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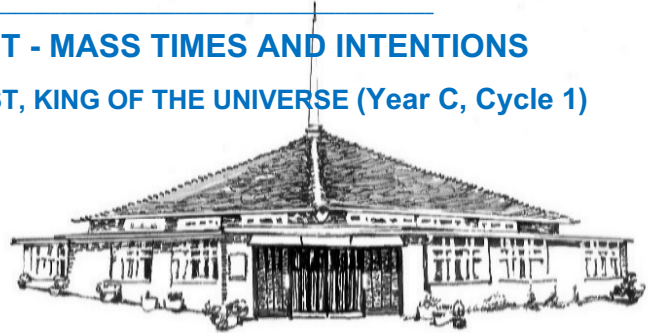
SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Year C, Cycle 1)

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50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BUILDING OF OUR CHURCH

11.00 am Mass: *In thanksgiving for the people of the parish, past and present, and their clergy.*



Mon 24th SS Andrew Dung-Lac, Companions and Martyrs

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: *In Thanksgiving for the Mary Morning Star Sisters, Lynton, North Devon.*

Tue 25th NO MASS TODAY

Wed 26th Feria

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Mick Kearns and Eileen Kearns RIP*

Thu 27th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: *Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP*

Fri 28th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: *T Malaley*

Sat 29th The Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Cecilia Suarez*

9.30 am Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions 9.45 am

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

8.00 am Mass: *Paolo and Paola Ravano RIP*

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

6.00 pm Mass: *Martin Whelan*

Weekly Offertory 16th November 2025

£718.54 (£151.52 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £63 Gift Aided Contactless, £38 non Gift Aided Contactless and £291.02 cash).

Today there will be a collection for the Catholic Youth Services

The Parish Office is open for enquiries on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri from **10am until 12noon**. All 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 long waiting list.

Kingston Hospital It is your responsibility to inform the ward staff if you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain if admitted to hospital. If you are calling on behalf of a patient there then please call the Hospital Switchboard on 0208 5467711 to contact the Chaplain.

LECTIO DIVINA – BIBLE STUDY
NEXT WEEK AND ALL THROUGH ADVENT
NEW TIME OF MEETING AT 7 PM ON
WEDNESDAYS - SEE OVER PAGE

Readers 30th Nov 8am: Alberto Ravano

Counters 23rd Nov Howard and Marlene

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

Cleaners w/c 24th Nov

6pm: Emilia de Rennes

Aurea's Group

TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST WE MUST LIVE THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE – BE A PRACTISING CATHOLIC KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS AND CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

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 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 Anointing / 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, anxiety and dementia. 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.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

If you would like us to pray for the repose of the soul of your deceased loved ones at Mass during November, place their names in an envelope in the lobby and hand it in as you would a Mass intention. Names will be placed in the basket in front of the Altar. Your loved ones will be remembered at every Mass in November. **By placing an offering in the envelope, this will be used to offer Masses for the Holy Souls in purgatory through the year.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

especially Cindy Albright, Sally Baker, Patrick Beglane, Tyler Curniffe, Renita D'Silva, Louise Dovey, Delia Gallagher, Eileen Gathercole, Marie Gilbert & Family, Paul Jarvis, David Jordan, Solomon Justin, Georgia Kelly, Paul Kwan, Adrian McDermott, Teresa McDonald, Sally McKenna, Pauline Murphy, Ryan O'Loughlin, Mark Peace, Jean Penycate, Zenaid Richards, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Dharmattee Soodin, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas, and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 6 DECEMBER 2025

11am-3pm

ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO!

DONATIONS PLEASE

Please continue to bring your donations of new gifts, unwanted presents, **sweets, chocolates**, jewellery and **toys**. Special requests:

RAFFLE TICKETS READY TO BE SOLD

They are in the entrance

please take some and sell them and bring back the money and the counterfoils. Bring back unsold tickets.

ESTATE AGENT'S BOARD IN YOUR FRONT GARDEN

Can you offer to display an estate agent's board advertising the fair in your front garden for two weeks?

This would be a great boost to our fundraising.

Please sign up after Mass or contact us at

chessington@rcaos.org.uk

The response has been sluggish so far, down by 2/3 of those who volunteered last year. So please consider.

BOTTLE STALL

Please make a special effort to bring in more bottles for our Bottle Stall which is very popular. Please bring all bottles to church on Sunday 30th November.

TAKE OR SEND FR PETER'S LETTER

to a local shop or business or an organisation. [The letter \(copies in the entrance\)](#) asks for support and a donation

to our fundraising, either in money or as a voucher of some sort which can be raffled. Fr Peter is writing to our local Lidl supermarket and to local schools. Remember that we serve local people with prayers and car parking!

E-mail Emma emma-mcdonald@hotmail.co.uk

BIBLE STUDY AND LECTIO DIVINA DURING ADVENT

Over Advent we are doing something different in our Lectio Divina / Divine Bible Reading sessions to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Sunday Gospel readings from now until Christmas. We are joining Mauro Ianicelli and the Bible Timeline course organisers – the course we have followed over the last eight weeks on the story of Salvation in the Bible – to focus on the Advent Sunday Gospels. We will watch Mauro's explanation of these passages together online, either using the facilities in the Sacristy, or, depending on numbers, using our new cinema facility in the Hall. We will then discuss together the meaning of the Gospel of that week. Please do join us. It will be fun.

BIBLE CLUB

From January we will launch formally our Bible Club. We know well that knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of Christ. Everyone is welcome to join this Bible Club, whether or not you have attended Mauro's Timeline course and Advent talks. We will combine this with refreshments and invite special speakers from time to time.



St Catherine's
Monthly Prize Draw

£10.00

Recurring payment

MONTHLY PRIZE - DRAW £150 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.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PARISH
MEMBER TO JOIN THIS MONTHLY DRAW**

NEXT SUNDAY 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BUILDING OF OUR CHURCH

We warmly welcome today Archbishop John Wilson and his Private Secretary, Fr Philip Andrews to help us mark both the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, and the 50th anniversary of the building of our beautiful church. I thank the countless people who have helped to prepare for this day and this great feast. We have amalgamated the usual three celebrations of Holy Mass into one at 11 am today. There is no Mass at 8 am, 10 am and 6 pm. We have done this to bring the whole of our parishioners together in order to celebrate together with the Archbishop this very special day.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

Today is World Youth Sunday. This collection will support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. We benefit from it. For more information, please refer to our diocesan website. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation. Internet links will be made available on our online version of the newsletter.

SACRED HEART, WIMBLEDON Parish Caretaker

A full time Parish Caretaker is required for Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon from 1st January 2026, to manage the extensive site which includes the Church, halls, and Presbytery. Salary £29,427.00 for a 35 hour week. For a Job Description, Person Specification, and Application Form please contact Thelma D'Costa at wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk. Closing date: 10th December 2025.

BECOME A CATHOLIC / LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH

Fr Peter asks all those who want to know more about the Catholic faith, or who are considering to become Catholics, to contact him for an informal chat. We can discuss key aspects of our faith and how one goes about becoming a Catholic. Absolutely no pressure. petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk or ring 07921 667679

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - FIRST CONFESSION

If you would like to register your child to receive their FHC in 2026, please complete the registration form which can be found on our website: [FHC Registration form](#). Please hand the form to the Parish Office or to Fr Peter, together with the required attachments mentioned in the form (Baptism certificate if not baptized here; photo; £20 contribution for books). A key requirement for the course is weekly Sunday Mass attendance. Parents must attend Mass with their child every Sunday in order to qualify for the course. They must also help their child to go Confession at least twice a year. The course itself will begin in early January and the FHC ceremony will be in June 2026. We will shortly announce an introductory meeting for parents and children. Thanks.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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| 23 Nov Sun | 50 th Anniversary of the building of our church.
Mass with Archbishop John at 11 am.
Then lunch in the parish hall. |
| 29 Nov Sat | Youth Mass 5 pm and Pizza supper |
| 30 Nov Sun | First Sunday of Advent |
| 5 Dec Fri | Rita's Social Club for the over 60s 2pm – 4 pm |
| 6 Dec Sat | Christmas Fair 11 am – 3 pm |