

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER – TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Parish Mass Book p138

8.00 am *Mass: Paolo & Paola Ravano RIP*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am *Mass: For the People of the Parish*
6.00 pm *Mass: Deceased relatives of the Woolliscroft and Roberts Families RIP*

Mon 30th NO MASS TODAY

Tues 1st Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus

11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm *Mass: Catherine Fotabe RIP*

Wed 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am *Mass: Kevin Greenway RIP*

Thurs 3rd Feria

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am *Mass: Bice and Wally Vella RIP*

Fri 4th St Francis of Assisi

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am *Mass: Health and welfare of Winnie and Laurie Pace*

Sat 5th St Faustina Kowalska

9.00 am *Mass: Julie Pires RIP*
9.30 am **First Saturday Devotions of Our Lady of Fatima,**
Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Benediction, Confessions 9.45 am.

SUNDAY 06 OCTOBER – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Parish Mass Book p140

8.00am *Mass: Kit and Andrew Brownrigg RIP*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am *Mass: Christopher Wilson RIP*
6.00pm *Mass: For the People of the Parish*

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

Readers 29 th Sept	8am: Mark Murphy	10am: Pauline Holman	6pm: Howard Brinkworth
Readers 6 th Oct	8am: Alberto Ravano	10am: Alex Duval	6pm: Paul Johnston
Counters 30 th Sep	Pauline and Una	Cleaners w/c 30 th Sep	Aurea's Group



Weekly Offertory

£784.20 (£291.34 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £50 Gift Aided Contactless, £10 non Gift Aided contactless and £257.86 cash)

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

SECOND NATIONAL MASS COUNT TODAY

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 Complete a brown Mass Intention Envelope (please do write clearly). For Anniversary Masses, with a particular date, please give at least **eight weeks' notice to avoid disappointment**.

Kingston Hospital If you are admitted to 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. Also, do make sure you are anointed before an operation under a general anaesthetic.

Sacrament of Ordination and consecration to the sacred Priesthood and Religious life – please speak to Fr Peter.

KIT BROWNRIGG RIP

With sadness we announce that our longstanding and most beloved friend and parishioner, Kit Brownrigg, passed away on Wednesday 25 September 2024. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. The funeral service will take place at St Catherine's. We shall let you know the date of the service in due course. With our love and condolences to Kit's family, still recovering from the very recent death of their beloved brother Andrew.

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 Pencycate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Dharmaootee Soodin, Anne Srivastava, Terry Turner and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

SUNDAY REFLECTION: NEVER GO STRAIGHT TO THE CONSOLATION OF JESUS' RESURRECTION, AVOIDING THE PAIN AND REALITY OF HIS CRUCIFIXION. EMBRACE YOUR CROSS. CONFESS YOUR SINS.

My dear brothers and sisters. You will notice that the crucifix on our beautiful sanctuary bears the Cross with the figure of the risen Christ. That lifts us all with the hope of the Resurrection. But we must be careful never to go straight to the Resurrection and skip the pain and the reality of the Crucifixion. **Christ nailed on the Cross was put there by our sins**, by our pride, lust for power, selfish desires and the fear of listening too closely to God in case what we hear does not match our own will. **The Crucifixion is an inconvenient truth.** Sometimes we hear people say that the Catholic Church is focused more on the pain of the Crucifixion than on the joy of the Resurrection. But we know that we can derive joy in the Resurrection only after we have faced the Cross on which Jesus died and after we have embraced our own and each others' crosses and acknowledged our sins. We need to bring those sins to Confession and be healed. Only then does the thought of the Resurrection fill us with joy. **The longer our sins go unconfessed the less we long for the Resurrection and the more it fills us with fear, not joy.** Many Catholics celebrate the idea of their own resurrection by indulging their pride and wilful ambitions, self-pleasuring, relying on God's mercy. **They don't live the sacramental life** prescribed by Christ himself: they don't go Mass every Sunday to receive Christ in the Eucharist; they don't raise their children to feel the holiness of God; they don't live chaste lives but rather engage in sexual activity outside marriage; they never go to confession; they may marry in the State but not in the Church; they don't see the value of the Sacrament of Healing; they don't baptise their children; their lives are no different from non-Christians. This is a mess and a disaster for those who call themselves Christians and for our Western society as a whole. Christ's message in today's Gospel is crystal clear, if laced with hyperbole: if we don't acknowledge our sins as we are asked to do at the beginning of every Mass, and if we don't take drastic measures to eradicate our sins, we will endanger our immortal souls and those of others.

Acknowledge that our sins nail Jesus to the Cross and destroy our souls. Seek forgiveness now before it's too late. Teach your children the Sacramental life by your example of living it.

FORMING DISCIPLES TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL

KNOW YOUR FAITH – IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THESE TWO COURSES PLEASE SPEAK TO FR PETER

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. **The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit.** Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

The Archbishop's Certificate

The Archbishop's Certificate is the principal training course in the Archdiocese of Southwark whose aim is to equip and support catechists and lay leaders in evangelisation and formation. If you want to become a catechist, click here.

**PARISH READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
PLEASE CONTACT FR PETER ABOUT ATTENDING
THE DAY ON THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY**

**Saturday 19 October, 11am – 4pm, at
Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon**

Canon Gerard Bradley, our Episcopal Vicar, will speak to us about the new translation to be used from 1 December. Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee provided. petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Children starting Year 3 and above at school in September 2024 are eligible to apply for the course which will begin in late October/early November and run every Sunday after the 10 am Mass (11.15 am to 12.15 am) except during holidays and half term. The FHC ceremony will be on Saturday 21 June 2025 with further celebrations on Sunday 22 June, the Feast of Corpus Christ 2025. For application forms please go to the parish website. Click here:

[Sacramental Life – St Catherine of Siena](#)

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

CAKE SALE

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER AFTER EVERY MASS

Please bake / provide some cakes, and please come along and enjoy refreshments and buy cakes.

ALL SAINTS PARTY

31 OCTOBER – 6 pm

A special evening to celebrate the Communion of Saints - we invite our children to dress up as a favourite saint! More details to follow next week.

ST CATHERINE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

7 DECEMBER 2024 12 noon - 3 pm

I am grateful to Audry and other organisers of this important money-raising event for coming forward. They have got the preparations well under way. But they will need more help. I would be most grateful if you could join the **Parish Meeting after the 10 am Mass TODAY, Sunday 29 September to see how you may help.**

Estate Agents Boards – Audry will take your name and address if you are happy to have a board outside your house for two weeks advertising the Fair. In return, the Estate Agent Nichols Residential will give a donation to our church. Please approach Audry after Sunday Mass, or contact Vera in the office on 020 8397 4499.

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW!

**THE PRIZE THIS MONTH STANDS AT £135
AND WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR CAKE SALE ON
6 OCTOBER AFTER THE 10 AM MASS**

How to sign up for November's Draw: click here

[St Catherine's Monthly Prize Draw](#)

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR CAFOD
CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT
FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER – FAMILY FAST DAY**

CAFOD delivers help world wide where it's most needed. Please take a CAFOD envelope after Mass today from the church lobby and return it at next week's Second Collection. Come together with friends and family to raise money so that families around the world can have access to the medical and other care they need to survive in challenging times. Share a simple meal or fast for the day and give what you save to those faced with poverty, sickness, war and natural disasters. www.cafod.org.uk