

## ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 13 JULY 2025

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY 13 JULY 2025 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C,1)

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8.00 am Mass: *Michael Durrant RIP*  
**Confessions** – 9.15 am to 9.45 am  
10.00 am Mass: *For all Parishioners who visited and supported Maureen and the Clune Family in Brian's last years RIP*  
6.00 pm Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
11.30 am Rosary  
12.00 pm Mass: *Padraig McCluskey and Family*

**Tue 15<sup>th</sup>** **St Bonaventure**  
11.30 am Rosary  
12.00 pm Mass: *Ken Vickery RIP*

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>** **NO MASS TODAY**

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 am Rosary  
9.30 am Mass: *Billy Leahy RIP*

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 am Rosary  
9.30 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Rena Heaffy*

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** **The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9.00 am Mass: *Aurea's Wellbeing - Birthday*  
THERE WILL BE NO HOLY HOUR AFTER MASS TODAY

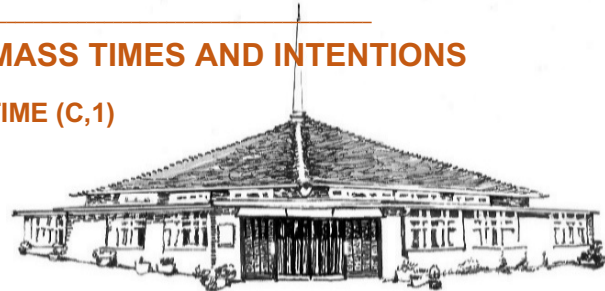
#### SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT (C,1)

8.00am Mass: *Heather Henzell RIP – 40 days*  
**Confessions** – 9.15 am to 9.45 am  
10.00 am Mass: *For the good health of Osmond Lobo and Family*  
6.00 pm Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

Readers 13<sup>th</sup> July 8am: Alberto Ravano  
Readers 20<sup>th</sup> July 8am: Valentino Ferdis  
Counters 13<sup>th</sup> July Karen and Peter

10am: Tony Gernon  
10am: Pauline Holman  
Cleaners w/c 14<sup>th</sup> July

6pm: Marcel Gilly Bruno  
6pm: Howard Brinkworth  
Concie, Rovenia and Inoka



#### Weekly Offertory 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**£953.56** (£268 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £43 Gift Aided Contactless, £15 non Gift Aided Contactless and £452.56 cash).

**TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY.** There will be a retiring collection for **Stella Maris Catholic Charity** – see below.

**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.

#### LECTIO DIVINA - WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

**Meditation on the following Sunday's Gospel every Tuesday 8 pm–9 pm all welcome to join in any time**

#### FUNDRAISING EXCELLENT PARISH BBQ

A huge thank you to the wonderful parish team which organised our summer BBQ. The aim was not only to raise money for our replacement-windows and stained glass project, but to bring the parish together and to invite guests and indeed anyone who wanted to be part of the occasion. It was a hot and sweltering day but the team worked joyously to serve. The food was first class, drinks flowed, Pimm's was delicious, children served and played, the organization perfect and the numbers overflowed as people came together to enjoy themselves. We are still working out how much money we raised, but I don't really care, because the wonderful atmosphere of love, kindness, service, co-operation and appreciation was priceless! A big thank you!

#### PLANT SALE

And once again a very big thank you to the organisers of our Parish Plant Sale. Thank God for our parish gardeners who provided a selection of plants to grace our homes and gardens.

#### HOLIDAYS APPROACH – KEEP UP OUR INCOME!

As we prepare to spend some time away this summer, do make provision to continue to contribute to our parish funds which usually drop over the summer. The parish depends on the weekly collection for vital expenses.

#### SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year. For information and booking, see this link on the online newsletter: [www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/](http://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/) There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo. Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

especially Cindy Albright, Sally Baker, Patrick Beglane, Tyler Curniffe, Louise Dovey, Delia Gallagher, Eileen Gathercole, Marie Gilbert & Family, Paul Jarvis, David Jordan, Solomon Justin, Georgia Kelly, Paul Kwan, Shirley Leong, 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.

**TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY – PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY FOR SEAFARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
TODAY IS ALSO THE DAY WE MARK THE CONTRIBUTION OF PERMANENT DEACONS**

**TODAY IS THE DESIGNATED SUNDAY TO MARK THE PERMANENT DIACONATE  
OUR ARCHBISHOP HAS A VISION THAT THERE SHOULD BE A “PERMANENT DEACON” IN EVERY PARISH**

Dear Brothers and Sisters - As you know, there are three stages to ordination in the Catholic clergy: **deacon, priest and bishop**. A deacon is dedicated to Christ the servant; a priest to Christ who sacrificed himself to save us from sin and death; a bishop to Christ who teaches and guides the flock. To be a priest one has to be a ordained deacon first; to be a bishop, one has to be a deacon and priest first. But there is a special type of deacon, one who does not go on to become a priest but who focuses on the blessed vocation of a deacon in its own right. This is known as a “Permanent Deacon.” There are about 80 permanent deacons in our Archdiocese. They play a vital role in nurturing the spiritual and pastoral life of a parish.

**WHAT IS A PERMANENT DEACON? – THE THREEFOLD MINISTRY**

Permanent deacons are members of the clergy. Married men over the age of 35 and single men over the age of 26 may be ordained deacon. Single men make a promise of celibacy, like the priestly order. Deacons are ordained to exercise the threefold ministry of service to:

**1. The Word – preaching and teaching 2. The altar and liturgy – devotion to the Eucharist 3. Charity - service**

They proclaim the Gospel at Mass and preach the Word; they teach the Word and lead various study groups, prayer and house groups and sacramental programmes like Confirmation, Holy Communion and RCIA. They assist the bishop or priest at Mass and at other liturgies. They have a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and lead Benediction. They administer the Sacrament of Baptism and conduct wedding services, preparing couples for marriage. They lead funeral services. They are ministers of charity and service by, for example, visiting prisons, hospitals, care homes and hospices, supporting the sick and the dying, the lonely and the bereaved, and taking Holy Communion to those in need. They are chaplains in prisons, universities and schools. They deal with parishioner's problems, including assisting with marriage papers concerning the validity of marriages. They help with fund raising and many charitable causes.

Many have full time jobs or, if retired, come with a wealth of knowledge and experience of the world of work as businessmen, care workers, scientists and technicians, computer specialists, civil servants, educators, academics, in the police and fire services, manual workers in many areas, the NHS, finance, law, medicine, music and the arts. As such they are clergy out in the world, witnessing to the truth and love of Christ. **I myself began my life in the clergy as such a Deacon. But crucially, if married with a family, a Permanent Deacon's wife and children still come first.**

**If you think God is calling you to become a permanent deacon, please come and have a chat with me or contact the director of formation for the Permanent Diaconate, Deacon Ian Black at: [ianblack@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ianblack@rcaos.org.uk)**

**For more information, go to: [www.rcaos.org.uk/vocations/is-god-calling-me/the-diaconate/](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/vocations/is-god-calling-me/the-diaconate/)**

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**FINAL CONSULTATION OF THE PARISH ON  
WHETHER TO BUILD A MEMORIAL GARDEN  
FOR THE BURIAL OF ASHES?**

A parishioner has proposed and indeed provided the funding for the creation of a Memorial Garden in the grounds of our church where the ashes of deceased parishioners. The graves would be marked with a small, flat memorial stone. The ashes of a very small number of deceased parishioners (including babies) have already been buried unmarked in the past in the garden area to the right of the front entrance of the church as you approach it. I am bound by the rules of the Archdiocese to consult the parish before embarking on such a project and I have done so over the last three weeks. This is the final consultation. I do not want to influence the consultation, but people have asked whether I am in favour of having this burial space. I am in favour as long as the design of the garden is one of simplicity and at one with the natural beauty of our garden. Where ashes were buried many years ago informally, I intend to place memorial stones for the deceased. After that, parishioners will be able to buy or reserve (at a reasonable cost) the small graves for burial of ashes. They will also have to buy the flat memorial stones which will be a standard design. We will publish the final proposal in full. I would be grateful for your views as soon as possible on whether you support the creation of a memorial garden. **Please e-mail me at [petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk) or speak to me.**

**TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY  
APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**

**STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC CHARITY**

Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives. 90% of world trade is transported by ship. **But the life of a seafarer can be dangerous and lonely, spending up to a year at a time away from home and family.** *Stella Maris* is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. It provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers and their families, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains visit ships and seafarers and offer a welfare service, advice, care and friendship. Some 250 ports around the world are covered. *Stella Maris* relies wholly on voluntary contributions. You can donate:

- in the second collection after Mass next Sunday.
- by using a Gift Aid envelope from the entrance.
- online by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate)

**For more information and resources**

[www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

Catholic Bishops' Conference [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)



St Catherine's  
Monthly Prize Draw

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**MONTHLY PRIZE – UPTO £180  
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- (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 HANNAH  
OUR JULY WINNER!**