

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2024

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

#### SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) *Parish Mass Book p134*

8.00am **Mass:** For the People of the Parish  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**  
10.00am **Mass:** Simonitto and Piccouni RIP  
6.00pm **Mass:** The deceased members of the Woolliscroft and Roberts Families

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> NO MASS TODAY**

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> NO MASS TODAY**

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> NO MASS TODAY**

**Thur 8<sup>th</sup> NO MASS TODAY**

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> NO MASS TODAY**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> St Scholastica**

9.00am **Mass:** Mary Redmond RIP

9.30am **Holy Hour** – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, **Confessions 9.45 am-10.15 am**

#### Sunday 11 FEBRUARY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(B)

8.00am **Mass:** Kenneth McKinnon RIP  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00am **Mass:** John Kinahan RIP

6.00pm **Mass:** For the People of the Parish

**SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS–Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney**  
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Readers 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 8am: Alberto Ravano 10am: Tony

Gernon 6pm: Paul Johnston

Readers 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 8am: Mark Murphy

Counters 4<sup>th</sup> Feb Karen and Peter

10am: Marcel Gilly Bruno

Cleaners w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

6pm: Frances Harryman

Audry and Siobhan

#### TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION WE MUST LIVE THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE - BE A PRACTISING CATHOLIC CHERISH 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

**£677.30** (£270.00 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £232.30 cash)

#### Catholic Association for Racial Justice

**£120.44** (£7.00 is 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.

**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.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO BABY BIANCA Baptised on Saturday 3 February 2024

“And Jesus came and said to the Apostles: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always to the close of the age.” (Matthew 28: 18-20)

**TO ALL PARENTS AND GODPARENTS – LOVE YOUR ROLE AS TEACHERS! DO YOU KNOW YOUR FAITH? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO DEEPEN IT SO THAT YOU CAN ANSWER YOUR CHILD'S QUESTIONS?**

## CONFIRMATION FOR TEENAGERS (13-17 yrs)

Course starts on Friday 23 February

Confirmation Ceremony in November 2024

Teenagers who would like to be confirmed in November 2024 or who want to know more about Christ before committing themselves are invited to join the Confirmation course. 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. 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**

## THIS IS NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 2024

Marriage Week is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. It is celebrated this year from 7-14 February. A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God, as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him.

### BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

#### A 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>

## JOB ADVERT KINGSTON STREET PASTORS

Kingston Street Pastors are recruiting for a new Deputy Coordinator. This is an exciting opportunity to play a major role in the leadership and development of Street Pastors in Kingston. Street Pastors is a well-established organisation which helps and keeps safe young people in our Royal Borough. A Street Pastor is a trained and uniformed member of a local church who wants to serve his or her community. Always working in a group of four, they patrol an area designated to have a need by the church, local authority or the police. Common problems are related to over-drinking alcohol, taking drugs and being stranded in Kingston after a night out.

**Applications: from age 18 upwards**

**Part time role: Up to 20hrs per week**

**Salary range: Up to £15k - £16k**

**Closing date for applications:**

**Sunday 3rd March 11.30pm**

Full job specification and how to apply can be found on [Charityjob.co.uk](https://charityjob.co.uk) at:

[Deputy Coordinator - CharityJob.co.uk](https://charityjob.co.uk)

## BECOME A CATHOLIC!

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

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

**The course starts late 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.**

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

This is a friendly course – in fact it's more of a journey to God - 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.

## ONLINE

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND NURTURING WITH "CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREP"

"Our online marriage prep is built upon **Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body** and provides personalized one-on-one mentoring from trained married couples. We invite couples to a deeper relationship with each other and with Christ. One of the goals of our marriage prep is to facilitate discussions between the future bride and groom to help them build a foundation for a strong, healthy, holy and Christ-centred marriage. The course is self-paced. As a couple, you can complete the course in as little as 4 weeks or spend up to 3 months preparing if you wish. Your instructor couple will follow your pace and accompany you every step of the way. Our course is designed for ALL couples including couples separated by distance, not separated by distance, interfaith, civilly married (awaiting convalidation), and couples who desire to learn more about the sacrament of Matrimony. This online marriage prep is available in English, Spanish, and French.

[www.catholicmarriageprep.com](http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com)

## REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE PASSAGES MIRACLES ARE NOT ENOUGH

Imagine being one of those people who followed Jesus 2000 years ago. Why are we following him around? Are we looking for miracles? Why? To make life easier for us, to spare us suffering? To help us believe in Jesus as the Messiah. Or because we love to be with Jesus, to hear his words of preaching and to learn from him how to pray to the Father and experience the Father's healing love? How we answer these questions will reflect the depth of our faith and our ability to cope with suffering. Looking for miracles is not enough to sustain us through this life. Today we have an advantage over those early followers of Jesus. We know, witnessed by so many, that God humbled himself to share in our suffering and that the greatest miracle of all was Christ's Resurrection, overcoming forever sin and death. In the same way, Jesus raises us up through the Sacraments to a new life with God – the Sacramental life. Through prayer, we raise our hearts and minds to God. That sustains us as eventually it sustained the long-suffering Job in today's Old Testament passage.

**We have to raise our hearts and minds to God out of pure love to deal with our suffering**