

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024

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

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

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

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> St Vincent**  
**Fr Peter Private Mass** – For Edwin Manche RIP

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Feria**  
**Fr Peter Private Mass** – For the wellbeing of Rose and John Dique

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> St Francis de Sales**  
**Fr Peter Private Mass** – For Holy Souls

**Thur 25<sup>th</sup> The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle**  
**Fr Peter Private Mass** – For Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> SS Timothy and Titus**  
**Fr Peter Private Mass** – For the wellbeing of Eileen and Michael Kearns

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> St Angela Merici**  
**Fr Peter Private Mass** – In Thanksgiving

#### Sunday 28 JANUARY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

8.00am **Mass:** Sharon McCluskey - Birthday  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**  
10.00am **Mass:** For the People of the Parish  
6.00pm **Mass:** Bill Woolliscroft RIP - Birthday

#### SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS–Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney

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Readers 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 8am: Mark Murphy 10am: Alex Duval 6pm: Kristin Walsh

Readers 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 8am: Valentino Ferdis 10am: Pauline Holman 6pm: Howard Brinkworth

Counters 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Pauline and Una Cleaners w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Aurea's 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.

#### Last Week's Offertory

**£778.19** (£273.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £330.19 cash)

**Fundraising collection for church repairs**  
**£318.03** (£184.00 Gift Aided envelopes).

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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.***  
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**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.

**Fr Peter – please make appointments from 5 February onwards.** 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 Sarah Aref to the Godoy Family at the 10am Mass**

**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 & SOCIAL CLUB**  
**NO GATHERING NEXT TUESDAY 23 February**

**BAPTISM – GRACE MURPHY**  
Many congratulations to Grace

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - TODAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters. As mentioned last week this Sunday 21 January we welcome at our two morning Masses our Episcopal Vicar for the South-West of our Archdiocese of Southwark – Canon Gerard Bradley. You will recall that he came to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our teenagers last November and to induct me as Parish Priest in February 2023. We welcome at our evening Mass Fr Michael Lovell, Dean of the Kingston Catholic Deanery of seven parishes. He too is well known to us as he has concelebrated with us and helped me in various ways in our parish. Next week Fr Dominic Allain, who is currently on retreat, will return to cover all three Sunday Masses on 28 January. It is my plan to return to you from Sunday 4 February. 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. Self-knowledge brings us to God. 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>

**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.  
HELP EACH OTHER GET TO HEAVEN!**

### 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.**

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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.

**PLEASE CONTACT FR PETER FOR A CHAT**

### “BROTHERS, OUR TIME IS GROWING SHORT!”

1 Corinthians 7:29

So much of what we encounter in our society tries to persuade us that what matters is how we as **individuals** can enjoy life to the full **without God**. We Christians know that is fake! Yes, this is a wonderful world, but only when we see it as God’s creation as we try to do God’s will in this life in preparation for the next. St Paul’s advice in today’s Epistle reading is as powerful and relevant today as it was two thousand years ago: time is growing short; don’t mess about; prepare for the next life with God by living this life with God. In the Gospel of Mark today John the Baptist urges us to “repent and believe in the Good News.” The Good News is that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly human and died for us and rose from the dead to conquer sin and death. For each one of us now as individuals we are called to repent in both the humility and in the joy of the Resurrection. The Apostles responded immediately to Christ’s call. And if the pagan and sinful people of Ninevah in the Book of Jonah managed it before Christ, so can we with Christ. If we truly believe in **Christ’s Resurrection**, it changes everything; **it changes us as individuals**. To examine our conscience, to repent in humility, to turn away from sin and return to the Good News of the Gospel – that is what Christ will ask of us through the Church on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. **Like the Apostles, we have been called by name. Let us in turn call those we know to the Good News of the Gospel.**