

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 5 MAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Parish Mass Book p270

8.00am Mass: Philomena Manche RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Margaret Emma Wilson RIP

6.00pm Mass: Joelle's Wellbeing

Mon 6th NO MASS TODAY

Tues 7th Feria

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: Professor Edwin (RIP) and Pearl Grech

Wed 8th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Private Intention

**Thur 9th THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Intentions of the Fielding Family

7.30 pm Mass: Deceased members of McCluskey family

Friday 10th St John de Avila

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: John Dique – 90th Birthday

Sat 11th Feria

9.00am Mass: Thanksgiving – Coloma Family
Holy Hour-Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary,
Benediction, **Confessions 9.45 am-10.15 am**

SUNDAY 12 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

8.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Audry Abraham
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Wellbeing of Anyi, Ateh and Liam

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS–Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney

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Readers 5th May 8am: Alberto Ravano

10am: Cristabela Pereira

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Readers 12th May 8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Kate Moir

6pm: Ruth MacKinlay

Counters 5th May Karen and Peter

Cleaners w/c 6th May

Jozwicki Group

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.

Last Week's Offertory

£724.08 (£214.20 Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 Gift Aided standing orders, £33.00 Gift Aided Card, £28.00 Non Gift Aid Card and £273.88 cash)

Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

£165.80 (£70.00 Gift Aided envelopes, £2.00 Gift Aided Card, £5.00 Non Gift Aid Card and £88.80 cash)

Next Sunday there will be a collection for World Communications Day.

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.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS INTO HEAVEN HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS COMING THURSDAY 9 MAY

**PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO COME TO MASS
IT IS A SIN NOT TO ATTEND MASS
Holy Mass - 9.30 am and 7.30 pm**

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.

**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.

REPLACEMENT OF GUTTERS, SOFFITS, FASCIAS

As I mentioned last Sunday, it will cost around £10,000 to do this essential work – to replace the gutters all around the church along with the wooden soffits and fascias with PVC replacements. This will be an investment for the future as it will not be necessary to paint any of these items, some of which are already rotting and all of which currently need painting.

I am very grateful to John Coffey who has offered to take the supervision of this work off my hands to free me up to focus on other things, especially my spiritual, pastoral and teaching duties which are currently heavy. I am also a school governor and chair of trustees of the *Grief to Grace Charity* run by Fr Dominic Allain whom you know well. **I am also very grateful** to Aurea Coloma who has offered to co-ordinate the work of the *Parish Social Events and Fundraising Team*. Its first focus will be raising money to pay for the gutters, soffits and

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS & FUNDRAISING TEAM
MEETING**

Sunday 19 May after 10 am Mass (i.e. 11.10 am)

We are inviting the members of this team to come together to kick off a new round of socializing and fundraising. But all parishioners are welcome to join in the meeting which will be led by Aurea Coloma.

**PIZZA SUPPER / EVENING SOCIAL
FOR ALL PARISH TEENAGERS (14-17)
FRIDAY 10 MAY 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm**

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, 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm to:

- enjoy each others' company
- chat about continuing to develop our faith
- play some games together
- gather ideas for trips in the UK and abroad and for continuing social contact
- The 18 who were confirmed last November will each receive a **Confirmation Gift**. It had been our intention to call the group together again after Confirmation, but planning was overtaken by my being called for surgery, then recovery.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE RSVP about attendance as soon as possible to me via parents by e-mail:

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so that we can order the right amount of food and drink.

My thanks to volunteers: Charissa Lobo, Craig Pereira, Shehara Gamage, Nirasha Gamage, Aurea Coloma and Karen Clancy for helping with organization.

REFLECTION

“BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE AND YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE.”

~~~St Catherine of Siena~~~

This famous quote from the writings of our very own St Catherine captures the essence of today's Scripture passages on the Sixth Sunday of Easter. How can we be the person who God meant us to be? By knowing him and loving him. How can we truly know and love him? Christ himself tells us: by keeping his commandments, both those given to Moses on Mount Sinai under the **Old Covenant**, AND those amplified and injected with love by our Lord Jesus in the **New Covenant**: the Beatitudes, the teachings in his Sermon on the Mount, which involve loving and forgiving those who hurt us; marriage for life; prayer; don't be judgmental; no self-deception or hypocrisy; no serving two masters, money and God etc. Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.' Nothing makes us happier in this life than to do the will of God. And more than that - **nothing makes us happier than to know** that we are doing the will of God." **When we know we are doing the will of God, then that is when we become the person God meant us to be, and then we “will set the world on fire.”**

**THE PRAYER OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA**

*Holy Spirit, come into my heart; draw it to Thee by Thy power, O my God, and grant me charity with filial fear.*

*Preserve me, O beautiful love, from every evil thought;*

*warm me, inflame me with Thy dear love, and every pain will seem light to me.*

*My Father, my sweet Lord, help me in all my actions. Jesus, love. Jesus, love. Amen*

**Last Monday we celebrated Mass on the Feast of our patron saint, St Catherine of Siena.**

**Let us learn her prayer and recite it daily. That we may love one another as Jesus loves us.**

**NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection on Sunday 12 May in support of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, which promotes the Gospel through the media.