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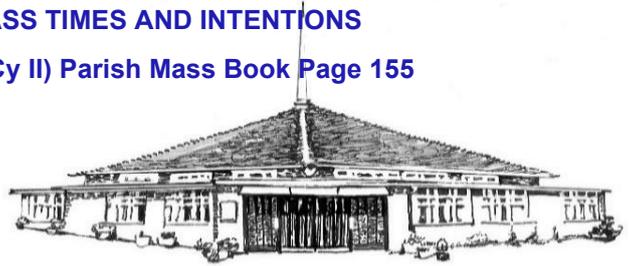
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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A/Cy II) Parish Mass Book Page 155

8.00 am	Mass: <i>Brian Clune RIP</i> Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
5.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm	Mass: <i>Josh and Jo - Thanksgiving</i>
Mon 2nd	Feria
11.30 am	Rosary
12.00 pm	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Veronica Wainwright</i>
Tue 3rd	NO MASS TODAY
Wed 4th	Feria
11.30 am	Rosary
12.00 pm	Mass: <i>Anne Delaney RIP</i>
Thurs 5th	Feria
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of George and Kathleen Fitzpatrick</i>
Fri 6th	Feria
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Tilvin Aldo Xavier – 18th Birthday</i>
Sat 7th	SS Perpetua and Felicity
9.00 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Tommy Madden and Family</i>
9.30 am	First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima - Holy Hour, Adoration, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions: 9.45am–10.15am

To note



Weekly Offertory 22nd February 2026

£851.09 (£191.25 Gift Aided envelopes, £180 Gift Aided standing orders, £53 Gift Aided Contactless, £40 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £386.84 cash).

TODAY there is 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.

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am	Mass: <i>Duncan Hodeson RIP</i> Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
5.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm	Mass: <i>Fr Dominic O'Sullivan RIP - Anniversary</i>

Readers 1st March 8am: Mark Murphy

Readers 8th March 8am: Cecilia Suarez

Counters 1st March Lizette and Inoka

10am: Alex Duval

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

Cleaners w/c 2nd March

6pm: Frances Harryman

6pm: Volunteer

Audry and Siobhan

THE TRANSFIGURATION EVENT IN THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

All this week the Scripture readings at Mass have prompted me to thank God for not making me his mere toy, his remote-control doll. He does not inject us suddenly with full knowledge of his divinity wiping away the fog which our Fall from his presence created. Rather God allows us to make this journey of faith using the powers he has given each one of us, to know him, to love him and to serve him; so as to be happy with him into the next life. Our knowledge of God develops as we shoulder our own cross on the road to salvation. Our journey is similar to the journey on which God sends Abraham in the first reading today in Genesis, with all its ups and downs. Our journey is similar to the journey the Apostles had to make, after St Peter made the very first declaration at Caesarea Philippi that Jesus was the "Christ, the Son of the living God." Their rejoicing was short-lived as Jesus warned them that first he would have to suffer and be killed before rising from the dead. Peter's declaration was not the end of the journey but the beginning of a journey in which the Apostles and all disciples of Christ would have to shoulder their cross, suffer and die. A week after Caesarea Philippi at the Transfiguration the Apostles were given a glimpse of heaven, of the great reward awaiting them to encourage them and lift them. This is why it is also told to us today, early on in Lent, every year, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten journey, fasting, abstaining and **carrying our cross with love**. (*The actual feast of the Transfiguration is not until August, but the Church reserves the Second Sunday of Lent to recount the event.*) **The Transfiguration is mentioned in all three synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. Peter in his first letter makes it very clear he really did witness this event. He's not making it all up! The Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor, gives us a glimpse of heavenly eternity. The word used in Greek for Transfiguration is Metamorphosis – a transition "beyond form" – to the form we shall have in heaven with God. We must never rush to the resurrection and skip the Crucifixion on this journey of faith!**



"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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
ECUMENICAL GATHERING AT 10.30 am
Chessington Methodist Church,
Church Lane KT9 2DJ**

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

1 March – Cake & Savoury sale – after every Mass
Friday 6 March – Rita's Social Club for over 60s
Sunday 8 March – soup Sunday – after 10 am Mass
Sunday 8 March – Fundraising meeting – 11.15 am
Friday 13 March – St Patrick's Evening
Friday 27 March – Film Night ("Risen") - TBC
Saturday 21 March – Youth Mass, supper and film

FUNDRAISING MEETING NEXT WEEK

FILM NIGHT DECLARED A GREAT SUCCESS!

I am happy to declare that a great time was had by all at our first Film Night, which was a Family Film Night showing "Finding Nemo." Many thanks to our team of helpers in the kitchen who served pizzas, other nibbles and drinks. And I am so grateful to the team which assembled and approved the technical equipment and arranged for its installation in our Hall. And thanks to the Archbishop's Appeal Fund which contributed £3,000 to the cinema project. The community atmosphere and sense of excitement was terrific. It really was a cinematic experience with surround sound. We shall aim for a Film Night every month. If you want to be a part of the team of helpers, please let me know.

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.

**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 IN 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

See Archbishop John Wilson's call to Adoration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=og1oOeNQ2Nc>

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.



FRIDAY 13 MARCH

Please bring your own drinks and a dish to share clearly stating any allergens.

Come ready to dance to Irish music from our DJ Declan or tap your feet and clap.

Meet your fellow parishioners

Raise vital funds for the Parish
There will be raffle tickets and Irish coffees for sale
ENJOY THE CRAIC!

CHOCOLATE AND ALCOHOL RAFFLE

How can I help with the Parish fundraising efforts?

Please would you donate any of the following items as a fundraising contribution?

Bailey's Irish cream

Guinness

Lily O'Brien chocolates

Jameson Irish whiskey

Bulmers/Magners cider

Lindt Easter Bunnies

Divine chocolate Easter egg

Fair trade chocolate Easter egg

RITA'S SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE OVER 60s

Friday 6 March 2 pm – 4 pm, Parish Hall

Please come and enjoy the afternoon with us

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