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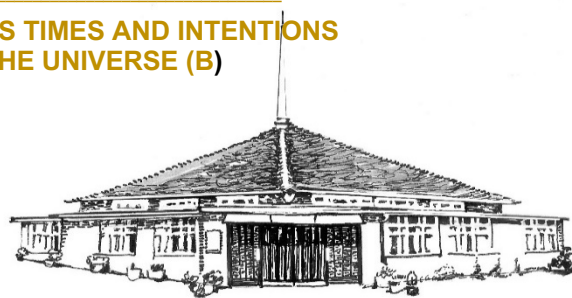
WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)

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8.00 am Mass: Rita Brownrigg RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: Milan Hrabec RIP
6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish
Mon 25th NO MASS TODAY
Tues 26th Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Foundation Mass: Monica Theresa Munnery RIP
Wed 27th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Amelia and Joseph Manche RIP
Thurs 28th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP
Fri 29th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Heather Webster RIP
7.00 pm Requiem Mass: For the deceased members of the Kingston Deanery Clergy
Sat 30th St Andrew, Apostle and Patron of Scotland
9.00 am Mass: Andrew Brownrigg RIP
9.30 am Rosary, Holy Hour, Confessions 9.45 am.11.00am



Weekly Offertory

£776.15 (£246.10 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £65 Gift Aided Contactless, £15 non Gift Aided Contactless and £275.05 cash).

TODAY is Youth Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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.

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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8.00am Mass: Deceased members of the Hanby and Towning Families RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: For the People of the Parish
6.00pm Mass: Michael Rapazzini RIP

Readers 24th Nov 8am: Mark Murphy
Readers 1st Dec 8am: Alberto Ravano
Counters 25th Nov Vera and Valentino

10am: Shehara Gamage
10am: Pauline Holman
Cleaners w/c 25th Nov

6pm: Paul Johnston
6pm: Emilia de Rennes
Aurea's Group

TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION WE MUST LIVE THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE - BE A PRACTISING CATHOLIC

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.

OPPOSE THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL YOU HAVE FOUR DAYS LEFT TO WRITE TO YOUR MP TO VOTE AGAINST IT HERE IS HOW TO DO IT:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/ASthreat>

This link, which you can access from the website copy of the newsletter, will take you to a draft letter on which you may wish to draw. It will also provide a mechanism to e-mail your MP who is Sir Ed Davey. For good measure we have printed copies of the draft letter for those who do not have access to the internet. Copies are on the table in the entrance with the statue of Our Lady.

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, Pauline Murphy, Ryan O'Loughlin, Mark Peace, Jean Penycate, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Dharmatee Soodin, Anne Srivastava, Terry Turner and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

A KINGDOM OF TRUTH AND LOVE TRUTH BRINGS LOVE, LOVE BRINGS TRUTH

Jesus replied to Pontius Pilate's question: "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice." Why is truth so important to Jesus? Because without truth there can be no love. And without love of God and the love we have for one another, there can be no salvation. "A new commandment I give to you, that you should love one another as I have loved you."

This truth which Christ is talking about is the **GOOD NEWS of salvation**, the forgiveness of our sins to make humanity beautiful once again: that God humbled himself to become one of us to experience our condition, to share our sufferings and joys, to die for us as an innocent sacrificial lamb ("Behold the lamb of God!"), and to rise from the dead in order to take us with him to his Kingdom that is "not of this world," an existence in truth and love into eternity. Do we believe in this truth or are we like Pilate who says: "What is truth?" **Our society is full of Pontius Pilates – they cannot see the truth of Christ let alone the love of Christ.** They cannot enter into the suffering of their fellow human beings and absorb their anxieties.

But what has all this got to do with Christ as King? The Solemnity of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI as recently as 1925 to counter the rise of atheistic secularism: the brutal and totalitarian ideologies of Communism and Fascism; the dictatorships of Stalin, Mussolini and Hitler. It was a time of persecution, and the passages from the Books of Daniel and the Apocalypse were also written in times of great persecution, by pagan empires, to give the people hope in the coming of the Messiah, the Saviour of the World – Jesus Christ. Such depraved regimes and political parties exist today of course. And in the secular West, in the UK, **the prevailing ideology is that each person carries their own truth around with them disregarding the teaching of Christ. No wonder our society is broken.**

But Jesus makes it clear: "all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice." All four gospels record this question from Pontius Pilate: "are you the king of the Jews." "My kingdom is not of this world;" he is the King of the Universe and beyond yet he is approachable by all of us even when we sin, and sin badly. We form an intimate relationship with this king which is impossible with any other ruler. The Kingdom of God is here on earth through his Church, which is Christ's very own body. **This is kingship of truth and love, beauty and goodness.**

He commanded us to be baptised to become children of God and wipe away our sins, and make us members of his kingdom on earth. He comes to us in Holy Communion to sustain us and he brings us the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. He heals us in Confession and anointing. He helps our marriages to bring us to the Father. He makes priests and religious of us. **The Kingdom of God is right here, in our church, in our community, in our hearts, in our minds.**

WE NEED MORE MONEY COUNTERS!

Our volunteers who count the Sunday money collection play a **vital** if unnoticed role in the running of the parish. They not only take the burden of counting away from Fr Peter, but they also provide independent assurance for financial audit purposes. Working in twos, counting is done at the end of a Sunday or first thing on a Monday. If you would like to play a direct role in helping our parish, **please speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible.**

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY IN OUR PARISH AND DEANERY

Friday 29 Nov – 7 pm Mass

THIS FRIDAY

For the first time in a long time St Catherine's will host the annual Mass for deceased deanery clergy. All the priests of the Kingston Deanery of seven parishes will be coming. Please do come and show your appreciation for your deceased shepherds.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2024 SECOND COLLECTION

Sunday (24 November) is World Youth Sunday. The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code.



Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk

CHRISTMAS FAIR FUNDRAISER 7 DECEMBER 2024 12 noon - 3 pm

NEXT MEETING OF HELPERS 1 DECEMBER
Please do come along – your help is always needed.

PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE SEPARATE CHRISTMAS FAIR NEWSLETTER ABOUT HOW TO HELP

Grand Draw Raffle tickets – Please take several books of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends, and please return the tickets with the money in envelopes to the Parish Shop or the Parish Office.

Next week – please bring any items including **Jewellery, prizes for the Auction, Hampers, Bottles for the Bottle Stall.**

On the morning of the Fair we need

Food Dishes from different countries, hot & Cold, Sweet & Savoury, Cakes & Bakes

Help needed setting up from 5.00pm the night before, on the day and clearing up from 3.00pm after the Fair. Posters / flyers available to take and advertise locally.

NEXT SUNDAY – 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT NEW LECTIONARY TO BE USED

More about that next Sunday.
In the meantime you can buy new Sunday Missals with the ESV CE translation of the Bible.

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW – PRIZE REACHES £175



St Catherine's
Monthly Prize Draw

£10.00

Recurring payment

TWO WAYS TO SIGN UP

(1) ONLINE by **Direct Debit** through the secure financial website **GoCardless**. Point your phone at the QR code on the left or follow our website link below to get to GoCardless.

(2) **CASH OR CHEQUE** for a 3, 6 or 12 month period. Details and envelopes in church lobby.

Website St Catherine's Monthly Prize Draw