

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 3 MARCH – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Parish Mass Book p158

8.00am **Mass:** John McAvoy RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am **Mass:** John Kinahan RIP
5.00 pm Stations of the Cross

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

Mon 4th NO MASS TODAY

Tues 5th Feria

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm **Mass:** Duncan Hodgeson RIP

Wed 6th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am **Mass:** Martin Madden RIP

Thur 7th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am **Mass:** Maria Keaveney Jessiman RIP

Friday 8th Feria

9.00am Rosary

9.30am **Mass:** Rita Aguiar

Sat 9th Feria

9.00am **Mass:** Angelin Fanning
Holy Hour – Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.45 am-10.15 am

Sunday 10 MARCH – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

8.00am **Mass:** P.J. Treacy RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am **Mass:** Mary Redmond RIP

5.00 pm Stations of the Cross

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS–Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney
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Readers 3rd Mar 8am: Mark Murphy

Readers 10th Mar 8am: Valentino Ferdis

Counters 3rd Mar Karen and Peter

10am: Cristabela Pereira

10am: Kate Moir

Cleaners w/c 4th Mar

6pm: Aurea Coloma

6pm: Ruth Mackinlay

Audry and Siobhan

Last Week's Offertory

£817.65 (£344.04 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £32 Card and £266.61 cash)

Clergy Support Fund

£299.70 (£102.60 Gift Aided envelopes, £87 Card and £110.10 cash)

CAFOD

£282.79 (£90 Gift Aided envelopes and £192.79 cash)

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.

Mass Intentions: 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.

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.

YOU CAN MAKE DONATIONS BY CARD

We have a new machine called **DONA** in the entrance hall to enable donations to be made by debit or credit card. Just tap on the screen to reveal the donation categories (e.g. Offertory, Second Collection, Clergy Support Fund etc). The first time you use DONA you will be asked for some basic identification details. After that a donation can be made in seconds. You can use it to **Gift Aid** your weekly and all other donations if you are a tax payer. It means St Catherine's can claim back from the Tax Office a further 25% of your donation. It makes sense. We will still have a cash collection but some of you will prefer to use **DONA**.

Bernard Lyons RIP – Obituary Notice

Parishioners of St Catherine of Siena will be saddened to hear of the death of Bernard Lyons in Glasgow on 21 February 2024. Bernard was a long standing parishioner from the 1980s until he moved to France in the 2010s and more latterly to Scotland. He was a teacher by profession and an active member of the parish. He used his diverse talents to benefit the parish. Many will recall his role as Choir master and his distinct singing voice. Well versed in liturgy, he chose appropriate music both English and Latin for particular feast days, Christmas, Lent and Easter. In the early days he produced and directed plays for our Youth group. He supervised the heating and lighting in the Church and Hall. Many will remember him as a Quiz Master doing a double act with Derek St Romaine during our fund raising for the re-ordering of the Sanctuary. During this time he submitted several draft designs for discussion which led to the final Sanctuary design we see in the church today. He was also an Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Minister in the parish. His funeral will take place on 11 March in Helensburgh, Scotland. Bernard leaves behind his widow Anita (also a teacher), his children Richard and Rachel and three grandchildren. We pray that the Lord gives them comfort. Eternal rest grant unto Bernard, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

POPE BENEDICT XVI REFLECTS ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

The Words of the Apostle Paul, which today the liturgy proposes for our meditation, resound in my mind: "We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God." I have nothing to propose or give to those whom I shall meet except Christ and the Good News of his Cross, a mystery of supreme love, of divine love that overcomes all human resistance and even makes forgiveness and love for one's enemies possible. This is the grace of the Gospel that is capable of transforming the world. The Church, therefore, does not pursue economic, social or political objectives; the Church proclaims Christ, certain that the Gospel can move the hearts of all and transform them, thereby renewing people and societies from within."

[from the CTS New Daily Missal p. 187]

GOOD FRIDAY – WALK OF WITNESS ST CATHERINE'S TO HOST

We are organising a procession or Walk of Witness with our brothers and sisters in the Methodist and Anglican Churches in Chessington and Hook. Details to follow but the rough timings are: start at 9.15 am at the Methodist church and end at around 11 am at St Catherine of Siena when we will have a short service of remembrance followed by tea/coffee and hot cross buns in our parish hall. Please do your best to attend this procession and service and refreshments, both to demonstrate our solidarity with our fellow Christians and to be a witness to the truth and love of Christ to the local community. I will need help with hosting our guests in our hall and I ask for volunteers.

Please e-mail me: petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

NEXT SUNDAY I will say more about Easter services

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS HOLY EUCHARIST

I would be most grateful if all "Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist" including those who have not been active since the start of COVID and anyone who would like to become a minister, could e-mail me privately on the address below indicating whether they would like to continue in or re-start this sacred role. The key requirements for the role are that candidates:

- take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound monthly as their primary role.
- distribute the Eucharist at Mass when required.
- participate in an induction ceremony by the Archbishop at St George's Cathedral.
- obtain DBS safeguarding clearance.
- live the full sacramental life

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA TO HOST A DIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SATURDAY 27 APRIL 10.30 am to 3.00 pm

I am delighted to say that the Episcopal Vicar Gerard Bradley has offered to lead a day of reflection here in our parish for all readers and eucharistic ministers in the western end of the Archdiocese. This will be similar to the one held last year in Tooting parish which was a great success. The day will be open to readers and eucharist ministers in parishes in Kingston Deanery and neighbouring Deaneries. **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: please note this date in your diaries and let me know whether or not you will be able to attend.**

YOUTH DAY – RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2024

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service is holding a Youth Day event at Richard Challoner between 11 am - 6 pm, with a charge of £5 per child or £8 per family, payable on the day. Lunch and dinner included. Learn more about the Catholic faith through catechesis and Adoration. Have fun through crafts and sport. To sign up:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UPTO BIRTH

Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies.

Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>

Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Our St George's Cathedral, Southwark, hosts a monthly Young Adult Mass at 6:00 pm on the first Sunday of every month, followed by a social gathering (for those aged 18+). There are also weekly events and socials on Thursday evenings. Details can be found on the RCAOS website, Facebook, and Instagram @stgeorgesya.