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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A/Cy II)

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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*

Mon 12th Feria

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Margo and Theo*

Tue 13th NO MASS TODAY

Wed 14th Feria

11.30 am Rosary:

12.00 pm Mass: *In thanksgiving for Charissa and Craig*
1st wedding Anniversary

Thurs 15th Feria

11.00 am Requiem Mass: *Paul Johnston RIP*

Fri 16th Feria

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: *Lino and Nivea Mizzi RIP*

Sat 17th St Anthony

9.00 am Mass: *In thanksgiving - Rita*

9.30 am **Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions 9.45 am**

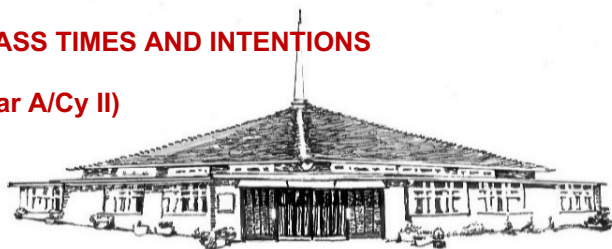
SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Veronica Woodger*

Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *Kevin Whitehead RIP*

6.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Mano Houshangpour*



Weekly Offertory 4th January 2026

£700.89 (£214 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £51 Gift Aided Contactless, £15 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £245.89 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, then please call the Hospital Switchboard 0208 5467711 ask them to contact the Chaplain.

LECTIO DIVINA – BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 8 pm and THEREAFTER EVERY WEDNESDAY 8-9 pm.

Please come to the church, and please do join us even if you have not attended before. It is informal and friendly and no special knowledge is required.

Readers 11th Jan 8am: Alberto Ravano

Readers 18th Jan 8am: Stephanie Ferro

Counters 12th Jan Vera and Valentino

10am: Alex Duval

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

Cleaners w/c 12th Jan

6pm: Volunteer

6pm: Frances Harryman

Jozwicki Group

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

NEXT YOUTH MASS
15-17 YEAR OLDS
Saturday 17 January 2026
6pm Holy Mass

**followed by Pizza supper, talk on Carlo Acutis
and discussion**

This Mass above is public Sunday Mass
APRIL DAY TRIP FOR 14-17 YEAR OLDS

**We are planning a day trip to Oxford to follow in the
footsteps of Saint John Henry Newman in the midst
of the Oxford Colleges. A chance to breathe in the
spiritual life of Newman and to see Oxford Colleges**

REFLECTION – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Baptism of Jesus is the third manifestation of his divinity and his humanity in the Christmas liturgical period. The first manifestation was the **Nativity** of the baby, the *Word made flesh*; the second was the revelation to the Three Wise Men who came to adore the baby that Christ came to save all nations, not just Israel – the **Epiphany**; and the third is the Baptism of the adult Jesus in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. Here, God is revealed as **Trinity**: the Father in the voice from above, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descending on Jesus, and Jesus himself as the beloved Son of God. The Church celebrates these three manifestations. In the Orthodox east, today's feast is known as the *Theophany* – the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. Now Jesus begins his ministry on earth to bring the Good News of his conquest of sin and death. He begins by proclaiming: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." Everything has been done for us to reach the kingdom when we die. God has even sacrificed his beloved Son.

Are we truly prepared to make sacrifices, to live the sacramental life of grace, to keep God's commandments, to love one another as Christ loves us, and to examine our conscience and repent so as to reach the kingdom? Or are we simply going through the motions? Our salvation depends on how we answer this question.



CAKE SALE AND MONTHLY DRAW TODAY

Our fundraising continues. There will be a cake sale **after every Mass** today. 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

NEW WINNER AT DRAW TODAY!

NEXT SUNDAY 18 JANUARY 2026
PARISH HALL 12.15 pm to 1.15 pm
PARISH MEETING TO ORGANISE FUNDRAISING
EVENTS TO MAXIMISE THE OFFER OF
MATCHED FUNDING – THANKS BE TO GOD

In case you missed my announcement at Mass last Sunday, a benefactor has offered to match all our fundraising for the next year. Yes, I'm not joking! This is a **terrific boost** to our work to upgrade the parish estate and repair the fabric here and there. It will be a great incentive for our fundraising. The matched funding has already started with the first £3,000 of the Christmas Fair being doubled. As a result, the **Christmas Fair raised £7,500. Thank you to all, and to our benefactor**

SUNDAY COLLECTION NOW A WORRY

While matched funding will help deal with our capital projects in the short term, it will not adequately solve our shortfall in the weekly collection or income. We are currently digging into our reserves to pay for vital day-to-day expenses like utilities, council tax, administration, insurance, staffing and general maintenance, e.g. roof repairs, compulsory health & safety measures. Digging into our reserves which we need for vital capital projects cannot go on. I am therefore going to make every effort to launch a planned giving initiative as spoken before to boost our weekly offering. **The weekly Offertory is just not enough to meet the running expenses of the parish.** The time has come for more of us to consider how much we give to this parish each week. Please do not think that the Diocese steps in to help us. In fact one third of our weekly income is given to the Diocese for its expenses on behalf of all the parishes. Last week the parish Offertory came to just £700. One third of that goes to the Diocese. You can see that what is left is not much to meet our expenses. I shall be calling another one of our quarterly parish meetings soon, delayed by the many events we had in the last two months of last year. You know I understand the financial pressures on everyone. But you need to be aware of the realities of our situation. The best thing to establish a stable revenue to the parish is to donate by bank standing order, and if one is a tax payer, to sign up for Gift Aid which costs each one of us nothing but adds 25% of one's donation to the parish.

The weekly Sunday collection is a measure of how much each one of us values our faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS & CHILDREN'S MEETING TODAY AT 11.15 AM

We are beginning our First Holy Communion (FHC) course in January. We start with an introductory meeting for parents and children today. The course itself begins next 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. We very much look forward to beginning the course.

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