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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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8.00 am Mass: *The Manche Family*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*
6.00 pm Mass: *Woolliscroft and Roberts Families RIP*

Mon 6th NO MASS TODAY

Tues 7th Feria of Christmas Time

11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: *Wedding of Charissa and Craig*

Wed 8th Feria of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Wellbeing & intentions of the Amer family*

Thurs 9th Feria of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP*

Fri 10th Feria of Christmas Time

No Mass at 9.30 am

12.00 pm **Funeral Mass: Raffaele Ruggieri RIP**

Sat 11th Feria of Christmas Time

9.00 am Mass: *Kine and Paul Verger RIP*
9.30 am **Rosary, Holy Hour, Confessions 9.45 am.**

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Parish Mass Book p118

8.00am Mass: *Wellbeing Intention*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*
6.00pm Mass: *Frances Gibbons RIP*

Readers 5th Jan 8am: Kristin Walsh
Readers 12th Jan 8am: Valentino Ferdis
Counters 6th Jan Vera and Valentino

10am: Tony Gernon
10am: Shehara Gamage
Cleaners w/c 6th Jan

6pm: Marcel Gilly Bruno
6pm: Paul Johnston
Audry and Siobhan



Weekly Offertory 29th December

£815.15 (£190.07 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £115 Gift Aided Contactless, £50 non Gift Aided Contactless and £285.08 cash).

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

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, and after weekday Mass or by appointment. Strengthen your relationship with our Lord Jesus!

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.

ENVELOPES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Just in case you were away over Christmas and the New Year and you missed the opportunity to make a Christmas Offering to your Parish Priest, there are envelopes in the church entrance marked "Christmas offering" which you can still use, OR you can use the CARD MACHINE in the entrance. (The Christmas and Easter Offerings form the great bulk of a priest's personal income for the year.)

With thanks.

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, Dharmateer Soodin, Anne Srivastava, Terry Turner and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Unveiling, Manifestation, Revelation



WHY IS IT SO SPECIAL?

Epiphany is special because it marks the public manifestation or unveiling of God's great plan of salvation for the human race. It is the public revelation to the whole world that God has humbled himself to share in our humanity and that his mission is to save all humanity from sin and death. The Scripture readings contain all the clues to our destiny and to Christ's mission. The arrival of the Wise Men or Magi from distant and non-Jewish lands signified that Christ came to save all humanity, not just the Jewish people, the chosen people of Abraham. As St Paul tells us, it is revealed that the gentiles were part of God's plan from the beginning of Christ's mission on earth. The Wise Men travelled a long way, through many dangers and following a star. Something special happened 2,000 years ago. Epiphany signifies that the light of Christ has entered the world and that the Saviour of the world will bring forgiveness of all our sins. This awesome God, with no beginning and no end, has come to us all to embrace us, because he has never abandoned us. He has revealed himself to us. The Messiah is not simply the King of Israel but the King of all and everyone will pay homage to him like the Wise Men. Christ is the light of all the nations but sometimes even when the truth is staring us in the face, when all the signs are clear about the right course of action to take, we allow ourselves to become spiritually blind. Our selfishness and our pride can still make us resistant to God's grace. Let us open our hearts.

CHRISTMAS TREES AND FLOWERS

I am sure we have all noticed the stunning decorations which have adorned our church this Christmas and New Year. I would like on this occasion to thank Justine and Petra Manche who have donated the beautiful Christmas Trees and all the flowers around the church. The decorations have really captured the spirit of joy and wonder which our Lord Jesus brings to us all. Thank you so much.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE VACANCY

The college in Twickenham is currently looking for a teacher of RE. For more information, view our website [HERE](#). Please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk or phone 0208325 4630 for more information. Deadline 20 January, 10 am

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL

Thank you so much for your generous gifts and kind wishes over this Christmas period, but above all for your faith and love which express themselves in your attendance at Mass and in the service you give to one another throughout the year in the parish. As always there are too many people to thank individually in a newsletter, but as one priest used to say: they know who they are, I know who they are and most importantly God knows who they are and the kindness that is in their hearts. Many of you have volunteered to help the parish in so many ways. You are helping one another and you are helping to build the Kingdom of God here. We cannot spread the Good News of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus to others unless first we repair and nurture the fabric of our parish and deepen our knowledge and understanding of our faith. I thank God for the wide range of talents and skills people have and offer to God and to each other. But we still have a lot to do. We've just begun!

KNOW YOUR FAITH

In this Jubilee Year of Hope I want to encourage you to learn more about your faith so that you may explain it to others. Together we will provide some opportunities to learn and experience our faith. More about this soon.

JUBILEE YEAR – TIME TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MEETING SUNDAY 26 JANUARY, 11.15 AM

It's time to organise more events and outings for our teenagers and to help the very young in our community. As mentioned previously, we want to organise a youth group for our teenagers and a special children's liturgy group for the very young. We invite everyone – young people, adults young and old, parents – to a **meeting at 11.15 am on Sunday 26 January** to organise ourselves to make these two things happen. Our young people are our treasure. We want the best for them.

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW – TODAY AT 11.15 am NEW YEAR PRIZE £200 JOIN THE PRIZE DRAW TODAY



St Catherine's
Monthly Prize Draw

£10.00

Recurring payment

TWO WAYS TO SIGN UP TO THE DRAW

(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

JUBILEE YEAR OPPORTUNITIES – MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. These BABM days start at 9.30am and finish by 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Dates/venues for the official Southwark diocesan marriage preparation course taking place during 2025 are as follows: February 15, Wallington; April 26, Amigo Hall; June 7, Amigo Hall; July 5, Wallington; October 18, Purley; November 22, online. The face-to-face courses start at 9am and finish by 5pm. The online course, for which homework is set two weeks before, begins at 9.15am and finishes at lunchtime. The Certificate of Completion issued to each couple at the end of the courses is recognized worldwide. There is a charge for participating in the course of £120 per couple. Early booking is advisable. **Email:** mflsw@rcaos.org.uk **Tel:** 02086512477

Website: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life/>

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