

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Sebastian, 98 Leatherhead Road, Chessington KT9 2HY

Confidential phone number 07921 667679 Confidential business e-mail: petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

Office: Tel Number 0208 397 4499 Office Email: chessington@rcaos.org.uk

Address: 98/100 Leatherhead Road, Chessington, KT9 2HY. Website: www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS: Tammy Finan and Steve Kearney E-mail: chessingtonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Parish Mass Book Page 82

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*

Mon 1st Dec NO MASS TODAY

Tue 2nd NO MASS TODAY

Wed 3rd NO MASS TODAY

Thu 4th NO MASS TODAY

Fri 5th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *In Thanksgiving*

Sat 6th St Nicholas, Bishop
8.30 am Mass: *Kit Brownrigg RIP, followed by:*
9.00 **First Saturday Devotions of Our Lady of Fatima**
Holy Hour, Confessions 9.15 am - 9.45 am



Weekly Offertory 23rd November 2025

£1,210.07 (£387 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £80 Gift Aided Contactless, £30 non Gift Aided Contactless and £538.07 cash).

Catholic Youth Services

£109.75 (Gift Aided envelopes £44.39)

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.

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

8.00 am Mass: *Dennis Allen RIP*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

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

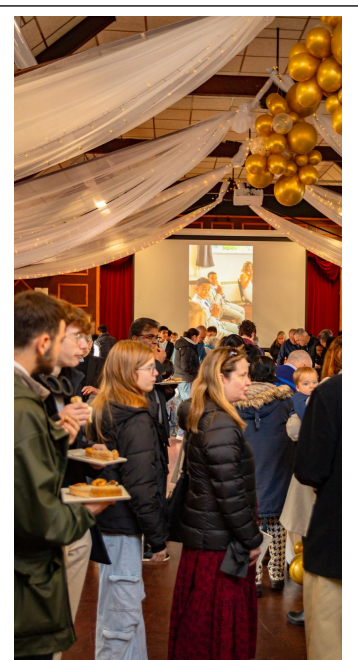
6.00 pm Mass: *Jody Murphy RIP*

LECTIO DIVINA – BIBLE STUDY
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM
DURING ADVENT FOLLOWING AN ADVENT
BIBLE COURSE ON SUNDAY GOSPELS

Readers 30th Nov 8am: Alberto Ravano
Readers 7th Dec 8am: Valentino Ferdis
Counters 30th Nov Karen and Peter

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo
10am: Rovena Gocllari
Cleaners w/c 1st Dec

6pm: Emilia de Rennes
6pm: Paul Johnston
Concie, Rovena and Inoka



**CHRISTMAS FAIR 6 DECEMBER 2025 11am-3pm
ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!
DONATIONS PLEASE!**

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

WE ARE SHORT OF SWEETS!

WE NEED MORE CAKES FOR THE CAKE STALL!

WE NEED DISHES FOR THE WORLD FOOD STALL!

Donations of cakes and food should be brought to the hall on the morning of the Fair.

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.

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!

ADVENT - A FRESH START – BE AT PEACE

Today we can have a fresh start. Today, a new year begins in the Church's calendar, and we begin with Advent – the “Coming” – the **First Coming** of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, truly God and truly human. Today, we have a chance to bring renewal in our lives and to prepare to celebrate the incarnation – when God showed his love for us by humbling himself to take on human flesh and blood – to save us from sin and death and to show us just how beautiful human beings can be. The prophet Isaiah in today's first reading seven centuries before Christ, points to this coming of Christ the Peacemaker, but he is also pointing to a **Second Coming – the end of the world as we know it** – when peace will reign for ever. St Paul is also speaking of this second coming to warn us to be ready. He explains how **we must prepare**: “The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark.... Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. **Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.**” Paul communicates a sense of urgency, because time is running out for all of us (Romans 13: 11-14). Paul singles out sins of the flesh, as well private jealousies and negative thoughts about others. We may think we are not hurting others if we keep our negative feelings to ourselves, or if we sin privately (e.g. through pornography), or if we sin with someone else by mutual consent. **But there is no such thing as private sin.** Sin cannot be contained. What damages one person damages those around him or her. We must heed Paul's words and act upon them and follow Christ's teaching through his Church, for in Matthew's Gospel Jesus gives us a severe warning: “stay awake.... you too must stand ready because the Son of Man (Jesus Christ) is coming at an hour you do not expect” to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom (Isaiah's reign of eternal peace) will have no end. **What is the way forward then?** Do God's will. Live the Sacramental life. Make use of the Sacrament of Confession over Advent to confess our sins and renew ourselves before it's too late, before Christ as “thief” returns to take what we don't want to give up: our sinful habits! **There is no such thing as private sin. What damages me in private also damages those around me. Sin cannot be contained.**

STAY AWAKE AND PREPARE FOR THE LORD!



**A HUGE THANK YOU
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH**

A huge thank you to God, to Archbishop John Wilson, to our parishioners who built the church, to everyone who worked so hard to make this day full of beauty and joy, and to everyone who came to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the building of our beautiful church. The service was full of the joy of our Lord Jesus. The Archbishop was full of hope and spread happiness among the many people who packed the church and then on to the beautifully decorated Hall to eat and drink. The Choir was sublime, the altar servers wonderful, the icon of St Catherine stunning and sacred, blessed by the Archbishop, the flowers gorgeous. Our thanks to Rev Stephen Short, deacon here for many years, who returned to assist at Mass with us. We were sad that Fr Brian Maxwell and Fr Stephen Haylett, two former parish priests, were unable to attend. We were graced by the presence of Miriam Howitt, the architect who conceived and designed in 2014 the now much-loved and admired sanctuary made of Jerusalem marble. It was wonderful also to see some former parishioners who came to join in the festivities. A big thank you to all previous parish priests. **WHAT A DAY! – A DAY TO REMEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, CHESSINGTON & HOOK.**

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, Dharmatotee Soodin, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas, and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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