

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Sebastian

Confidential phone number 07921 667679 Confidential business e-mail: petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

Office: Tel Number 0208 397 4499 Office Email: chessington@rcaos.org.uk

Address: 98/100 Leatherhead Road, Chessington, KT9 2HY. Website: [www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk](http://www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk)

WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2024

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 9 JUNE – THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Parish Mass Book p92

8.00am	Mass: Daniel McCluskey-Birthday <b>Confessions</b> – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am	Mass: For the People of the Parish
6.00pm	Mass: Cecile P Modesto
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Philomena Manche RIP – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Barnabas, Apostle</b>
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: Vincent Fotabe RIP
<b>Wed 12</b>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>Thur 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: Noemi Coloma RIP - Anniversary
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: Dorothy Marajetic RIP
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
9.00am	Mass: Jimmy Coogan RIP <b>Holy Hour</b> -Exposition of the Eucharist, Rosary, Benediction, <b>Confessions 9.45 am-10.15 am</b>

NOTE MONDAY MASS

### SUNDAY 16 JUNE – THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

8.00am	Mass: Michael Brownrigg RIP <b>Confessions</b> – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am	Mass: John Kinahan RIP
6.00pm	Mass: For the People of the Parish

**SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS**–Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail: [chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

Readers 9<sup>th</sup> June 8am: Mark Murphy

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

6pm: Emilia de Rennes

Readers 16<sup>th</sup> June 8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Marcel Gilly Bruno

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Counters 9<sup>th</sup> June Howard and Marlene

Cleaners w/c 10<sup>th</sup> June

Aurea's 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. Anointing brings consolation to the dying as well as healing to the sick – all the sick, including those with mental illness. It can be administered at church, in hospital, care home, at home, indeed anywhere. And 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.

### Last Week's Offertory

**£812.68** (£254.00 Gift Aided envelopes, £175.00 Gift Aided standing orders, £42.00 Gift Aided Contactless, £45.00 Non Gift Aid Contactless and £296.68 cash)

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a collection for **DAY for LIFE** Celebrating the Sacredness of Life – Proceeds for Bioethical work.

*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.

**REFLECTION - DO WE TRULY LOVE GOD?  
OR ARE WE BUILDING OUR PERSONAL GOLDEN CALF IDOLS?  
THE MORE WE LOVE GOD, THE MORE WE LOVE EACH OTHER**

Today the Scripture passages prompt us to ask ourselves the question: do we really love God? What if I asked you right now to make a golden calf or bullock and place it on the sanctuary. Give me your rings and golden necklaces and then on the sanctuary we will make an enormous Golden Bullock or Calf and worship it together. Or what if I asked you to go home and make a little Golden Calf there and place it in the centre of your home. Tear down the Crucifix and rejoice! **You would think I had gone crazy.** And yet, my brothers and sisters, we are all tempted to do just that as soon as we leave the church and join in with the pagans in worshipping anything but the true God. It's the same temptation that led to the original Fall, the abandoning of the true God who made us in his own image and still loves us. Many civilisations have risen and fallen building the golden calf in their laws and institutions. We are no exception.

**In this General Election, which party, which MP, lives the Gospel values and truly loves God and his neighbour?**

**'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').

**HOOK SINGERS' SUMMER CONCERT in aid of the Fircroft Trust.**

This concert will take place on Saturday 29 June at 3pm at the Methodist Church - Church Lane, Chessington. This year we are featuring the songs by the Beatles, ABBA and from the musical - My Fair Lady.

Don't miss the opportunity to sing along to these popular songs. Contact **Cecilia Suarez 0208 397 5891** or Ruth **MacKinlay 07748 234508**

**PARISH SOCIAL AND  
FUNDRAISING NEWS**  
**Target: £10,000 for building works**

**BRING AND BUY  
PLANT SALE & RAFFLE**  
**Sunday 23 June after all Masses**

Preparations for the plant sale are well under way. Please support this event by donating plants, pots and anything garden related. We will also RAFFLE prizes. Please donate prizes such as garden decorations, small tools, decorative pots, seed packets etc. Any plants or garden gadgets will be very much appreciated. Please leave your donations in the church foyer. Thank you!

**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.

**RENOVATION PHASE 1 COMPLETED**

The work to replace the church gutters, soffits and fascias has been completed and the church exterior is already looking much more appealing.

**NEXT STEP: REPLACING ALL THE  
WINDOWS.**

**GENERAL ELECTION SPECIAL – GUIDANCE FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
KEY ISSUES FOR CATHOLICS TO CONSIDER WHEN VOTING – SERIES (1) PROTECTING LIFE**

*"Serving the Gospel of life means that the family...works to ensure that the laws and institutions of the State in no way violate the right to life, from conception to natural death, but rather protect and promote it." Pope St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae 93*

Despite advances in healthcare over the last few decades, **increasing threats have developed to the life of the unborn** and those who are **suffering or close to the end of life**. Each year, there are over 200,000 abortions in the UK. Recently, the liberalisation of abortion in the home was permitted by pills without any direct medical supervision, leading to tragic consequences for both mothers and babies. It remains the case that both disability and sex are deemed as legitimate reasons for abortion. Some disabled children can be aborted up to birth. It is possible that, in the next parliament, there will be further moves to **liberalise abortion up to birth for all babies**. Debates are also ongoing regarding the legalisation of **assisted suicide** (often called assisted dying), which, in practice, could put the sick and vulnerable at risk. Our faith offers us a more hopeful and positive view of human life – that everyone has an intrinsic value from conception to natural death and beyond to eternal life. **We are called to love, care for and cherish** all life as a gift from God, especially the lives of the most vulnerable. It is important that we work together to promote a society where everyone can flourish. Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly (see John 10:10b) and this applies to every member of society. Protecting life places responsibilities on us all as individuals, as families, wider society and Government. It is important that government, civil society and charities provide appropriate support for parents and families, especially those living with situations of difficulty at the start and end of life. High quality palliative care should be accessible through a well-funded hospice movement and home care for those nearing the end of their lives. Whilst some of these policy issues are the responsibility of government, others involve matters of conscience on which Members of Parliament will vote independently of party interest. It is therefore helpful to understand where individual candidates stand on these issues in your constituency.

**Actions – What must be done:**

Our life policy must protect the view that everyone has an intrinsic value from conception to natural death and beyond to eternal life.

- Members of Parliament are encouraged to challenge the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia.
- Families, charities, hospices, and civil society organisations should be supported appropriately so that vulnerable individuals and their families have access to appropriate care.
- Parliament should legislate to ensure that disability cannot be given as a reason for abortion and babies diagnosed with disabilities cannot be aborted up to the point of birth.
- The government should also end the practice of medically unsupervised abortions in the home.
- Parliament should resist attempts to extend abortion limits further.
- National and local government should respond to the need to support vulnerable mothers and babies.

**What you can do to help: find out your candidates' views**

- Will they challenge the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia?
- Will they support measures to end the practice of medically unsupervised abortions in the home?
- Will they support policies to help the most vulnerable such as those in need of palliative care?
- Will they resist attempts to extend abortion limits further?
- Will they vote against abortion up to birth for babies diagnosed with disabilities and for a reduction in time limits for abortion?

*Cherishing Life* by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Link [Cherishing Life](#)

*Evangelium Vitae*, encyclical letter of Pope St John Paul II on the value and inviolability of human life. Link [Evangelium Vitae](#)