

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 21 APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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8.00am Mass: Rita Aguiar RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Santiago and Zenaida Cruz
6.00pm Mass: Jackie Woolliscroft RIP - Birthday

Mon 22nd No Mass Today

Tues 23rd **St George**

11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: Daniel McCluskey

Wed 24th No Mass Today

10.00 am **Requiem Mass - St Clement's Church**
Funeral of John Stratford RIP

Thur 25th **St Mark, Evangelist**

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: John Kinahan RIP

Friday 26th **Feria**

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Fr Ed Hartley
2.00pm Requiem Mass – St Catherine of Siena
Funeral of Milan Hrabec RIP

Sat 27th **DAY OF REFLECTION 10.30AM – 3.00PM**

10.30am Mass: For our Scripture Readers and
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

SUNDAY 28 APRIL – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

8.00am Mass: Michael Murphy RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish
6.00pm Mass: Doris Rapazzini RIP - Anniversary

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

Readers 21st Apr 8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

6pm: Marcel Gilly Bruno

Readers 28th Apr 8am: Kristin Walsh

10am: Rovena Gocllari

6pm: Emilia de Rennes

Counters 21st Apr Pauline and Una

Cleaners w/c 22nd Apr

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

Last Week's Offertory

£943.62 (£432.10 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £43 Gift Aided Card, £10 Non Gift Aid Card and £283.52 cash)

TODAY 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.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a retiring collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral.

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

We have a machine called **DONA** in the entrance to enable donations to be made by debit or credit card. Just tap on the screen to reveal the donation categories (e.g. Offertory, Priests' Training Fund etc). Donations can also be Gift Aided on DONA.

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

**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.

**ALL PARISHIONERS - PLEASE LET ME KNOW:
NEXT SATURDAY**

**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA IS HOSTING A
DIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION & RENEWAL
FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
BUT ALSO FOR ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED
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 FR PETER ASAP IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

**PLEASE SUPPORT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL
NEXT SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION**

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light. Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. Fr Peter was ordained there, first as deacon and then priest. St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon its parishioners and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. **NEXT SUNDAY: INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO DONATE IN SUPPORT OF OUR CATHEDRAL**

BAPTISM - ZOE TARRANT

Many congratulations to Zoe

who was baptised here on Saturday 20 April 2024.

May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide her, her parents and godparents on their journey to God.

**VOCATION! VOCATION! VOCATION!
TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR
PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND**

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Today 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 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.

MILAN HRABEC – OBITUARY

Milan Hrabec, whose Requiem Mass we are celebrating on Friday 26 April at 2 pm, was a much loved member of St Catherine's Parish. He was an active parishioner for more than 30 years. He ran with others the very successful and popular *Line Dancing Club*. People still talk about it! The Club was able to finance the refurbishment of the kitchen in the Hall as well as the Hall windows, floors and curtains. He took responsibility for controlling the heating systems both in the Hall and the Church. He was adept at controlling the computerised Sound systems in the Hall for Social occasions. He was generous both with his time and money. He played a significant role on the parish Committees for the creation of the Accessible Toilet and the reordering of the Church Sanctuary, getting quotes as necessary. More recently he joined the Catenians and was appointed President of the Kingston Branch until the pandemic. Milan had an interesting background. His parents fled the Iron Curtain during the Soviet era. They moved to Britain and then to the West Indies working for the Bata Shoe Company. He was sent to boarding school in England. His parents returned to Britain. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, Milan was able to re-established contact with family in the Czech Republic. He will be remembered with great love and affection, and indeed with great gratitude. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.