

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 23 JUNE – THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Parish Mass Book p98

8.00am Mass: Paul O'Driscoll RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish
6.00pm Mass: Andrea Rapazzini RIP - Anniversary

Mon 24th Nativity of St John the Baptist

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Noel Josephides wellbeing

Tues 25th Feria

11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: Peter Fotabe RIP

Wed 26th St Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: for parish members of Opus Dei

Thur 27th St Cyril of Alexandria

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Charlotte Zammit and Family

Friday 28th St Irenaeus

11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: Phil Cahill RIP

Sat 29th The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass: John Scanlon
9.30 am Rosary, Holy Hour, **Confessions 9.45 am**

SUNDAY 30 JUNE – SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Parish Mass Book p172

8.00am Mass: Eamon and Ann McCluskey RIP
Confessions – 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

Readers 23rd June 8am: Kristin Walsh

Readers 30th June 8am: Alberto Ravano

Counters 24th June Valentino and Vera

10am: Rovena Goclari

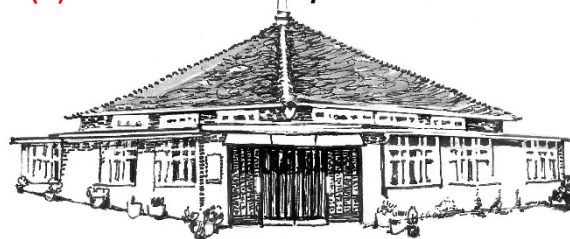
10am: Cristabela Pereira

Cleaners w/c 24th June

6pm: Ruth MacKinlay

6pm: Paul Johnston

Audry and Siobhan



Next Sunday on the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence. **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

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, including those suffering from mental illness and dementia. 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.

PAZZO D'AMORE ST CATHERINE OF SIENA:

GOD IS MADLY IN LOVE WITH US! TRUST HIM!

“To the God whose infatuation with us brought us into being, and whose intoxication with us made Him one of us, we say freely on our knees at the crib: we are mad enough to love you back, O Divine Madman, and to love all humanity for your sake!”

St Catherine of Siena, Letters II, 46; Dialogue chs 153 and 157

SEE REFLECTION OVER THE PAGE

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.

TRUST IN GOD BECAUSE HE IS CRAZY ABOUT US!

"Master, do you not care, we are going down!"

As the boat carrying the nascent Church – Christ and the Apostles – is tossed around by the storm on the lake, Christ appears to be fast asleep in the boat, silent, seemingly oblivious to danger and to the desperation of the Apostles. They panic. How many times do we ourselves think and speak like the Apostles when we feel overwhelmed and surrounded by chaos: "Master, do you not care, we are going down!" As each one of you, dear brothers and sisters, bears your suffering, often concealed from the rest of the world, you may ask "Does God care?" Why does he not intervene? Yes, he cares! Our wonderful St Catherine of Siena proclaims that he is madly in love with us, crazy about us (see front page). Yes, he has intervened and he does intervene, so much so that God sent his only begotten Son to become one of us, to share our suffering and die for us, innocent as a lamb. In the Book of Job we hear "from the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer" to his cries of despair: fear not, because God has power over everything; good will triumph as it did after what seemed the disaster of Christ's horrible death. So in Mark's Gospel, in the midst of the storm Jesus calms the waves and restores order. Jesus asks us to trust him to the end. As St Paul tells the Corinthians, the Resurrection of Christ changes everything. Victory over evil has already been achieved by the Cross and Resurrection. Just as Jesus calmed the storm, so he calms our restlessness and fear and brings peace into our hearts and minds in the very midst of our suffering. My brothers and sisters, trust God, let yourselves be loved by God; seek his forgiveness that you may forgive yourselves and love yourselves: you are a "new creation." Take that love to others.

PARISH SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

Target: £10,000 for building works

BAKE A CAKE TO EMBELLISH OUR CHURCH

- CAKE SALE! -

Sunday 7th July After Mass at 8am 10am 6 pm

We'd love your culinary skills to participate in this very tasty drive to sell many succulent fresh cakes for our beautiful church renovation project. We welcome anyone who loves to bake and can donate a cake or simply bring some cash to buy and taste delicious home made cakes!

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.

TODAY – PLEASE JOIN US

BRING AND BUY

PLANT SALE & RAFFLE

Sunday 23 June after all Masses

Please spend some time after all Masses today to buy plants and garden related things, and to join our raffle. All proceeds will go towards our building and refurbishment fund, and specifically to pay for our new gleaming roofware – gutters, and long-lasting PVC soffits and fascias. They do look great and they will protect the fabric of our church as we move on to the next phase of renewal.

HOOK SINGERS' SUMMER CONCERT in aid of the Fircroft Trust

Saturday 29 June at 3pm at the Methodist Church - Church Lane, Chessington. This year we are featuring the songs by the Beatles, ABBA and My Fair Lady. Don't miss the opportunity to sing along to these popular songs. For further information, please contact our parishioners: **Cecilia Suarez 0208 397 5891** or **Ruth MacKinlay 07748 234508**

ELECTION FOCUS – ADVICE FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES – (3) CATHOLIC EDUCATION

"We value our partnership with successive governments in England and Wales in the provision of Catholic education. Its fruit is the more than 2,100 nurseries, schools, special schools, independent schools, colleges, and universities which make the Catholic Church the second-largest provider of education in the country, and with the biggest network of academies. Catholic schools exist to support parents as the primary educators of their children and welcome anyone who seeks a Catholic education for their child. Today Catholic schools make up 9% of the state-funded sector and are considerably more ethnically diverse than the national average. They take in more pupils from the poorest households and outperform state schools by up to seven percentage points at GCSE English, Mathematics and Religious Education. The Catholic community provides a significant financial contribution to the government in rent-free provision of land and buildings for schools, and by contributing to capital costs saves taxpayers hundreds of millions of pounds. The 177 years of partnership with the State has resulted in a legal foundation which protects the core principles of Catholic education. Amongst these are the ability to give priority in admissions to Catholic children; the right of bishops to appoint a majority of school governors; the right to reserve senior leadership posts for Catholics; and the legal right to teach, inspect and set the curriculum for Religious Education in Catholic schools. **However, there are campaigns to get rid of schools with a religious character, and to change the curriculum so that our schools would no longer be Catholic.**

Action - The sector is successful but it still requires a Government to safeguard a Catholic approach:

- The Government should support Catholic schools through policy and legislation.
- The Government should work closely with the Catholic sector to use best practice and ensure that the existing Catholic approach to governance, admissions, inspections, and the curriculum continues to flourish.
- The Government should recognise that parents are the first and primary educators of their children.

What are your candidate's views? You may want to consider these questions when speaking to candidates:

- Do they support the creation of new Catholic schools, including new Catholic Special Schools, through the removal of the cap on faith-based admissions?
- What support will they give to raising the importance of Religious Education?

How will they safeguard parents' rights as the primary educators including their right to withdraw their child from Relationships and Sex education and Religious Education?

Resources – click on these links from the website:

[Christ at the Centre – Why the Church Provides Catholic Schools - Catholic Education in England and Wales](#)

[Catholic Schools: Partners in Formation – Celebrating 175 Years of the Catholic Education Service](#)

[The Code of Canon Law: Catholic Education](#)