

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 28 JULY – 11 AUGUST 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 28 JULY – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Parish Mass Book p112

8.00am Mass: Sharon McCluskey – Wedding Anniversary

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Junior Nkohkwo RIP

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Mon 29th SS Mary, Martha and Lazarus

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Martin Williams-Cook RIP and the welfare of his family

Tues 30th NO MASS TODAY

Wed 31st NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 1st Aug NO MASS TODAY

Fri 2nd NO MASS TODAY

Sat 3rd NO MASS TODAY

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Parish Mass Book p114

8.00am Mass: Audry and Ronnie Abraham

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: John Kinahan RIP

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Mon 5th NO MASS TODAY

Tues 6th NO MASS TODAY

Wed 7th NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 8th NO MASS TODAY

Fri 9th NO MASS TODAY

Sat 10th NO MASS TODAY

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Parish Mass Book p117

8.00am Mass: Rita Aguiar RIP

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Deceased members of the Brady and Haman Families RIP

6.00pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

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

Readers 28th July 8am: Valentino Ferdis

Readers 4th Aug 8am: Mark Murphy

Counters 28th July Karen and Peter

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist today:

10am: Pauline Holman

10am: Alex Duval

Cleaners w/c 29th July

Kate Moir

6pm: AureaColoma

6pm: Ruth MacKinlay

Jozwicki Group

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, Dharmaotee Soodin, Anne Srivastava, and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

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**

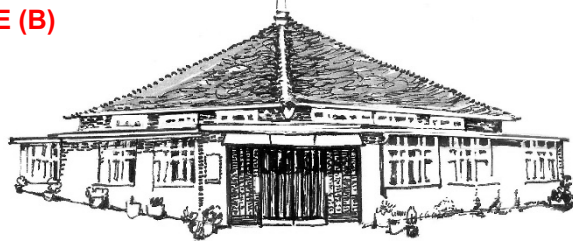
PARISHIONER'S CAR FOR SALE

SILVER 2017 DACIA SANDERO AMBIANCE 5SDL15
5 DOOR HATCHBACK PETROL ENGINE 900CC
SERVICE & MOT FROM 24 July 2024

For further details please contact Jean-Claude

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The parish and the diocese are not liable for any issues arising from this sale



Dear Brothers and Sisters

The summer holidays are upon us. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter and on the website for details of Masses over the summer. Fr David Howell returns to cover all Sunday Masses on 28 July. He will also offer Mass here tomorrow, Monday 29 July, at 9.30 am. I am grateful to Fr Dominic Allain, the International Director of Grief to Grace charity, whom you know well, for covering for me on Sunday 4 August at all Masses. I hope you will all be able to have a break this summer and get some well-deserved rest.

I remain your shepherd wherever I am

As mentioned last week, I remain your shepherd even when I am having a break. You are my family. I want to know if one of our number has passed away or is seriously ill. Even if I am temporarily out of reach, I can still pray for you and your loved ones and offer Mass for them. **Parish Income**

As mentioned last week, please bear in mind that our parish income tends to drop in the summer months as people are away. It is vital for the upkeep of the parish. Do your best to maintain a steady flow of donations or make up for missing weeks. If it's possible for you to pay by Direct Debit or Standing Order into our bank account (details on our website), that would help us maintain a steady income. That may also make it easier for you to Gift Aid which provides another 25% of your donation to the Parish at no extra cost to you.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

THE SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING TEAM
The next meeting of the Social and Fundraising Team will be on Sunday 1 September after the 10 am Mass

NEXT CAKE SALE
SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES
There is no cake sale in August

MORE INITIATIVES BEING TAKEN
An 1980s' Evening
is being planned for
Saturday 28 September.

This is being supported by the Couples for Christ Apostolate and all proceeds will go to the Building Fund. Dates for gatherings of the **Youth Ministry Group** and the **Children's Liturgy** organising team will be announced soon.

AS OUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS APPROACH LET'S NOT LOSE FOCUS ON 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 continue 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.

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS: THINKING OF BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON? **OUR ARCHBISHOP HAS A VISION THAT THERE SHOULD BE A "PERMANENT DEACON" IN EVERY PARISH**

Dear Brothers and Sisters - As you know, there are three stages to ordination in the Catholic clergy: **deacon, priest and bishop**. A deacon is dedicated to Christ the servant; a priest to Christ who sacrificed himself to save us from sin and death; a bishop to Christ who teaches and guides the flock. To be a priest one has to be a ordained deacon first; to be a bishop, one has to be a deacon and priest first. But there is a special type of deacon, one who does not go on to become a priest but who focuses on the blessed vocation of a deacon in its own right. This is known as a "Permanent Deacon." There are about 80 permanent deacons in our archdiocese. They play a vital role in nurturing the spiritual and pastoral life of a parish.

WHAT IS A PERMANENT DEACON? – THE THREEFOLD MINISTRY

Permanent deacons are members of the clergy. Married men over the age of 35 and single men over the age of 26 may be ordained deacon. Single men make a promise of celibacy, like the priestly order. Deacons are ordained to exercise the threefold ministry of service to:

1. The Word – preaching and teaching 2. The altar and liturgy – devotion to the Eucharist 3. Charity - service

They proclaim the Gospel at Mass and preach the Word; they teach the Word and lead various study groups, prayer and house groups and sacramental programmes like Confirmation, Holy Communion and RCIA. They assist the bishop or priest at Mass and at other liturgies. They have a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and lead Benediction. They administer the Sacrament of Baptism and conduct wedding services, preparing couples for marriage. They lead funeral services. They are ministers of charity and service by, for example, visiting prisons, hospitals, care homes and hospices, supporting the sick and the dying, the lonely and the bereaved, and taking Holy Communion to those in need. They are chaplains in prisons, universities and schools. They deal with parishioner's problems, including assisting with marriage papers concerning the validity of marriages. They help with fund raising and many charitable causes.

Many have full time jobs or, if retired, come with a wealth of knowledge and experience of the world of work as businessmen, care workers, scientists and technicians, computer specialists, civil servants, educators, academics, in the police and fire services, the NHS, finance, law, medicine, music and the arts. As such they are clergy out in the world, witnessing to the truth and love of Christ. I began my life in the clergy as such a Deacon. But crucially, if married with a family, a Permanent Deacon's wife and children come first.

If you think God is calling you to become a Permanent Deacon, please come and have a chat with me