

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 19 MAY – PENTECOST SUNDAY (B) Parish Mass Book p290

8.00am Mass: Hyacinth and Mark Blessings
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Imelda Qualter RIP – 6th Anniversary
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Mon 20th No Mass today

Tues 21st Feria

11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: Patricia, Chris, Anthony and Matthew Hill and their families

Wed 22nd Feria

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Foundation Mass: Edward and Monica Munnery RIP

Thur 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

10.30 am Requiem Mass – St Catherine of Siena
Funeral of Mrs Margaret Sheppard RIP

Friday 24th Feria

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Martin Clune RIP

Sat 25th St Bede the Venerable

11.00 am Rosary
11.30am Mass: Vincent Nkohkwo RIP

SUNDAY 26 MAY – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)

8.00am Mass: Margaret and Joe Walsh RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Robert Simpson RIP – 5th Anniversary
6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

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

Readers 19th May 8am: Valentino Ferdis

Readers 26th May 8am: Kristin Walsh

Counters 20th May Pauline and Una

10am: Shehara Gamage

10am: Pauline Holman

Cleaners w/c 20th May

6pm: Paul Johnston

6pm: Howard Brinkworth

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

Last Week's Offertory

£861.37 (£296.10 Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 Gift Aided standing orders, £32.00 Gift Aided Contactless, £38.00 Non Gift Aid Contactless and £320.27 cash)

Catholic Communications Network

£188.53 (£10.00 Gift Aided envelopes and £178.53 cash)

Tea and coffee are served every Sunday in the hall after 10am Mass. All welcome.

The Parish Office is normally open on Mon, Tues, Th 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 e 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.

REQUIEM MASS MARGARET SHEPPARD R.I.P.

We are sorry to announce that Margaret Sheppard, who regularly attended the 8 am Sunday Mass at St Catherine's and often brought up the gifts of bread and wine at the Offertory, passed away on 4 May 2024. Her funeral Mass will be held on Thursday 23 May at 10.30 am at St Catherine of Siena. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Donations to the Kingston Hospital Charity (Intensive Care Unit) and Blood Cancer UK.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS YOU HERE! THE HOLY SPIRIT PREPARES US FOR MISSION!

You all come from many different backgrounds and you are all endowed with a variety of wonderful gifts. Young and old, families and single people, you come here regularly to draw on *the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit*. I thank God for you from the bottom of my heart, and specifically today I thank the Holy Spirit of God. What makes you come here week after week? **It is the Holy Spirit who brings you to Christ, who gives you knowledge of Christ and keeps you close to him. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God's truth and love.** He is fully God, yet the distinct third person of the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is from the mouth of Jesus himself that we know about the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God has revealed himself to us. It is not some human construct. And it is Jesus himself who has told us that he would send us the Holy Spirit, after his Ascension, to guide his Church towards eternal life. It is the Spirit of God, there at Creation, sometimes represented as God's breath, or a wind or a peaceful breeze; sometimes as a dove; sometimes as fire, the fire of love, the very fire that galvanized the Apostles to spread the knowledge of Christ across the globe.

So too with us at St Catherine's, the Spirit will enable us to fulfil OUR MISSION to spread the Good News, that Jesus, fully God and fully human, has saved humanity from sin and death and by his resurrection will take us to live eternally in the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is the Good News, the core of our faith which we must be ready to proclaim again and again through our world and actions. **The Spirit will give us the language, the knowledge and the confidence to continue the mission of witness.**

The Holy Spirit dispels fear. There is much that can cause us to be fearful and sad. Each one of us has experienced suffering and fear. There is perhaps nothing more frightening in this world than to see one's child - into whom a parent has poured their love and helped them receive the Sacraments of truth, love, healing - gradually turn against everything he or she has been gifted, and reject the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing more frightening than to see the godless take a teenager's faith from them, so that even after receiving the Holy Spirit at Confirmation they no longer come to Mass or practice their faith. We as parents have to live with this fear.

But if we ourselves remain close to Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit, if we do our best to live good lives - the Sacramental life - if we continue to fulfil our MISSION – the mission Christ gave to the Apostles to spread the Good News, we have nothing to fear and will overcome all suffering.

THE EASTER SEASON ENDS TODAY. THE HOLY SPIRIT NOW GUIDES US AS WE CONTINUE WITH OUR KEY PARISH PROJECTS:

- 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 Holy Spirit who brings us to Christ spur us on.

Please do approach Fr Peter if you wish to be involved in any of the above. You are most welcome

IMPORTANT PARISH MEETING - 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 for our key projects: the replacement of the church gutters, soffits and fascias, and the replacement of the church windows with double glazing with some stained glass. This meeting is open to all parishioners and will be led by **Aurea Coloma** who has kindly offered to co-ordinate the social and fundraising initiatives.

YOUTH MINISTRY – PIZZA SUPPER and a special DONATION

The Pizza Supper with our teenagers was most enjoyable and great success. I myself certainly enjoyed it. The general feeling was that we should have such evenings more often, play games, watch meaningful films, get to know each other and deepen our understanding of our Christian faith. A pilgrimage to Lourdes and other religious locations was particularly requested. I am grateful to our volunteer organisers who made the evening happen.

I am also very grateful to Helena Walker who has made a donation of £500 for Youth Ministry in memory of the recently departed **John Stratford** and his dedication to supporting young people throughout his life. May John's soul rest in peace. This money will be used to help with the cost of trips at home and abroad.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT ARRANGING FUNERALS AND END-OF-LIFE SPIRITUAL CARE

If your loved one is close to death, do call a priest to administer the Sacrament of Anointing – the Last Rites and to pray. It is the surest way to get to heaven – in the arms of Christ who established this Sacrament.

AS YOUR MIND TURNS TO FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

PLEASE CONTACT THE PRIEST FIRST BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR, TO CONSIDER DATES.