

# ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025

## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

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8.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Pauline and Mark Murphy*  
**Confessions** – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

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

6.00 pm Mass: *Sean Mellin RIP*

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
11.30 am Rosary  
12.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Jo and Chris Budd and Family*

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

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
11.30 am Rosary  
12.00 pm Mass: *In Thanksgiving – Dom and Trish*

**Thu 18<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 am Rosary  
9.30 am Mass: *Tim Richards RIP*

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 am Rosary  
9.30 am Mass: *In Thanksgiving - Rita*

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>** **Feria**  
9.00 am Mass: *Maurice Scanlon*  
9.30 am Holy Hour: Adoration, Rosary, Benediction  
**Confessions: 9.45 am – 10.15 am**



### Weekly Offertory 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

£812.20 (£224.50 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £48 Gift Aided Contactless, £22 non Gift Aided Contactless and £342.70 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.

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

8.00 am Mass: *Pat and Rita Brownrigg RIP*  
**Confessions** – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *Xiuzhen Wang and Fushen Li RIP*

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

Readers 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 8am: Mark Murphy  
Readers 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 8am: Volunteer  
Counters 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Vera and Valentino

10am: Charissa Lobo  
10am: Kate Moir  
Cleaners w/c 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

6pm: Volunteer  
6pm: Ruth MacKinlay  
Jozwicki Group

**GAUDETE!**  
**THIS IS REJOICE SUNDAY!**  
**ROSE IS THE COLOUR OF REJOICING!**  
**HALF WAY THROUGH ADVENT WE PAUSE**  
**OUR PENANCE AND REJOICE THAT GOD**  
**HAS HUMBLLED HIMSELF TO SAVE US**

**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 WITH MAURO IANICELLI**

**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 writings of St Catherine of Siena)

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST CATHERINE'S  
SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER 6 PM**  
followed by  
**MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE IN OUR HALL  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Come and hear the story of our salvation.  
Join in our moving and beautiful Christmas Carols.**



**HOLY MASS - CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS EVE – WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER**  
11am-12pm: **Holy Hour, Benediction and Confessions**

First Mass of Christmas Mass at 6 pm

Midnight Mass – starts with Carols and Scripture Readings at 11.30 pm and then Mass at Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY – THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER** Mass  
at 8 am and 10 am – no Mass at 6 pm.

**PAUL JOHNSTON**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our longstanding parishioner and dear friend, Paul, who died on Friday 5 December. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. I was so pleased he was able to attend the church's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass. He attended the 6 pm Mass and had many friends there. Our prayers are with his wife Daphne.

**COME TO HOLY HOUR  
OVER THESE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Please do take the opportunity of these holidays to come to Holy Hour, Benediction and Confession.  
Check the newsletter for times.

**FAMILIES AND ELDERLY  
IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS THIS CHRISTMAS**

There may be families or elderly people you know who may not be able to afford Christmas festivities, food or presents for children or the like or even pay the rent. We may be able to help out that family. Please get in touch.



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.

**REJOICE SUNDAY – GAUDETE SUNDAY!  
GOD HIMSELF COMES TO OUR RESCUE,  
YES GOD HIMSELF!**

The Church bids us today to rejoice and rejoice again, both at the First Coming of Jesus Christ, true God and true man, two thousand years ago and also as we await Christ's Second Coming at the end of the world and of time.

The Scripture passages this Sunday tell us that it is God himself who is coming to the rescue, to rescue us – yes, God himself, not just anybody, not just a mere mortal, however good he may be, but the creator of heaven and earth. "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near" (Philippians, 4:4).

Christ is not a messenger, a prophet, an angel, a great warrior-liberator but none other than God himself, the creator and destroyer of worlds who humbled himself to share in our humanity to save us. His proof is that his fruits bear the divine signature: he is Christ the forgiver of sins; Christ the conqueror of death itself; Christ the healer of disease, pain and sorrow.

Even John the Baptist, the star of the Advent period who prepared the way for Jesus by identifying Christ to the Apostles, was confused for a moment. He sent his disciples to check with Jesus whether he really was the Messiah. Even John was expecting judgement, condemnation and punishment for sinners. He was puzzled while in Herod's prison by reports he received of Christ's healing ministry and of his accompaniment of sinners. **Instead of terrible punishment** for the powerful and the sinful, Christ brought healing for the innocent, the poor, the suffering and for those who had faith in the truth and love of God. **Instead of earthly overlordship**, Christ brought the Good News of salvation, shedding his very own blood in order to forge a new covenant, a new and eternal and final covenant for the forgiveness of sins, not only of Jews but of all humanity. **That is how precious we humans are to God.** But how easily we forget that, as we continue to sin again and again, doubt, despair and lose hope. No, Jesus and the New Testament writers tell us to rejoice in our salvation, **even though for now we have to be patient, bear fruit and trust that God knows what he is doing.** Judgement and condemnation for those who hate and hurt others are reserved for the Second coming.

**Thought for the week: I will be patient, I will trust God, I will rejoice at my salvation and pray that all are saved. I re-double my efforts to live the sacramental life, knowing that even if my spiritual preparation so far this Advent has been minimal, Christ loves me and spurs me on to greater things.**

**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 Pencyate, Zenaid Richards, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheead, Mary Sheehan, Dharmattee Soodin, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas, and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.