

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 24 MARCH – PALM SUNDAY (B) Parish Mass Book p180

8.00am **Mass:** Wellbeing of Andrew Brownrigg
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am **Mass:** For the People of the Parish

5.00 pm Stations of the Cross

6.00pm **Mass:** Julie Woolliscroft - Birthday

Mon 25th Monday of Holy Week

6.30 pm **Mass:** Wellbeing of Catherine, Princess of Wales
Confessions 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Tues 26th Tuesday of Holy Week

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm **Mass:** Leslie Walker RIP

Wed 27th NO MASS TODAY AT ST CATHERINE'S –
CHRISM MASS AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL
at 11.30am – All welcome to attend.

Thur 28th MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00pm **Holy Mass of the Lord's Passover Supper**
Mass: Fr Stephen Haylett and all the Parish Priests
of St Catherine of Siena
Adoration 9pm-10pm, closing with Night Prayer

Friday 29th GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9.30am **Walk of Witness starting at St Mary's CofE Church**

3.00pm **Good Friday Service and Veneration of the Cross**

7.30pm **Stations of the Cross**

Sat 30th HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

Confessions until 11am to 12 noon.

8.00pm **Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection**
Mass: For all receiving sacramental instruction

Sunday 31 MARCH – EASTER SUNDAY (B)

8.00am **Mass:** For all families in the Parish
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am **Mass:** For the many people helping out in the Parish

THERE WILL BE NO 6pm EVENING MASS

Last Week's Offertory

£874.96 (£312.50 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £27 Gift Aided DONA Machine, £15 non Gift Aided DONA Machine and £345.46 cash)

Collection for poor parishes

£201.75 (£50.60 Gift Aided envelopes, £74.15 cash, £27 Gift Aided DONA Machine and £50 non G/A DONA Machine)

On Good Friday there will be a papal collection for the Holy Places of Palestine.

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.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS—Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail:chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk
Counters 25th Mar Vera and Valentino Cleaners w/c 25th Mar Concie, Rovenia and Inoka

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, and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

YOUR EASTER OFFERING TO THE PARISH PRIEST

Your Easter Offering is your personal gift to your priest. Please take an Easter Offering envelope if you wish from the church lobby and hand it in at the offertory. Loose cash in the offertory on Easter Sunday will part of the Easter Offering. Thank you.

YOU CAN MAKE DONATIONS NOW 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).

THIS IS HOLY WEEK THE MOST IMPORTANT AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING WEEK IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

PALM SUNDAY – PASSION SUNDAY - usual Mass times. Jesus rides on a donkey into Jerusalem and is cheered by ecstatic crowds. By Friday he was crucified. We will hear the Gospel Passion Narrative of St Mark (Year B).

MAUNDY THURSDAY 8 pm – Mass of the Lord's Passover Supper at which Jesus washed the feet of the Apostles to signify that he came to serve, not to be served. Fr Peter will be washing the feet of twelve men at the Maundy Mass to indicate priestly service to the people, after which we will celebrate Christ's institution both of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacred Priesthood. The transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in the Sacred Heart Chapel and the "stripping of the altar" ends the service. There will be a period of adoration until Compline (Night Prayer) at 10 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY – will begin at **9.30 am** at St Mary's CofE church with a **Walk of Witness** with our Anglican and Methodist brothers and sisters (see below). The **Good Friday Catholic service** marking the Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus will be at **3 pm** at which the Gospel Passion Narrative of St John will be read, followed by Universal Prayers of Intercession, the Veneration of the Cross, and the distribution of Holy Communion (but it is not a Mass).

There will be **Stations of the Cross** at 7.30 pm.

HOLY SATURDAY – Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection – 8 pm. This will begin with the Liturgy of the Light of Christ outside the church, followed by the Easter Proclamation, several readings from Scripture, and after the homily prayers and encouragement for those under sacramental instruction to become Catholics.

EASTER SUNDAY – 8 am and 10 am (no 6 pm Mass)

This is a stunning sequence of events in our faith and I urge you all to participate at the services.

TRY TO COME TO ALL THE SERVICES – IT IS A PILGRIMAGE IN ITSELF. TRY NOT TO WORK IN HOLY WEEK IF AT ALL POSSIBLE! MAKE AN OFFERING OF YOURSELF TO GOD. USE IT AS A RETREAT. PRAY IN SILENCE. PRAY TOGETHER. SPEND TIME BY YOUR CRUCIFIX. ENTER INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST'S CONQUEST OF SIN AND DEATH THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION! GO TO CONFESSION. BE HEALED. LOVE ON ANOTHER.

GOOD FRIDAY – WALK OF WITNESS HOSTED BY ST CATHERINE'S

We are organising a procession or *Walk of Witness* with our brothers and sisters in the Methodist and Anglican Churches in Chessington and Hook. The Walk starts at **9.30 am at St Mary's CofE church, Garrison Lane, Chessington KT9 2LB** and ends at around 11.15 am at St Catherine of Siena when we will have a short service of prayer followed by tea/coffee and Hot Cross Buns in our parish hall. **Please do your best to attend this whole event**, 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 would be grateful for your help with hosting our guests in our hall and I ask for volunteers.**

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WHY NOT COME ALONG TO THE CHRISM MASS WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 11 am ST GEORGES'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

Please do come to this liturgical spectacular at our Cathedral in Lambeth. The priests from across the Archdiocese will renew their priestly promises before the Archbishop. The Archbishop will bless the Holy Oils for distribution to parishes for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing (and ordination for priests). St Catherine's will be given a share of the oils to present to the Lord at the Maundy Thursday evening Mass.

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. I ask for **volunteers** to help with the organisation of the day, especially to help lay out lunch and clean up afterwards. With my thanks.

REFLECTION THIS HOLY WEEK

My dear brothers and sisters, you can just feel how the atmosphere changes from Palm Sunday. We feel with great **anticipation and dread** what awaits us as disciples of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. He has gathered us together **to witness** to the world his great works, and we are happy, but at the same time **to witness** his great sacrifice – an innocent subjected to horrible suffering for us; God, who emptied himself to share in our humanity and to die for us.

I am so pleased that we are gathered here together, to comfort one another. Today we **do** rejoice that Jesus has entered Jerusalem in glory – so many people were transformed by the healing he brought through his love and his truth. His teaching and his compassion and example.

But he knew what lay ahead, that he would be **betrayed** and **handed** over to the Jewish authorities who would hand him over to the brutality of the Romans. We are gathered together in sadness. We prepare for our hearts to be broken; for tears to well up in our eyes as the week progresses, **because we know** that we continue to offend God and harm each other with our sins **because we know** that we could not have done any better than the Apostles who all but one abandoned Jesus **at his hour of need** unable to stay up and pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane in his **Passion**, nowhere to be seen at the **Crucifixion**, initially doubters at his **Resurrection**.

I could of course try to lift our spirits right away and say "but don't be sad – the resurrection is on its way." But I am not going to do that.

FIRST WE NEED TO TAKE IN THE ENORMITY OF THE IMPACT OF OUR SINS AND OF THE SUFFERING ENDURED BY CHRIST TO SAVE US FROM SIN AND DEATH. My dear brothers and sisters, for now let us love and support one another in our hour of sadness and remorse.