

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Mon 12th NO MASS TODAY

Tues 13th Feria
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass:** Conor Ryan RIP and Eilis Ryan

Wed 14th ASH WEDNESDAY
9.00am Rosary
9.30am **Mass:** Mary Redmond RIP
7.30pm **Mass:** Woolliscroft and Roberts families RIP members

Thur 15th Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm **Mass:** Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP

Friday 16th Feria
11.30am Rosary
12.00 pm **Mass:** John Kinahan RIP

Sat 17th Feria
9.00am **Mass:** Cecilia Suarez
Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, **Confessions 9.45 am-10.15 am**

Sunday 18 FEBRUARY – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

8.00am **Mass:** For the People of the Parish
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am **Mass:** Malcolm Vincett RIP
5.00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
6.00pm **Mass:** The de Rennes Family

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS–Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney
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Readers 11th Feb 8am: Mark Murphy
Readers 18^h Feb 8am: Valentino Ferdis
Counters 11th Feb Howard and Marlene

10am: Marcel Gilly Bruno
10am: Louisa Nkohkwo
Cleaners w/c 12th Feb

6pm: Frances Harryman
6pm: Emilia de Rennes
Jozwicki Group

Last Week's Offertory

£882.94 (£352.05 is Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 is Gift Aided standing orders and £355.89 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 or write your name on the envelope. **You can also now make a donation by card through our DONA machine located in the porch by selecting the "Second Collection" today.**

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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

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.

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 BRYDEN PIERRE Baptised on Saturday 10 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 AND LIVE 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 with an introduction for the candidates and their families at 7.00 pm

APPLICANTS: PLEASE SPEAK TO FR PETER

NEW MACHINE FOR DONATING BY CARD

You may have noticed that we have a new machine in the entrance hall to enable donations to be made by debit or credit card. It is called "DONA" and is ready for use. Just tap on the screen to reveal the donation categories (e.g. Offertory or Second Collection etc).

ARCHBISHOP'S CLERGY SUPPORT FUND NEXT WEEK SPECIAL COLLECTION

"The clergy in our Archdiocese has given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan QR code on the poster in the entrance hall. You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available next week at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers. With thanks.

THIS IS NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

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

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, a well-established organisation which helps and keeps safe young people in our Royal Borough.

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 at:

Deputy Coordinator - CharityJob.co.uk

BECOME A CATHOLIC!

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

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

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ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON TODAY'S PASTORAL LETTER (extracts) AS WE APPROACH LENT

"Our readings today, and throughout the Lenten season, ask us to take seriously our responsibility as disciples. How are we living and sharing the Good News of the Lord Jesus? What does it mean to you that God is with you and that God is with and for all people? When we know personally the Lord Jesus' healing and loving embrace, we cannot keep it to ourselves. By our baptism into Christ, we are commissioned to reach out to those who do not know how precious they are in God's sight, to seek those who have given up their faith, or never known its beauty. The open arms of the Child in the manger, and the open arms of our Saviour on the Cross, are an invitation from God-with-us – to us, and through us to others.

We are each, without exception, called to be an extension of the Lord Jesus' reach to all people. His open arms welcome all. During Lent, this great season of Christian renewal, we ponder anew how we might help others find their way into the loving fold of Christ's Church. The Lord Jesus reached out to the leper with compassion and healed him. How can we reach out to those who need to receive the healing power of faith and the transformative love of God?

It is sometimes easy to forget our common vocation of discipleship and overlook the fact that the responsibility for evangelisation – of spreading the Good News of the Lord Jesus in word and deed – is something shared by all the baptised: laity, consecrated women and men, and clergy. Together, as married, single, lay, ordained, or consecrated people, evangelisation is a work of the entire People of God. This requires all of us being fully aware of our baptismal vocation and our collective mission to bring to life the Good News of Jesus Christ to our families, culture, and society. This, wrote Pope St Paul VI, is our "*deepest identity*" as Christians. (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14)

As we enter this season of Lent, please join with me in renewing our shared commitment to holiness, evangelisation, and mission. By the witness of our lives, we can each reveal to others the love and mercy of Christ. Let us work together, as clergy, laity, and consecrated people, all of us missionary disciples, committed to spreading the Gospel to all God's people. Dear brothers and sisters, may the coming season of Lent be a time of grace and renewal for each one of you as we embrace our call to proclaim the Light which enlightens all people (Cf. John 1:9). At our baptism, the Spirit given to us "... was not a spirit of fear, but of power and love." (2 Timothy 1:7) May the power of God's love and mercy in Christ steer us on our Lenten journey."

*With every blessing and the assurance of my prayers and gratitude - Yours devotedly in Christ –
+ John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark.*