

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 04 JANUARY 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (Year A/Cy II)

Parish Mass Book Page 111

8.00 am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *Brian Clune RIP*

6.00 pm Mass: *Michael Rapazzini RIP*

NO MASS TODAY

Tue 6th **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Parish Mass Book p.115

12.00 pm Mass: *Richard Grey RIP*

7.30 pm Mass: *Day, Doyle, Gilli, Manche and McFadden Families*

Wed 7th **Feria of Christmas Time**

7.00 pm Mass: *For all those who have been made redundant and are looking for a new job*

Feria of Christmas Time

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: *Fiona RIP and the wellbeing of Sheila MacDonald-Hughes*

Fri 9th **Feria of Christmas Time**

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: *Yvonne Short RIP and for the wellbeing of Stephen*

Sat 10th **Feria of Christmas Time**

9.00 am Mass: *Holy Souls*

First Saturday Devotions of Our Lady of Fatima

9.30 am **Holy Hour, Confessions 9.45-10.15 am**

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

8.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Vijay and Philomena Srivastava*

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Teresa and Parents*

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

Readers 4th Jan 8am: *Mark Murphy*

Readers 11th Jan 8am: *Alberto Ravano*

Counters 4th Jan *Lizette and Inoka*

10am: *Pauline Holman*

10am: *Alex Duval*

Cleaners w/c 5th Jan

6pm: *Emilia de Rennes*

6pm: *Marcel Gilly Bruno*

Audry and Siobhan

PAUL JOHNSTON RIP

Paul's funeral service will take place on Thursday 15 January at 11 am here at St Catherine's. At Paul's request, we have been given permission by the Archdiocese to offer a Tridentine Latin Mass at his funeral. Fr David Howell, who knew Paul, will be offering this Mass. Parishioners are welcome to attend. Please continue to pray for Paul and for Daphne, his widow.

ROBIN DOREY RIP

Robin's son has written to us. He says:

"Robin sadly passed away after a short battle with pneumonia on Christmas Eve. As many parishioners will know, Robin served St Catherine's for many years as a Eucharistic Minister and was also a prominent member of the social committee. Robin is survived by his beloved wife Margaret and their 3 children. The family, in line with Robin's wishes, has taken the tough decision not to tell Margaret, who resides in a care home with dementia & other disabilities, but would take great comfort if the St Catherine's community would keep them both in your prayers."

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO YOUR PARISH PRIEST

Just in case you were away over Christmas and the New Year and you missed the opportunity to make a Christmas Offering to your Parish Priest, you can still do so by: 1. pointing your phone camera at this QR code and follow link donate.mydona.com to the online card reader. Donation can be gift aided.



2. Use one of our two card readers. 3. Use a Christmas Offering envelope in the lobby.



"Proclaim the truth as if you have a thousand voices. It is silence that kills the world."
From St Catherine's writings

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY THIS TUESDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Is this still the season of joy and peace, my dear brothers and sisters? Or are there people among us and around us who are dampening our joy and crushing our peace? God has entered human history for the first time in the form of a vulnerable baby that needs the protection of his human parents as all babies do – the human condition. The Holy Family was threatened with annihilation. We also today encounter people who want to kill our faith and our love of Christ before it takes root deep within our very being. We too must protect our children's faith.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Unveiling, Manifestation, Revelation



WHY IS IT SO SPECIAL?

Epiphany is special because it marks the public manifestation or unveiling of God's great plan of salvation for the human race. It is the public revelation to the whole world that God has humbled himself to share in our humanity and that his mission is to save all humanity from sin and death. The Scripture readings contain all the clues to our destiny and to Christ's mission. The arrival of the Wise Men or Magi from distant and non-Jewish lands signified that Christ came to save all humanity, not just the Jewish people, the chosen people of Abraham. As St Paul tells us, it is revealed that the gentiles were part of God's plan from the beginning of Christ's mission on earth. The Wise Men travelled a long way, through many dangers and following a star. Something special happened 2,000 years ago. Epiphany signifies that the light of Christ has entered the world and that the Saviour of the world will bring forgiveness of all our sins. This awesome God, with no beginning and no end, has come to us all to embrace us, because he has never abandoned us. He has revealed himself to us. The Messiah is not simply the King of Israel but the King of all and everyone will pay homage to him like the Wise Men. Christ is the light of all the nations but sometimes even when the truth is staring us in the face, when all the signs are clear about the right course of action to take, we allow ourselves to become spiritually blind. Our pride makes us resist God's grace. Let us open our hearts.

RITA'S SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE OVER 60s

The next Rita's Club will be held on **Friday 9 January 2pm to 4 pm**, the second Friday of the month, because the first Friday is too close to New Year's Day.

CAKE SALE AND MONTHLY DRAW NEXT SUNDAY

Our fundraising continues. There will be a cake sale **after every Mass** next Sunday. Please bake or bring cakes of all sorts and please come and buy them and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with us after Mass.

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW – NEW YEAR PRIZE £150



St Catherine's Monthly Prize Draw

£10.00

Recurring payment

TWO WAYS TO SIGN UP TO THE DRAW

(1) ONLINE by Direct Debit through the secure financial website **GoCardless**. Point your phone at the QR code on the left or follow our website link below to get to GoCardless.

(2) CASH OR CHEQUE for a 3, 6 or 12 month period. Details and envelopes in church lobby.

Website St Catherine's Monthly Prize Draw

December's winner was Michael Pearce

NEXT YOUTH MASS

Saturday 17 January 2026

6pm Holy Mass

followed by Pizza supper and discussion

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

I thank you for your generosity in your Christmas offerings to me. You are so kind. As you may know, **Catholic priests** do not receive a salary from the Diocese. They rely on the Christmas and Easter offerings and on Mass stipends to buy essential items of clothing, run a car and generally buy what is necessary to serve you as best they can and to be there when you need them. The times you really need a priest is not when you are dead but when you are alive - and able to proclaim the truth and love of Christ; when you are ill and showing patience; and when you are dying and witnessing your faith to those around you. **The priest is there** for you to help you in your darkest hours – in times of pain and despair - and to rejoice with you for the many gifts God has given each one of you, and especially in the gift to all of us of our Lord Jesus. **The priest is there** to give you life in abundance in the form of the Holy Eucharist, to bring Christ's forgiveness of your sins, to prepare you to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation and to prepare you for, and sustain you in, the sacrament of marriage. **The priest is there** to pray for you to the Father. Working to improve the fabric of the church estate is a secondary activity and usually one for which he is not trained, though he is responsible for the careful stewardship of the parish. I am so grateful to you. Many of you have come forward over the last couple of years to take much of the mental and physical burden off me in looking after the parish – the replacement of guttering for the church; the establishment of a cinema in our hall; the building of a Memorial Garden; the repair and replacement of lights across the estate; the wonderful fundraising you have led with cake and plant sales, Summer BBQ and Christmas Fayre; the fabulous decorations of the church and Hall for our 50th anniversary; the Photo Shoots; the preparations for replacing the church windows which will now be the focus of church refurbishment. I would like to call more and more on your help in 2026 so that I may serve you better.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS & CHILDREN'S MEETING ON SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 11.15 AM

We are beginning our First Holy Communion (FHC) course in January. We start with an introductory meeting for parents and children after the 10 am Sunday Mass on 11 January. The course itself begins on Sunday 18 January 11.15 am to 12.15 pm. As mentioned, it will take place every Sunday except Sundays of school holidays and Half Term. We will work with parents to agree a date in June for the FHC weekend which is convenient for everyone. Please bring your diaries to the meeting. We very much look forward to beginning the course. Any last minute applications, please complete this form and hand it in to Fr Peter after Mass.

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