

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 28 APRIL – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Parish Mass Book p268

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
Mon 29th	St Catherine of Siena
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: Thank you to Fr Peter and his kind parishioners (from Maureen Kinahan)
Tues 30th	St Pius V, Pope
11.30 am	Rosary
12.00 pm	Mass: In Thanksgiving
Wed 1st May	St Joseph the Worker
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: Jake Andrews and the Andrews Family
Thur 2nd	St Athanasius
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP
Friday 3rd	SS Philip and James, Apostles
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: Lily McCluskey-91 st Birthday
Sat 4th	The English Martyrs, Feast
9.00am	Mass: Holy Souls Holy Hour -Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions 9.45 am-10.15 am

SUNDAY 5 MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

8.00am	Mass: Philomena Manche RIP Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am	Mass: Margaret Emma Wilson RIP
6.00pm	Mass: For the People of the Parish

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

<u>Readers 28th Apr</u>	8am: Kristin Walsh	10am: Rovena Gocllari	6pm: Emilia de Rennes
<u>Readers 5th May</u>	8am: Alberto Ravano	10am: Cristabela Pereira	6pm: Aurea Coloma
<u>Counters 29th Apr</u>	Vera and Valentino	<u>Cleaners w/c 29th Apr</u>	Audry and Siobhan

Last Week's Offertory

£867.63 (£249.00 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £38 Gift Aided Card, £6 Non Gift Aid Card and £399.63 cash)

Priest Training Fund.

£371.23 (£112.20 Gift Aided envelopes, £60 Gift Aided Card, £35 Non Gift Aid Card and £164.03 cash)

TODAY 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.

Milan Hrabec RIP and John Stratford RIP Requiem Mass

We prayed for and said farewell to our beloved John and Milan on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**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 evangelisation 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 and essential repairs.
- 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.

**THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION – EXULT!
A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR
EPISCOPAL VICAR CANON GERARD BRADLEY
for helping St Catherine's host a diocesan day of
reflection and renewal for**

Scripture Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Sixty people attended this gathering from several parishes in the west of the Archdiocese. The keynote reflection by Canon Gerard focused on the true meaning of the joy of the resurrection and the depths of God's love for us. He focused on the Easter Proclamation (The Exultet – see right-hand column) sung at the Easter Vigil out of pure joy and love.

Readers of Holy Scripture at Mass and our lay Eucharistic Ministers are both proclaimers of the joy of the Good News.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS
WHO HELPED WITH HOSTING, IN THE KITCHEN,
AND IN MAKING OUR GUESTS FEEL WELCOME.**

PIZZA SUPPER FOR PARISH TEENAGERS (14-17)

We joyfully invite teenagers (Confirmed, in the process of being Confirmed and not Confirmed) in our parish to come to a Pizza Supper in our parish hall on Friday 10 May 2024 at 6.30 pm to enjoy each others' company and chat about ways of getting closer to Jesus in our lives, Jesus who is "the true vine."

RSVP via parents to Fr Peter by e-mail
petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

**PLEASE SUPPORT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL
TODAY - 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.**

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our might King's triumph!
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the people.
Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the
awesome glory of this holy light,
invoke with me, I ask you,
the mercy of God almighty,
that he, who has been pleased to number me,
though unworthy, among the Levites,
may pour into me his light unshadowed,
that I may sing this candle's perfect praises [the
Paschal or Easter Candle).

PARISH FUNDRAISING TEAM MEETING

Sunday 19 May after 10 am Mass

We are close to establishing the cost of replacing GUTTERS, SOFFITS AND FASCIAS. It's going to be around £10,000. This is essential and vital work. This will be one of our key fundraising targets. All are welcome to come to the parish meeting (see above).

**MEDITATION
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
FEAST DAY TOMORROW – 29 APRIL 2024**

"We are such value to God that he came to live among us ... and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the cross to draw us back to himself. We can only respond by loving God for his love. "

Meditation by Merridith Frediani: "I think about a person who hurt me. Would I be willing to suffer torture and death so that I could be with him forever? Probably not. I prefer that we not have any contact. I have hurt Jesus many times and he was willing to endure unimaginable horror so that I can be forgiven and be with him for eternity in heaven. By human standards, I would not blame him for giving up on me. He does not. He loves us so much. He has a well of forgiveness that never runs dry. He thinks we are awesome. How can I respond to this love? As St. Catherine said, I can respond by loving him. He has abundant, extravagant love for me and I can love him back."