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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025 –FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C,1)

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8.00 am Mass: Mary Walsh RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: Bridie Crean
6.00 pm Mass: For the People of the Parish

Mon 10th **Feria**
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: Priests of Southwark Dioceses especially
Fr Peter, Fr Stephan, Fr Kevin, Fr Tom, Fr John and
Fr Anthony

Tues 11th **Feria**
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: Frank, Sharon and Daniel McCluskey

Wed 12th **NO MASS TODAY**

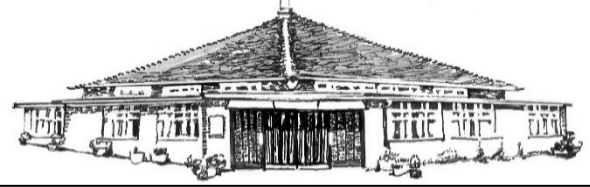
Thurs 13th **Feria**
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Bridget Welch RIP

6.00 pm **HOLY HOUR**
Fri 14th **Feria**
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: Wellbeing of Nancy Marie Amer

6.30 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Sat 15th **Feria**
10.00 am Mass: Leslie Walker RIP
10.00 am – 3.00 pm **PARISH RETREAT – details on page 2**

SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C,1)

8.00am Mass: P.J.Treacy RIP
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: For the People of the Parish
5.15 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
6.00pm Mass: Jose Loretto Ancheta RIP



Weekly Offertory 2nd March 2025

£944.36 (£252.00 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £100 Gift Aided Contactless, £40 non Gift Aided Contactless and £377.36 cash).

CAFOD - Next Sunday there will be a Family Fast Day parish collection. Please donate to be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. You can use the CAFOD envelope provided, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

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.

Readers 9th Mar 8am: Kristin Walsh
Readers 16th Mar 8am: Mark Murphy
Counters 9th Mar Howard and Marlene

10am: Teresa Lüdenbach
10am: Pauline Holman
Cleaners w/c 10th

6pm: Aurea Coloma
6pm: Emilla de Rennes
Jozwicki 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, 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.

John Phelan RIP Funeral Mass

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John whose funeral Mass will be held at St Catherine's on Monday 17 March at 12 noon. May he rest in peace. John and his family were longstanding parishioners. For over forty years he was a faithful reader at Holy Mass and helped in the parish. May he rest in peace. After the funeral Mass the family invite those attending to a reception at The Star, Kingston Road Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 0DP. Please pray for John's family in their time of mourning.

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

RITE OF ELECTION AND CONTINUING CONVERSION

We had a wonderful day yesterday at our Cathedral – St George's, Southwark – accompanying **Elle, Jerome and Robyn** to what is known as the "Rite of Election" – the annual ceremony at the start of Lent where the Archbishop welcomes and encourages all who are being instructed in the Catholic faith. The Archbishop emphasised that all chosen by God to follow Christ are called by name and that each name is inscribed on the heart of our Lord Jesus. 430 people on this journey to Christ were there accompanied by their sponsors, priests and family. There must have been well over 1,000 people in the Cathedral. It was a great day. **Elle, Jerome and Robyn** will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their great journey absorbing the truth and love of our Lord Jesus. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend this wonderful Easter Vigil celebration to renew yourselves as well as to support our new Catholics.

BRIAN CLUNE RIP

THANK YOU FROM THE CLUNE FAMILY

Brian's wife Maureen Clune wishes to thank the parishioners of St Catherine's for all the support, love, cards and messages of sympathy that were extended to the Clune family following Brian's passing. Maureen has arranged for Holy Mass to be offered for your intentions.

LENTEN - EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

ARE YOU ATTENDING MASS EVERY SINGLE SUNDAY OR ARE YOU DOING YOUR OWN THING?

Remember the words of God: "If you turn back your foot from the sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." **Isaiah 58:13-14**

Remember as you examine your conscience this Lent: it is an extremely grave sin not to attend Sunday Mass every Sunday. Having friends and family visit you on a Sunday or sporting activity is no excuse to miss Mass.

IMPORTANT GENERAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025 11.15 am – 12.30 pm TO UPDATE YOU ON PARISH DEVELOPMENTS

I invite you to join me for a parish meeting to update you on key issues and challenges in the parish, including finances and fund-raising, our building and renovation projects, parking arrangements, diocesan developments affecting the parish as well as our top priority which is spiritual renewal. This is an opportunity also for you to raise questions and make suggestions for improvements in all areas.

OUR ARCHBISHOP STRONGLY URGES US TO OBSERVE HOLY HOUR

Adoration of the Eucharist – Holy Hour

Join us every Saturday morning after our 9 am Mass

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.

See Archbishop John Wilson's call to Adoration:

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

STARTING TODAY

SECOND LECTIO DIVINA GROUP FOR LENT EVERY SUNDAY AFTER 10 AM MASS Led by our Pastoral Assistant – Teresa

"One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was lying close to the breast of Jesus."

During Lent, by popular demand, we will be running a second Lectio group in addition to the weekly Tuesday evening Lectio group. This Lenten Lectio session will take place after the 10 am Mass on Sundays.

Our guide for this series will be St John, the 'beloved disciple', who teaches us how to rest our head on the Heart of Christ and listen to His voice. So doing, we will journey step by step with Jesus to the foot of the Cross, and, ultimately, to the Light of the Resurrection.

TUESDAY LECTIO GROUP

Please join us every Tuesday 8 pm-9 pm Led by our Pastoral Assistant – Teresa

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.

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT AT ST CATHERINE'S PEACE, REFLECTION, PRAYER

Next Saturday 15 March 2025

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Led by our Pastoral Assistant – Teresa

"To the thirsty I give water without price" Rev 21:6

The season of Lent is a privileged time to respond to Jesus' cry from the Cross: "I thirst". He thirsts for our hearts, for our love, and He desires us to drink deeply from the fount of Living Water. To help us grow in this intimacy with Christ we will be holding a parish retreat day here at St Catherine's on Saturday 15th March. Let us stop and take some time out of our busy lives to listen to the voice of God and to abide in His love. The day will be open to all – we look forward to welcoming you.

Retreat Schedule:

10:00 am Holy Mass

10:45 am Short talk

11:30 am *Lectio Divina* (prayerful reading of the Bible)

12:30 pm Lunch (please bring a picnic lunch, other refreshments will be provided)

1:15 pm Short talk

2:00 pm Adoration, Benediction and confessions

3:00 pm Depart

**OUR ARCHBISHOP WILL VISIT US
TO CELEBRATE THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH
SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025
Archbishop John Wilson will preside at a
thanksgiving Mass at 11.00 am on that Sunday**

**COME AND CELEBRATE
PLEASE PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARIES**