

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 2 JUNE – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (B) Parish Mass Book p85

8.00am Mass: "Nan"-Kitty Madden RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Thanksgiving for the children of the parish and the whole parish community

6.00pm Mass: Joel and Aurea Coloma - Anniversary

Mon 3rd NO MASS TODAY

Tues 4th Feria

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: Sean Fanning RIP - Anniversary

Wed 5th St Boniface

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Loris and Yvonne Manche RIP

Thur 6th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 7th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Cecilia Suarez - Birthday

Sat 8th The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass: Therese Nkohkwo RIP

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

SUNDAY 9 JUNE – THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00am Mass: Daniel McCluskey-Birthday
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish

6.00pm Mass: Cecile P Modesto

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

Readers 2nd June 8am: Alberto Ravano

10am: Alex Duval

6pm: Frances Harryman

Readers 9th June 8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

6pm: Emilia de Rennes

Counters 2nd June Karen and Peter

Cleaners w/c 3rd June

Joswicki Group

Last Week's Offertory

£777.85 (£209.00 Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 Gift Aided standing orders, £73.00 Gift Aided Contactless, £45.00 Non Gift Aid Contactless and £275.85 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, 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.

NOTE: NEW LECTIONARY AND NEW SUNDAY AND DAILY MISSAL FOR PARISHIONERS

*A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. The Lectionary will use a different translation of the Bible from the one we are using now. **This will affect your current missals.** If you were thinking of buying a Sunday or Daily Missal, it might be best to wait until the new edition is published (probably in October). **This also means that we will no longer be able to use the current set of Sunday Mass books. We will keep you informed.***

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK especially Cindy Albright, Sally Baker, 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, Dharmateer Soodin, Anne Srivastava, and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

A GREAT CELEBRATION OF TRUTH AND LOVE! FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 1 JUNE 2024

Very many congratulations to our wonderful children who received Holy Communion for the first time yesterday.

**ADAM ALEXANDRA ASTON CHLOE
CLEMENTINE GIANLUCA JACOB JESSICA
OSCAR PELAYO TOMMY**

Many thanks to all the parents who organised the festivities and who prepared the church for this beautiful celebration of the Eucharist. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and floral motifs and the celebration was joyful and full of the holiness of God, so movingly demonstrated by the way the children prayed after receiving our Lord Jesus. Today at 10 am we will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving for the children's Holy Communion, distribute certificates for the two Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and then have the Communion Breakfast and parish celebration in our parish hall. Above all, I thank the parents for bringing their children to Christ in the Holy Eucharist at Mass. I pray they will continue to nurture their children's faith. My heartfelt thanks to **Mrs Louisa Nkokhwo** and **Mrs Karen Clancy**, our catechists, for their dedication and love in teaching the children over many months. They have been witnesses to the truth and love of Christ. I also thank the many other parishioners who helped in different ways, and especially our young organist, **Max Knight**, our singers and our dedicated altar servers.

**TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**
(solemnity transferred from last Thursday to today)

**NEXT FRIDAY 7 JUNE – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**SUNDAY 16 JUNE – SECOND COLLECTION FOR
DAY FOR LIFE – CELEBRATING THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE –
PROCEEDS FOR BIOETHICAL WORK**

'DAY FOR LIFE' – Sunday 16 June 2024 CAMPAIGN AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. The focus for this year's *Day for Life* will be opposition to assisted suicide (euphemistically called 'assisted dying').

With the intention of praying and advocating for the establishment of a culture of care at the end of life, the theme for the Day for Life (which will also be marked in Ireland and Scotland) is:

The Lord is my Shepherd: Compassion and Hope at the End of Life

TEACHER JOB ADVERT – CLOSING DATE TOMORROW OUR LADY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, TOLWORTH

Our Lady Immaculate School (OLI) has an exciting job vacancy for a KS1 /KS2 Teacher, ideally to start in September 2024. The role is an excellent opportunity to join a vibrant staff team that puts all the children and families at OLI at the forefront of everything they do. If you are interested or know someone who would like to join our friendly team, please go to the Eteach website: <https://www.eteach.com>

Closing date: Monday 3 June 2024 at 12pm.

Please contact the school office on 020 8399 9854

FOCUS ON SOME 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.
- Social and fundraising events team.
- Art, Architecture and Buildings team – beautification of the parish and essential repairs. **PLEASE DO COME FORWARD AND HELP**

PARISH SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

Target: £10,000 for building works

NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING TEAM

Sunday 14 July after the 10 am Mass in our Hall. All are welcome to attend and bring new ideas and make offers of help. A list of fundraising social events is being assembled. Our fundraising drive will begin with the Bring and Buy Plant Sale.

BRING AND BUY PLANT SALE Sunday 23 June after all Masses

On Sunday the 23rd of June we will be holding a plant sale to fundraise for our parish. Please support this event by donating plants, pots and anything garden related. You can leave your plant and pot donations in the church foyer after any weekend Mass.

DONATIONS ALSO WELCOME!

So far we received two donations, one for £100 and another for £300. Don't forget you can also use the DONA credit / debit card machine in the foyer of the church and contribute to the Building Fund.

BUILDING WORK BEGINS

The work to replace the church gutters, soffits and fascias began on **Wednesday 29 May** and will take about five working days. Excellent progress is being made. There will be no disruption to Holy Mass.

REFLECTION - CORPUS CHRISTI Why the blood sacrifice?

All three Scripture passages today (Exodus, Hebrews, Mark) talk about blood – the blood of the covenant. Blood is the a life source. It is with blood, therefore, that the most vital covenants are sealed. A covenant is the closest possible bond or commitment between two people. It requires some sort of life-giving sacrifice. This is the nature of the bond which God has made with humanity, so much does God love and care for us and wants to bring us back to him. Echoing the Old Covenant God made with Moses at Mount Sinai thirteen hundred years earlier, when Moses sprinkled the blood of animals on the altar and on the people to seal the covenant with the Hebrews, Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper before his bloody passion and crucifixion to seal the "new and eternal covenant" which **conquers sin and death** and so to bring us **everlasting life**. The bread and wine are truly the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus. For this, we thank and praise God, which is the essence of the Mass and the meaning of the word "Eucharist."

**THE PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD OF
CHRIST SEAL THE NEW AND ETERNAL
COVENANT WHICH SAVES US**