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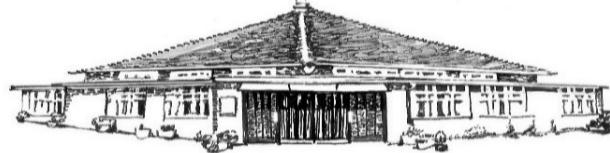
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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A/Cy II) Parish Mass Book Page 130

8.00 am	Mass: <i>Patrick and Bridget Walsh RIP</i>
	Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am	Mass: <i>Henryka and Stanislaw Beczko</i>
6.00 pm	Mass: <i>Carmel O'Toole RIP</i>
Mon 2nd	The Presentation of the Lord
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Private Intentions – Manche Family</i>
Tue 3rd	NO MASS TODAY
Wed 4th	St Henry Morse
11.30 am	Rosary
12.00 pm	Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs 5th	St Agatha
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Maria Keaveney-Jessiman RIP</i>
Fri 6th	SS Paul Miki and Companions
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Gilbert and Francina Manche RIP</i>
Sat 7th	The Blessed Virgin Mary
9.00 am	Mass: <i>Fr Edward Hartley RIP</i>
9.30 am	First Saturday Devotion to our Lady of Fatima - Holy Hour, Adoration, Rosary, Benediction Confessions: 9.45 am–10.15am



Weekly Offertory 25th January 2026

£948.98 (£220 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided standing orders, £123 Gift Aided Contactless, £85 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £345.98 cash).

Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

£280.80 (£110 Gift Aided envelopes, £52 Gift Aided Contactless, £20 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £98.80 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 Catholic Chaplain.

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A/Cy II)

8.00 am	Mass: <i>Sheila Brownrigg RIP</i>
	Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am	Mass: <i>Brian Duffy RIP</i>
6.00 pm	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Readers 1 st Feb	8am: <i>Mark Murphy</i>
Readers 8 th Feb	8am: <i>Alberto Ravano</i>
Counters 1 st Feb	<i>Lizette and Inoka</i>

LECTIO DIVINA – BIBLE STUDY
EVERY WEDNESDAY 8-9 pm, Sacristy Room behind the sanctuary
Please join us even if you have not attended before. It is informal and friendly and no special knowledge is required.

10am: *Charissa Lobo* 6pm: *Kristin Walsh*
10am: *Kate Moir* 6pm: *Ruth MacKinlay*
Cleaners w/c 2nd Feb Audry and Siobhan

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

CONFESIONS: 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, anxiety and dementia. Do 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.

PRAYER OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Holy Spirit,
come into my heart;
draw it to Thee by Thy
power, O my God,
and grant me charity
with filial fear.

Preserve me,
O beautiful Love, from
every evil thought;
warm me, inflame me
with Thy dear love,
and every pain
will seem light to me.

My Father, my sweet
Lord, help me
in all my actions.
Jesus, love, Jesus, love.

Amen

LET'S LEARN THIS!



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

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT GERARD BRADLEY

Bishop-elect Gerard's Episcopal Ordination and Mass is on **Monday 2 February 2026 at 12.30pm**, the Feast of the Presentation, at St George's Cathedral. If you would like to see it on livestream, please go to the website of the Archdiocese of Southwark for more information.

Please keep Bishop-elect Gerard in your prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

Sunday 1 February - Cake Sale after each Mass
Friday 6 February - Rita's Social Club for the over 60s
Sunday 8 February - Soup Sunday after 10 am Mass
Sunday 1 March - Cake Sale after each Mass
Friday 13 March - Irish Night 7 pm – 11pm



It would be good to get an idea of numbers interested so that no one gets disappointed when they rush to the Hall after Mass. It will be a hearty soup that includes peas, carrots, corn, dumplings (gluten), potatoes, chick peas and chicken. Plantain for adventurous. Warm bread/butter. Flexibility on price for larger families.

FINAL CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERING

The Good Counsel Network – Help Women

This is your last opportunity to donate to the Good Counsel Network. The Network has done excellent work in supporting women who might otherwise have been driven to abort their babies. The Network website says:

- Do you have a parishioner who is pregnant and worried or someone who is actively considering or planning to abort?
- Do you need advice for someone who has had an abortion and who is suffering? Visit our website www.goodcounselnet.co.uk or call us: 020 7723 1740 or e-mail us at info@goodcounselnetwork.com

BE MY VALENTINE! NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

This annual celebration runs from February 7-14 and offers the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. Visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website for details of various initiatives and events marking Marriage Week:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week/>

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW – NEW YEAR PRIZE £150



£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

BEATITUDE SUNDAY: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS INJECTED WITH PURE LOVE AND GRACE

More than any other passage in the Bible the Beatitudes give us the most profound, intense, sustained and challenging experience of a heavenly existence bathed in pure love and truth – an existence we are challenged to start experiencing here on earth to prepare for eternal union with God.

As Christ speaks, layer upon layer of love, humility, self-sacrifice, and generosity unfolds until we are face to face with the truth about ourselves. Tears come to our eyes as we experience peace at last. We merge ourselves with our beloved Lord Jesus Christ. We become one with Him, the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is the oneness we experience when we receive the Holy Eucharist with a pure heart. We see God in the silence of our hearts and minds, the very essence of Christ, true God, true man, truly mortal and truly risen. Think of the Beatitudes and the Kingdom of God as you receive Holy Communion.

All week the Church has fed us with Bible passages about establishing the Kingdom of God in ourselves and among ourselves on this earth. And now in Mathew's Beatitudes Christ presents us with the Christian life in the Kingdom of God to which we are called. We encounter the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount frequently during the year, because they are the Christian life. But this Sunday is known unofficially as "Beatitude Sunday" because this is the Sunday in which we read the Beatitudes in their entirety.

This kingdom is unlike any other kingdom on earth. To enter this kingdom, we must acknowledge our own sinfulness so that we can be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit and be able with humility to enter eternal life with God. We must recognise our need to be with God into eternity. Unlike Adam and Eve in Genesis, we must consider ourselves infinitely less than God and not be fooled by the devil that we have it in us to be greater than God, greater than our creator. That is the sin of Adam and Eve and of many in our generation, convinced by the devil that "they can be anything they want to be" rather than to strive to be simply what God wants us to be. The Beatitudes show us how to live the Ten Commandments as Children of God, with humility, love, peace and truth in hearts that are pure. The Beatitudes inject the Commandments and the Old Testament law with pure love - Christ's unselfish love and peace. This is how the Christian behaves and this is how the Christian then goes on and fulfils the rest of the Sermon on the Mount, e.g. loving one's enemy, accepting that the Christian marriage bond cannot be broken, judging oneself thoroughly before judging others and then only with love and mercy, and so on in order to know and do the will of God and enter the Kingdom.

To know and do the will of God: observe the Commandments; live Christ's Beatitudes; honour Christ's Sacraments and follow the teachings of the Catholic Church founded by Christ on the Apostles and guided by the Holy Spirit all the way to us today.

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.