their own agenda in this world, whether in the world or in the Church, will never hear the authentic call of Christ. The Holy Spirit will shun them, because they have closed their ears and their minds. **SIN – which so many of us no longer take seriously and very few ever think of confessing their sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation – SIN WILL BLOT OUT GOD IN A VICIOUS DOWNWARD SPIRAL LEADING TO COMPLETE LOSS OF FAITH. TODAY, THIS DAY, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW OURSELVES - SO PLEASE, GO TO CONFESSION. RECONCILE YOURSELF TO GOD AND TO YOURSELF. IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION OR IT’S BEEN A LONG TIME, DON’T WORRY: THE PRIEST WILL BE OVERJOYED TO HELP YOU.**