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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

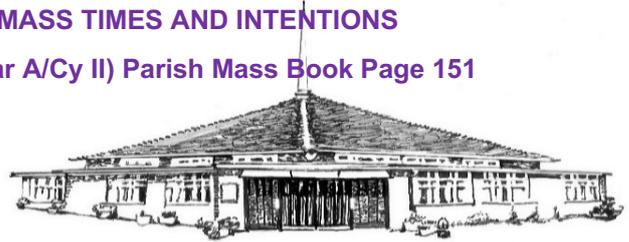
SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A/Cy II) Parish Mass Book Page 151

8.00 am Mass: *Brian Duffy RIP*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: *Charles McLoughlin RIP*
5.15 pm Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm Mass: *For the People of the Parish*
Mon 23rd Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Vincent and Wendy McCluskey and Family*

Tue 24th NO MASS TODAY
Wed 25th Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: *Jake Andrews RIP & Andrews Family*
Thurs 26th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Peter and Jane Fielding RIP*

Fri 27th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Isaac*
Sat 28th Feria
9.00 am Mass: *Holy Souls*
9.30 am **Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions: 9.45 am**

SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8.00 am Mass: *Brian Clune RIP*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*
5.15 pm Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm Mass: *Josh and Jo - Thanksgiving*



NEW

Weekly Offertory 15th February 2026

£834.07 (£190 Gift Aided envelopes, £180 Gift Aided standing orders, £114 Gift Aided Contactless, £33 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £317.07 cash).

Clergy Support Fund

£687.24 (£328 Gift Aided envelopes, £175 Gift Aided Contactless, £20 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £164.24 cash).

Next Sunday there will be a collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Envelopes are available in the foyer.

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 and ask them to contact the Catholic Chaplain.

Readers 22nd Feb 8am: *Valentino Ferdis*

Readers 1st March 8am: *Mark Murphy*

Counters 22nd Feb *Karen and Peter*

10am: *Pauline Holman*

10am: *Alex Duval*

Cleaners w/c 23rd Feb

6pm: *Marcel Gilly Bruno*

6pm: *Frances Harryman*

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

POPE LEO XIV – HOMILY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

“Even today, Lent remains a powerful time for community: “Gather the people. Sanctify the congregation” (Joel 2:16). We know that it has become increasingly difficult to gather people together and make them feel like a community — not in a nationalistic and aggressive way, but in a communion where each of us finds our place. Indeed, during Lent, a people is formed that recognizes its sins. These sins are evils that have not come from supposed enemies, but afflicts our hearts, and exist within us. We need to respond by courageously accepting responsibility for them. Moreover, we must accept that while this attitude is countercultural, it constitutes an authentic, honest and attractive option, especially in our times, when it is so easy to feel powerless in the face of a world that is in flames. **Truly, the Church exists as a community of witnesses that recognize their sins.** Naturally, sin is personal, but it takes shape in the real and virtual contexts of life, in the attitudes we adopt towards each other that mutually impact us, and often within real economic, cultural, political and even religious “structures of sin.” Scripture teaches us that opposing idolatry with worship of the living God means daring to be free, and rediscovering freedom through an exodus, a journey, where we are no longer paralyzed, rigid or complacent in our positions, but gathered together to move and change. **How rare it is to find adults who repent**, individuals, businesses and institutions that admit they have done wrong! Today, we are reflecting precisely on this possibility of repentance. Indeed, it is no coincidence that, even in secularized contexts, **many young** people, more than in the past, are open to the invitation of Ash Wednesday. Young people especially understand clearly that it is possible to live a just lifestyle, and that there should be accountability for wrongdoings in the Church and in the world. We must therefore start where we can, with those who are around us. “Now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!” (2 Cor 6:2). **Let us therefore embrace the missionary significance of Lent.**”



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

**LENTEN ALMS GIVING
WINDOWS PROJECT DONATIONS COUNT DOUBLE**

Our Lenten project this year will refocus on the essential work to replace the church windows and create at least two large stained glass windows. Lump sum donations can be made at any time using the card machines - follow the "Lenten Project Windows" tab to donate.

YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED AND THEREFORE COUNT DOUBLE.

**"FINDING NEMO"
FAMILY FILM NIGHT & SUPPER
NEXT FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY AT 6 PM
AT OUR NEW CINEMA HALL**

Let's get together for a family film night and supper.
TICKETS: £5 per person £15 max per family and includes supper & refreshments

**CAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY AFTER ALL MASSES
BAKE, BRING, BUY, EAT CAKES!**

**RITA'S SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE OVER 60s
Friday 6 March 2 pm – 4 pm, Parish Hall**

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

Today – Parish Fundraising Meeting after 10 am Mass.
Friday 27 February – Family Film Night
Sunday 1 March - Cake Sale after each Mass
Friday 13 March – St Patrick's Fun-raiser - dancing

FUNDRAISING MEETING TODAY

Please do come to the Fundraising Meeting immediately after the 10 am Mass. We need your talents and energies. We are on a fundraising roll, but there is much more to do to raise money which will be matched funded by our benefactor. Much more.

A BIG THANK YOU - CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

I am so proud and grateful to you all. We raised nearly **£700** to support retired and sick clergy. That does not count the Gift Aid and other contributions. If every parish in the Archdiocese raised this much per capita, it would be a great boost to diocesan finances and to the morale of the clergy – that you care about them. God bless you.

**FASTING, ABSTINANCE, ALMS GIVING
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION**

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbor. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions, such as flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.

DONATIONS: Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030 to donate** or Text **CAFODLENT to 70085** to donate £10.

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW – 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

OUR KEY PREPARATION FOR LENT

(1)

UNDERSTAND WHAT CHRIST IS ASKING OF US

JOIN US FOR THIS JOURNEY THROUGH LENT
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – NOTE TIME DURING LENT
FOR BIBLE READING OF THE SUNDAY GOSPELS
EVERY TUESDAY IN LENT 7 pm to 8.15 pm

Mauro and Janet Iannicelli break open the Lenten Sunday Gospels guiding us over six Tuesdays.



COME & SEE
CATHOLIC FORMATION MINISTRIES

Please arrive 6.50 pm – assemble in the HALL

(2)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday at 5.15 pm before 6 pm Mass

(3)

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST – HOLY HOUR

Join us every Saturday morning after 9 am Mass
OUR ARCHBISHOP STRONGLY URGES US TO OBSERVE HOLY HOUR

"Draw hope from spending time with the blessed sacrament" says our Archbishop. "We are 'Pilgrims of Hope' who look to Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Perhaps you don't know what to do before the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hour? Perhaps we have lost the story of our faith? Don't worry. We will help you rediscover the joy of the Adoration of Jesus and his real presence in the Blessed Sacrament."

See Archbishop John Wilson's call to Adoration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq1oOeNQ2Nc>

Adoration means adoration in silence. Let God speak to you. Spend lots of time simply looking at the Blessed Sacrament in awe and love. What is the Blessed Sacrament? It is the Eucharist which we receive at Holy Communion, but in the monstrance, the receptacle which holds the Eucharist for Adoration (monstrance = showing). SILENCE is crucial in order to hear the Lord. I am therefore asking the **Rosary Group** to say the Rosary individually if they wish and in silence (without whispering it) rather than as a group during Adoration. They can say the Rosary together before weekday Mass. **We rely on this group to protect our parish by reciting and praying together the Rosary – the life of Jesus and his blessed mother. Join them!**

LENTEN RESOLUTION: PRAYER & REFLECTION

1. **I will pray the Sunday Gospels in Lent.**
2. **I will participate in Stations of the Cross**
3. **I will spend at least fifteen minutes on at least one visit to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

WE SHALL MISS HIM: DENIS JOHN ENRIGHT RIP

With sadness we announce that Denis, who graced our 10 am Mass, has passed away. May he rest in peace and may our Lord Jesus console his family. His Funeral Mass will take place at St Catherine of Siena at 10.30 am on Wednesday 11 March 2026. Parishioners most welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

especially Cindy Albright, Sally Baker, Patrick Beglane, Tyler Curniffe, Renita D'Silva, Louise Dovey, Delia Gallagher, Eileen Gathercole, Tony Gernon, 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, Zenaïd Richards, Kathy Richardson, Debbie Ruberg-Smith, Chloe Sheehy, Mary Sheehan, Dharmateer Soodin, Anne Srivastava, Coby Thomas, and residents of Amy Woodgate Home.