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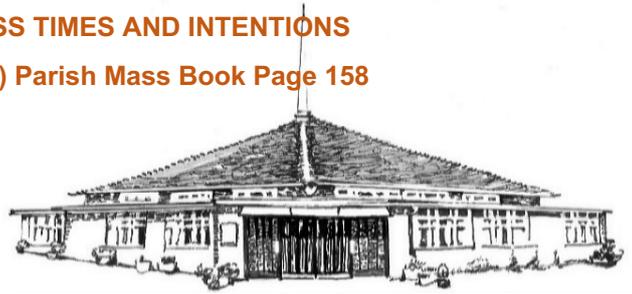
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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A/Cy II) Parish Mass Book Page 158

8.00 am Mass: *Duncan Hodgson 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 To note
6.00 pm Mass: *Fr Dominic O'Sullivan RIP - Anniversary*
Mon 9th Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Eamon McCluskey*
Tue 10th Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: *Thanksgiving – Tricia and Siobhan (Birthdays)*
Wed 11th Feria
10.30 am Funeral Mass: Denis Enright RIP
Thurs 12th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Rose McIntyre and Family*
Fri 13th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Sheila Clark RIP*
Sat 14th Feria
9.00 am Mass: *For the peace of Christ in our world*
9.30 am **Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions: 9.45**



Weekly Offertory 1st March 2026

£1015.42 (£243.50 Gift Aided envelopes, £180 Gift Aided standing orders, £133 Gift Aided Contactless, £60 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £398.92 cash).

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

£344.72 (£140 Gift Aided envelopes and £204.72 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 and ask them to contact the Catholic Chaplain.

SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am Mass: *Mary Walsh RIP*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: *Bridget Moore RIP*
5.15 pm Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

Readers 8th March 8am: Cecilia Suarez

Readers 15th March 8am: Alberto Ravano

Counters 8th March Howard and Marlene

10am: Louisa Nkohkwo

10am: Rovena Goclari

Cleaners w/c 9th March

6pm: Volunteer

6pm: Aurea Coloma

Jozwicki Group

TO RECEIVE THE HOLY EUCHARIST YOU MUST BE LIVING THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of Baptism – please speak to Fr Peter before fixing a baptismal date and reception venue.

Sacrament of the Eucharist – Holy Mass – “the source and summit of the Christian life” - see above, Mass times

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance

Confessions: Sundays 9.15am-9.45am, Saturdays 9.45 am -10.15 am during Holy Hour, and after every 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 Healing – It is our duty to call a priest to anoint family members in failing health, including mental illness. Please try to give notice if at all possible and don't leave it to the last minute. It brings consolation to the dying as well as healing to the sick. It can be administered at church, in hospital, care home, at home, indeed anywhere.

Make sure you are anointed before a general anaesthetic
Sacrament of Ordination and consecration to the sacred Priesthood and Religious life – please speak to Fr Peter who will connect you with our diocesan vocations director.

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



“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.

RECENT FUND RAISING RESULTS

Film Night Takings £150 (x2 = £300)
March Cake Sale Takings £380 (x2 = £760)

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

Sunday 8 March – Fundraising meeting – 11.15 am
Friday 13 March – St Patrick's Evening
Saturday 21 March – Youth Mass, supper and film
Sunday 22 March – Selling tickets for Easter Draw
Sunday 22 March – Soup Sunday after 10 am Mass
Friday 27 March – Film Night ("Risen") - TBC



FRIDAY 13 MARCH 7 pm
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!

AND ON THE DAY - ST PATRICK'S 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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE – FUNERALS

Denis Enright – Requiem, Wednesday 11 March, 10.30 am
Mary McCarthy – Requiem, Thursday 12 March, 12 noon (at St Raphael's)
Tony Gernon – TBC Friday 17 April 10.30 am.

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW – PRIZE £150



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**

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN COFFEY OUR MARCH WINNER

OUR KEY PREPARATION IN LENT

(1) UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL FOR 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

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=oq1oOeNQ2Nc>

(4) CONFESSION

"O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and with the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen."

LENTEN RESOLUTION: PRAYER & REFLECTION

- I will pray the Sunday Gospels in Lent.
- I will participate in **Stations** of the Cross
- I will spend at least fifteen minutes on at least one visit to **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament.
- I will go to **Confession** to reconcile myself to God and find peace in my heart and in my soul.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:

CHRIST GIVES THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL A TICKET TO ETERNITY

My brothers and sisters, do we feel alive? I mean do we feel truly alive, grateful for this life? Do we truly believe that we are on a journey to eternal life and do we find that exciting and energising? Or do we think there is nothing but drudgery here in this life, nothing but suffering and pain. As the "Samaritan woman at the well" in John's Gospel today approaches the well she knows nothing more than the drudgery of filling her bucket at high noon in the heat of the day. She does not realise how much God wants her and loves her. Jesus initiates the conversation to show her a new life in Christ, a life in which she receives the "living water" of the Holy Spirit. He takes her from unbelief and depression to belief and discipleship and a roller coaster ticket to eternal life. She becomes more than a disciple. She becomes an Apostle, sent to bring the Good News to her fellow Samaritans in her village. At the end of her encounter with Christ she is feels more alive than at any time in her life.

She has discovered that God is searching for us a thousand times more than we are searching for Him. We too here today are given a glimpse of eternal life.

ST CATHERINE'S SACRAMENTAL COURSES

- Baptism course** – as required
- Confirmation:** new course after Easter
- First Holy Communion** children and parents: every Sunday 11.15 am to 12.15 pm.
- To become a Catholic** -- by appointment to discuss your needs. Course for adults – from late May.
- Marriage preparation** – Diocese asks for 6 months notice for a church wedding to ensure good preparation. Please do not set the church wedding date without speaking first to Fr Peter.