

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C,1) .

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8.00 am Mass: *Margaret Sheppard RIP*  
**Confessions** – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*  
6.00 pm Mass: *Doris Rapazzini RIP*

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
11.30 am Rosary  
12.00 pm Mass: *Scott Wilkie RIP*

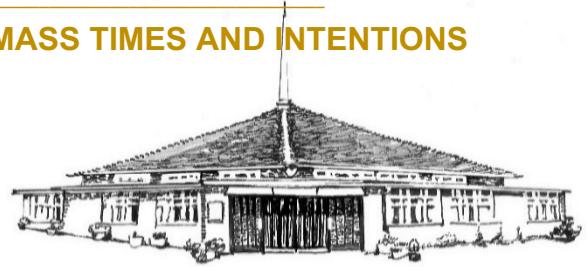
**Tue 6<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 am Rosary  
9.30 am Mass: *For all those who have been made redundant and are looking for a new job*

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** **NO MASS TODAY**

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 pm Rosary  
9.30 am Mass: *Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP*

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 am Rosary  
9.30 am Mass: *Wellbeing of the Duffy Family*

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 am Mass: *Maurice Scanlon*  
9.30 am **Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions 9.45 am**



### Weekly Offertory 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**£896.81** (£251 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £78 Gift Aided Contactless, £50 non Gift Aided Contactless and £342.81 cash).

### Good Friday collection for Holy Places

**£251.23** (20 Gift Aided envelopes and £231.23 cash)

### Maintenance of St Georges Cathedral

**£120.45** (£5 Gift Aided envelopes, £5 Gift Aided Contactless and £110.45 cash)

**NEXT SUNDAY** is World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. There will be a collection for the **Priest Training Fund**

**The Parish Office** is normally open for enquiries 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 anniversaries please book early to avoid disappointment as there is a very long waiting list.

**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 to contact the Chaplain.

SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C,1)

8.00am Mass: *Eamonn and Marie Keown RIP*  
**Confessions** – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *Imelda Qualter RIP and deceased family members*

6.00 pm Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

Readers 4<sup>th</sup> May 8am: Mark Murphy  
Readers 11<sup>th</sup> May 8am: Kristin Walsh  
Counters 6<sup>th</sup> May Vera and Inoka

10am: Kate Moir  
10am: Shehara Gamage  
Cleaners w/c 5<sup>th</sup> May

6pm: Emilia de Rennes  
6pm: Paul Johnston  
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 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. 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.

**FREEDOM PASS FOUND  
DOES ANYONE KNOW LINDA  
WHOSE FREEDOM PASS FOR LONDON TRAVEL  
WE HAVE FOUND IN THE CHURCH?**

**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.

**WEEKLY BIBLE MEDITATION - LECTIO DIVINA  
Meditation on the next Sunday Gospel  
STARTS AGAIN THIS & EVERY TUESDAY AT 8 pm**

**ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN ANY TIME**  
I am grateful to Stephanie Ferro for agreeing to lead our Bible sessions every Tuesday evening from 8 pm to 9pm  
**Any change to our weekly schedule, check here.**

## BEING WITNESSES TO THE TRUTH!

On the eve of the Papal Conclave today's Sunday Bible passages will be uppermost in the minds of the Cardinals preparing to elect the new Pope.

The Scripture readings today are all about witnessing the truth, that our Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Messiah, true God and true human, who rose from the dead. Knowing this changes everything. It gives us strength and courage, just like it bolstered the Apostles. When the Sanhedrin or Supreme Council of ancient Israel tried to silence and "cancel" the Apostles, saying - "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name [of Jesus], yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching..." - St Peter replied in the toughest and clearest of terms: **"We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and Saviour to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."** (Acts 5:27ff)

Each one of us is called to be a witness to this, to the core truths, the "kerygma" of our faith. **Above all the Pope, successor to St Peter, is called to be the chief witness and if necessary to die for the truth.** His first duty is to hand on the teaching of the Church founded by Christ on the Apostles. That is the sort of person the Cardinals are duty bound to elect: someone who is happy to catch the flak, who has repented, who listens to Christ just as St Peter the first Pope repented and had to hear the words of the risen Christ: "Do you love me?" Jesus asked him three times. "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you," Peter replied. Jesus told him to "feed his sheep" and be a good Shepherd (John 21:1-19). Peter needed to repent of his sins, of the three times he had denied Jesus on the eve of his crucifixion. Only then was Peter ready to be a true follower of Christ **and feed the people with the truth.** Only then was Peter ready to lead the Apostles who would be fishers of men and women.

The successor of Peter is there to preserve and express these truths, so powerfully expressed by the Apostle John in his visions recorded in the Book of Revelation (Rev 5:11-14) – the book of "discovery" of our Lord and God. John says: "And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!" This is the truth – the whole truth. Each one of us, and especially our Chief Shepherd the Pope, is called to proclaim this truth to all men and women so they may be saved.

**ARE WE PREPARED TO BE WITNESSES TO THIS TRUTH?**

**LET US KEEP THE CARDINALS WHO ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE CONCLAVE FIRMLY IN OUR PRAYERS, THAT THEY WILL LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT "WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO OBEY HIM."**

## "BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD"

We have been refreshed and uplifted by Lent and Easter. Christ is risen! We are still in the Easter season. Keep yourselves refreshed and alive in the Spirit. **Examine your conscience.** Go to **Confession**, purify your mind and heart, receive the Holy Eucharist with a clear conscience. Be healed!

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If anyone else has decided that they want to be confirmed this year 2025, please approach me today or tomorrow, in person or by e-mailing me at: [petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk)



## VOCATIONS PLEASE HELP PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey.

We are blessed to have 9 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Ways to donate:

- ✓ Donate using our DONA machine in the porch area.
- ✓ Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)
- ✓ Scan QR Code which is on the Priest Training Fund donation envelopes and poster in the porch using telephone camera.
- ✓ Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- ✓ Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.

## WE HONOUR ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

25 March 1347 – 29 April 1380

## AND CELEBRATE THE LINK WITH OUR PARISH

We celebrated the Feast of our patronal Saint, Catherine of Siena, on 29 April. We adopted St Catherine as our patronal saint and named the parish after her at the suggestion of Italian prisoners of war who attended Sunday Mass during the Second World War and came from the Siena region. At that time the current Parish Hall was a dual purpose Mass and social events centre as an offshoot of Our Lady Immaculate Parish, Tolworth, whose Parish Priest, Fr Redding, had obtained in 1938 the current site and built the dual purpose hall. We became a parish in our own right under Canon Law in 1944. In 1975 the current church was built under the direction of Fr Queally. We shall be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the church with our Archbishop John Wilson on 23 November 2025 at 11 am. Please note. Today at Mass we are displaying an image of St Catherine to mark her Feast.



£10.00

Recurring payment

## MONTHLY PRIZE – UPTO £180

### 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 **Website St Catherine's Monthly Prize**
- (2) **CASH OR CHEQUE** for a 3, 6 or 12 month period. Details and envelopes in church lobby.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BARBARA DE RENNES WHO WON THE MAY PRIZE DRAW !**