

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 14 APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) p262

8.00am Mass: Myrtle, Ernest and Andrew Frith (RIP)

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

6.00pm Mass: Leslie Walker RIP

Mon 15th NO MASS TODAY

Tues 16th **Feria**

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: Private Intention

Wed 17th **Feria**

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Wellbeing of Rena Heaffy

Thur 18th **Feria**

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP

Friday 19th **Feria**

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Mary B Delaney RIP

Sat 20th **Feria**

9.00am Mass: Gilbert and Francina Manche RIP

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

SUNDAY 21 APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

8.00am Mass: Daniel McCluskey

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Santiago and Zenaida Cruz

6.00pm Mass: Jackie Woolliscroft RIP - Birthday

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS–Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail: chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Readers 14th Apr 8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Alex Duval

6pm: Frances Harryman

Readers 21st Apr 8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

6pm: Marcel Gilly Bruno

Counters 14th Apr Howard and Marlene

Cleaners w/c 15th Apr

Aurea's Group

Last Week's Offertory

£783.19 (£245.00 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £43 Gift Aided Card and £320.19 cash)

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

There will be a collection for the **Priest Training Fund**. Please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church.

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, and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

YOU CAN MAKE DONATIONS BY CARD AND THESE CAN BE GIFT AIDED

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, Priests' Training Fund etc). These donations can be Gift Aided as one offs, which is a great facility. This enables the parish to take an additional 25% of your offering from the tax office. Please do learn how to use this machine. Many of us these days have got used to using our credit and debit cards and carry very little cash around with us.

**A VERY HAPPY EASTER SEASON IN THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD JESUS - HE IS RISEN, HE IS TRULY RISEN!**

A REMINDER OF JUST SOME OF THE PARISH PROJECTS WE ARE WORKING ON:

- Evangelisation plan and formation of a parish team to lead this work, teach and spread the faith.
- Survey of parishioners' views about the parish and how we want it to develop.
- Children's Liturgy group at the Sunday 10 am Mass.
- Youth Ministry – regular suppers and events with spiritual input for all teenagers.
- Fundraising and social events team.
- Art, Architecture and Buildings team – beautification of the parish.
- Final refurbishment of the Presbytery.
- Continuing development of the parish choir and liturgical music, altar servers, sacristans.

May the risen Christ spur us on. Please approach Fr Peter if you wish to be involved in any of the above.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW.....

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA IS HOSTING A
DIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION & RENEWAL
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.

If other parishioners who are not readers or eucharistic ministers would like to join in as well, they are most welcome, but I need to know in advance to arrange the catering.

10:30 Holy Mass
11:10 Tea / Coffee break
11:30 Session 1 - Canon Gerard Bradley – Meditation on Paschal Mystery and Ministry
12:30 Lunch – sandwich lunch with refreshments
13:15 Session 2 – Review of Ministries:
14.00 Adoration & Confessions
15:00 Departure

TO ALL PARISHIONERS - PLEASE E-MAIL ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

VOCATIONS!

**NEXT WEEK – SECOND COLLECTION FOR
PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND**

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Next Sunday - Good Shepherd Sunday - is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift. Thank you!

- Donate using our DONA machine in the entrance hall.
- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque or scan QR CODE – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church which bear the QR CODE.

**THANK YOU - TEAM CARITA
DEFIBRILLATOR FOR HEART ATTACKS**

A BIG THANK YOU to the *Team Carita* care organisation led by our parishioner Dr Asaah Nkohkwo for the generous donation of a heart defibrillator machine. We have placed it in the entrance to the Hall by the toilets so that it may be used in emergencies both for functions in the Hall and for liturgical gatherings in the church. Such machines are available in many locations and have saved many lives. If anyone would like to be trained to use this machine, please approach Fr Peter as soon as possible. **A defibrillator is a device that gives a jolt of energy to the heart. It helps get the heart beating again when someone is in cardiac arrest and their heart has stopped.**

**ARE WE TODAY TRUE WITNESSES TO
THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS?**

The Resurrection was not an idea in the minds of Christ's followers. It was a physical and bodily resurrection. It was fact witnessed by hundreds. Almost all the Apostles and countless disciples, male and female, died martyrs (= witnesses) rather than deny the resurrection. They were convinced. How can we be witnesses today to the resurrection when we did not see the risen Christ with our own eyes? Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (John 20:28-29) We can become witnesses in two ways. **First, MEDITATE AND PRAY** - we can meditate on the **Scriptures**; on our faith and on the teachings of the Church handed down from the Apostles. Jesus himself was at pains to explain that the Scriptures of the Old Testament – the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms – all foretold not only his coming but the very nature of his coming on earth - that the Christ must suffer terribly and die before then rising from the dead on the third day (CCC 646, 659). This all made sense to all his followers after the resurrection. **Secondly, ACT** – always keep and live the truth of the **commandments and the sacraments for all the world to see**. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord; go to Mass; go to confession; be married in Church; encourage priests and religious vocations. **LIVE IN AND DIE IN THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

FUNERALS

John Stratford
Wednesday 24 April, 10.00 am at St Clements Catholic Church, Ewell.
Milan Hrabec
Friday 26 April, 2 pm, St Catherine of Siena
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.