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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 07 DECEMBER 2025

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 07 DECEMBER 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

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8.00 am	Mass: <i>Dennis Allen RIP</i> Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
6.00 pm	Mass: <i>Jody Murphy RIP</i>
Mon 8th	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11.30 am	Rosary
12.00 pm	Mass: <i>Heather Webster RIP</i>
Tue 9th	Feria
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Martin Farrell</i>
Wed 10th	NO MASS TODAY
Thu 11th	St Damasus I Pope
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP</i>
Fri 12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Patrick Mason and Family</i>
Sat 13th	St Lucy
9.00 am	Mass: <i>Healing for the family</i>
9.30 am	Holy Hour: Adoration, Rosary, Benediction Confessions: 9.45 am – 10.15 am

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

8.00 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Pauline and Mark Murphy</i> Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
6.00 pm	Mass: <i>Sean Mellin RIP</i>

Readers 7th Dec 8am: Valentino Ferdis

Readers 14th Dec 8am: Mark Murphy

Counters 7th Dec Lizette and Inoka

10am: Rovenia Gocllari

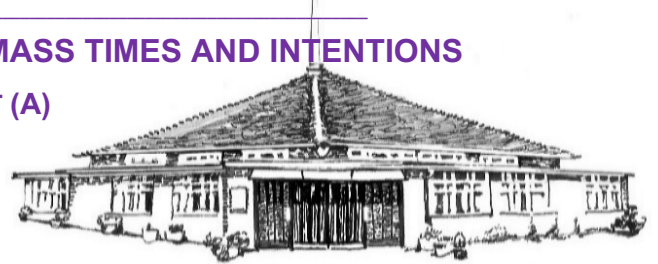
10am: Charissa Lobo

Cleaners w/c 8th Dec

6pm: Paul Johnston

6pm: Volunteer

Audry and Siobhan



Weekly Offertory 30th November 2025

£960.67 (£173 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £208 Gift Aided Contactless, £95 non Gift Aided Contactless and £309.67 cash).

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

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 and dementia. It can be administered at church, in hospital, care home, at home, indeed anywhere. 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.

LECTIO DIVINA – BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING ADVENT AT 7 PM

OUR ADVENT BIBLE COURSE ON THE SUNDAY GOSPELS

COME AND JOIN US EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT ATTENDED ANY BIBLE STUDY BEFORE. WE WATCH A VIDEO TOGETHER AND HAVE A CHAT ABOUT IT.



"PROCLAIM THE TRUTH AS IF YOU HAVE A THOUSAND VOICES. IT IS SILENCE THAT KILLS THE WORLD."

(from the writing of St Catherine of Siena)

A WONDERFUL AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST CATHERINE'S



A very big thank you to our Lord and God and of course to the organisers and helpers of the 2025 St Catherine's Christmas Fair. So many of you played their part in creating a deliciously happy and totally relaxed atmosphere.

There was joy in eating speciality foods, wonderful cakes, pancakes, candy floss, sweets and chocolates, and drinking speciality coffees and hot chocolate. At no stage was there any flagging as raffle after raffle after raffle managed to distribute some 72 prizes and make a lot of people happy – and very substantial prizes too, like expensive, high quality hampers, vouchers from local business and donated drinks of all kinds. We extended the Fair by one hour to four because of the numbers passing through. We were delighted to see many visitors and visiting families of parishioners. Some visited the church and were struck by its beauty and peace. I cannot thank everyone enough, both those who helped on the day and those who were involved in vital preparations, like sweeping leaves from the car park to avoid accidents and decorating the hall. It's a little soon to comment on the final profit, but it's looking good. The counters who were busily counting money in back rooms will tell us the final tally soon. The proceeds will go to pay for the replacement of all the church windows with the installation of some stained glass. We pray that our community of faithful here will continue to emulate the drive and enthusiasm of previous generations who have built up this parish. With so many prayers before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration, with so many Masses and Rosaries, with the training of new catechists and the faith formation of so many new people now in the parish, and with the completion of so many vital technical projects, **we can say that the 50th Anniversary Mass with our Archbishop John Wilson marked a transition into a new phase of our faith and spirituality.**

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
20 Dec Sat Christmas Carols at St Catherine's at 6 pm
followed by mince pies and mul
refreshments in our hall



St Catherine's
Monthly Prize Draw

£10.00

Recurring payment

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW – 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.

WHO IS THIS JESUS WE LOVE? JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE LAST PROPHET POINTS US TO JESUS AND LIFTS THE FOG

In the first week of Advent we focused on examination of our conscience. In the second week we ask ourselves “Who is this Jesus?” Who is this Jesus that I love so deeply, in whom I live and breathe and have my very being? To help us answer this question, John the Baptist becomes the central figure of Advent.

It is John who points the Apostles to Jesus. John is the last of the prophets to herald the coming of the Son of God. Today we are so very blessed, because we know so much more about Jesus than did Matthew, or the Apostles before Christ's Resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. **The Apostles' minds were even more filled with fog than our own.** It was John who pointed to Jesus and declared him the “Lamb of God” – the sacrificial lamb who takes away the sins of the world. We have not seen Jesus but we know a lot more, that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, truly God and truly human, the second person in the Holy Trinity, who conquered sin and death, whose reign has begun in the Church on earth, in purgatory and in heaven. We know him as Christ the healer and Christ the peacemaker.

Once again, my brothers and sisters, we must ask ourselves what is the price of true peace in this sinful world? Is it the dilution of our faith for the sake of including everyone no matter their actions and beliefs? Is it to water down of our faith for a comfortable life? Is it even the loss of our faith to please others, the ultimate denial and rejection of our Lord Jesus Christ to make others feel comfortable? If that is what it takes, then it will be a false peace. It will be a diabolical peace. It will not be peace.

John the Baptist and Jesus both died for a very special type of peace – the peace of God, not of Man. **What is the price of peace? – the blood of the lamb of God, sacrificed to save us from sin and death.** The only path to true peace is through Jesus, whose sacrifice has brought us the new and eternal covenant for the forgiveness of sins. The Scripture readings in this second Sunday of Advent remind us that **the Christian journey is not for the fainthearted. Objective truth and unconditional love go hand in hand unto death.** We can hide nothing from Christ and we trust him to help us carry our cross as we follow him.

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