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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (YEAR C,1)

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8.00 am Mass: Kit and Andrew Brownrigg RIP

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: Charles Emmet McLoughlin RIP

6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Mon 3rd St Laurence of Canterbury

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: Brian Clune RIP

Tues 4th Feria

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: Wellbeing of Martin Farrell

Wed 5th NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 6th SS Paul Miki and Companions

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: Yvonne Terreni and Family

Fri 7th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: For the peace and wellbeing of Julie and Jack and the entire family

Sat 8th The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Mass

9.00 am Mass: For all the Parishioners of St Catherine of Siena

9.30 am Rosary, Holy Hour, Confessions 9.45 am.

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C,1)

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8.00am Mass: Bridget Walsh RIP

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00am Mass: Brian Clune RIP

6.00pm Mass: Mena Higgins RIP

Readers 2nd Feb

8am: Kristin Walsh

10am: Pauline Holman

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Readers 9th Feb

8am: Valentino Ferdis

10am: Rovena Gocllari

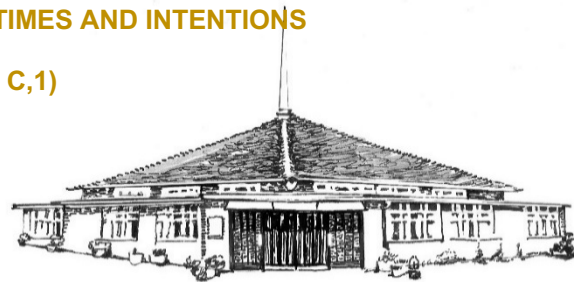
6pm: Ruth MacKinlay

Counters 3rd Feb

Vera and Valentino

Cleaners w/c 3rd Feb

Audry and Siobhan



Weekly Offertory 26th January 2025

£788.72 (£216.50 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £58 Gift Aided Contactless, £28 non Gift Aided Contactless and £311.22 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.

BRIAN CLUNE RIP

The funeral Mass of our much loved and longstanding parishioner Brian will take place at St Catherine's on Friday 21 February at 1 pm. Our love to his wife Maureen and the Clune family.



St Catherine's
Monthly Prize Draw

£10.00

Recurring payment

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW TODAY - £200

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 the link below to our website.

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

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

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.

PRAYER AND THE WORD OF GOD

Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Lectio Divina, the prayerful reading of the Bible, is simply to be open to the voice of God speaking to our hearts through Sacred Scripture, seeking His personal intention for each of us. His word is a living word, which means that every time we read even just a single verse of the Bible God will speak to us in a new way, communicating His truth and goodness in as much as we desire to receive Him. By being attentive to His word we allow ourselves to be drawn into His mystery and so receive His gaze of love as beloved children of the Father.

Please join us on Tuesdays at 8pm as we seek to ponder His words in our hearts. All are welcome, regardless of age, knowledge or experience – God’s word is for each one of us.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION APPLICATIONS DEADLINE – 1 March 2025 12 – 17 yrs

If you are a teenager or slightly younger with a strong desire to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of confirmation, you can apply to attend the course in order to receive this Sacrament later this year. Please let me know if you are interested and then follow up by completing and submitting the application form which you can find online here:

<https://stcatherineofsiena.org.uk/sacramental-life/>

PARISH CONSULTATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH AND ARCHDIOCESE

We held a very fruitful parish meeting last week to discuss Archbishop John Wilson’s call to take part in shaping the future of our Archdiocese faced as we are with a number of challenges which he spelled out in his Pastoral Letter to all 180 parishes last Sunday. This is our chance to make sure that our voice is heard. Both new and longstanding parishioners took part in this initial meeting to organise ourselves into groups to consider the six key themes the Archbishop has chosen for discussion. These are:

1. **Taking Stock:** how is our parish doing? Is it growing, staying the same or declining? Where do we expect our parish to be in ten years time? Are we open to getting support from other parishes. What support do we need?
2. **Proclaiming the Word:** how missionary is our parish? What do we do to reach new people? Can we team up with a local parish to reach new people?
3. **Living discipleship – faith:** what opportunities are there for adults to grow in the faith? What do we offer for older teenagers and young adults? What does sacramental prep look like? How do we engage parents? Do we retain young people as they grow up, e.g. after Confirmation.
4. **Living discipleship – prayer and community life:** how do we teach people to pray in our parish? Is there regular Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? Is Confession readily available? What is the experience of Sunday Mass?
5. **The witness of Charity (=love):** who are those in need in our local community? Do we have enough volunteers here?
6. **Proposals for revitalisation:** what should our parish priorities be for the next five years? Are there local parishes we could work with? If we had to share a priest with another parish what would we need to change (e.g. number of Masses, lay involvement in running the parish, employing people).

If you would like to join one of our groups to discuss these important themes about our future and express your views, please contact me right away.

COME FORWARD AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

The Archbishop’s Booklet and Pastoral letter which expands on the above can be found online here in the right-hand box:

PRAYER AND THE WORD MADE FLESH

**Adoration of the eucharist – holy hour
Join us every Saturday morning**

Draw hope from spending time with the blessed sacrament says our Archbishop. We are ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ who look to Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Perhaps you don’t know what to do before the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hour? Perhaps we have lost the story of our faith? Don’t worry. We will help you rediscover the joy of the Adoration of Jesus and his real presence in the Blessed Sacrament (=the Eucharist). See Archbishop John Wilson’s video call to Adoration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq1oOeNQ2Nc>

SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MEETING SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY, 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**
- **a 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 16 February** to organise ourselves to make these two things happen. Our young people are our treasure. We want the best for them.

Charissa and Craig – Wedding Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Charissa and Craig (son of Cristabela and Allwyn) who were recently married in Goa, India. They have returned to the parish safe and sound. We share their joy. May God bless them in every way and give them many happy years together.

JOIN US - KNOW YOUR FAITH AND SHARE IT!

In this Jubilee Year of Hope the Church encourages us to learn and understand more about our Christian faith so that we may explain it to others and share the joy of knowing Christ. Together we can learn and experience our faith more and more. I am therefore thinking of running a monthly course on the story of our salvation focusing on three key areas:

Scripture: the Bible inspired by the Holy Spirit

Apostolic Tradition: the truth handed down from Christ to the Apostles and reinforced at Pentecost by the Holy Spirit.

The Church: the Teaching Authority of the Catholic and Apostolic Church guided by the Holy Spirit.

These are the three main reasons why we can gather together at Mass today 2,000 years after the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. The faith has been transmitted safely to us from generation to generation by our Catholic and Apostolic church. We would meet once a month and combine that with refreshments of some sort. We might involve guest speakers. I want to gauge how many people would be interested in this course as this might determine where and when we gather.

PLEASE SPEAK TO ME OR E-MAIL ME AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE KEEN TO TAKE PART

Booklet: Called to Bear Fruit

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/Media/CalledToBearFruit/CTBF%20Consulation%20Booklets%201.pdf>

Archbishop’s Pastoral letter “Called to Bear Fruit”

<https://olionline.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Pastoral-Letter-Called-to-Bear-Fruit.pdf>