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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A/Cy II) Parish Mass Book Page 170

8.00 am Mass: *Thanksgiving*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Mary Banks*
5.15 pm *Stations of the Cross*
6.00 pm Mass: *The Passing of Bob Cox RIP*

To note



Mon 23rd Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Maura Fanning and Family*
Tue 24th Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Elle Road - birthday*
Wed 25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
5.30 pm Rosary
6.00 pm Mass: *Teresa Amma RIP*
Thurs 26th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Loris and Yvonne Manche RIP*
Fri 27th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Holy Souls*
Sat 28th Feria
9.00 am Mass: *Eva and Noel McFadden RIP*
9.30 am **Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions: 9.45**

Weekly Offertory 15th March 2026

£950.20 (£197.20 Gift Aided envelopes, £180 Gift Aided standing orders, £74 Gift Aided Contactless, £60 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £439 cash).

TODAY there will be a collection for Poor Parishes

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 29th MARCH 2026 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

8.00 am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am Mass: *Peggy Clancy RIP*
5.15 pm *Stations of the Cross*
6.00 pm Mass: *Paul Johnston RIP*

Readers 22nd March 8am: *Stephanie Ferro*

10am: *Charissa Lobo*

6pm: *Kristin Walsh*

Readers 29th March 8am: *Palm Sunday Readers*

10am: *Palm Sunday Readers*

6pm: *Palm Sunday Readers*

Counters 22nd March *Karen and Peter*

Cleaners w/c 23rd March

Concie, Rovena and Inoka

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

OUR ARCHBISHOP SAYS 'A TRAGIC MOMENT FOR OUR NATION': UK CATHOLIC LEADERS CONDEMN UP-TO-BIRTH ABORTION VOTE

In a devastating moment for our country, the House of Lords has voted for an amendment which would legalise abortion up to birth. In reaction to this tragic news, our **Archbishop John Wilson** said:

"This is a truly tragic moment for our nation. How can this frightening legislation, which, following Royal Assent, will permit the abortion of children right up until the moment of birth for any reason, have any place in a civilised society? We can never underestimate the challenges that women and men encounter facing difficult decisions. There is, however, another life involved which is now to be ignored and silenced. There are also serious concerns for the safety of women. While there is an even more difficult journey now to protect the unborn child, we must continue to speak up for the voiceless and work to protect the most vulnerable who are no longer protected by the law. "As Christians, we affirm that each of us is loved by God and each of us is made in God's image and likeness. Our innate human dignity is not something granted at birth, but exists from the moment of conception. The increasing advances that allow babies born prematurely to live full and happy lives stands in stark contrast to this legislation. This is fundamentally a matter of justice and this legislation, which favours some lives over others, increases inequality in our society." You can support the campaign against this terrifying legislation by visiting <https://righttolife.org.uk/>

St Joseph, protector of expecting mothers and unborn children, pray for us. Pope John Paul II said:

"WE MUST DEFEND THE TRUTH AT ALL COSTS, EVEN IF WE ARE REDUCED TO JUST TWELVE AGAIN."

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARRANGEMENTS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 29 March

- Holy Mass at usual Sunday times

Maundy Thursday - 2 April

- Mass of the Last Supper at 8 pm
- Compline 10.30 pm

Good Friday - 3 April

- 9.30 am - to 11.30 am - Walk of Witness
- 3.00 pm - Good Friday – Passion and Crucifixion
- 7.30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - 4 April

- 8 pm - Vigil Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday - 5 April

- Mass of the Resurrection: **8 am and 10 am only**

Divine Mercy Sunday – Devotions at 3 pm

FILM NIGHT AT ST CATHERINE'S "RISEN"

The desperate hunt for the body of Jesus after his
Resurrection.

Hall opens at 6.30 pm Friday 27 Marh

Film starts at 7 pm

Pizza and Refreshments

£5 donation per person, £15 per family

Come and enjoy this inspiring film in our new cinema.

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 this final Tuesday.**



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."**

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

Sunday 22 March – Soup Sunday after 10 am Mass

Friday 27 March – Film Night ("Risen") Tickets on door

**PLEASE NOTE: RITA'S SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE
OVER 60s – next gathering not until 1st May.**

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Soup Sunday



Sunday 22nd March 2026
after 10:00 Mass

Soup £5 • Kids pay half price

Soup and homemade bread

Chicken or Vegetarian

Pay with cash or card

TODAY

We will be providing a most welcome light brunch after the 10 am Mass. Please gather in the hall immediately after Mass. Don't delay; don't be disappointed: first come, first served.

All proceeds will go towards our Building and Windows project.

It is our plan to have a Soup Sunday once a month.

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW – £10 A MONTH TO JOIN



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

POPE LEO XIV EMPHASISES CONFESSION

Pope Leo emphasized the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and mourned the infrequency with which many Christians approach it. The Pope said on 13 March: *"The fact that the Sacrament can be received repeatedly is not always matched by a willingness on the part of the baptized to make use of it: it is as though the infinite treasure of the Church's mercy remained 'unused,' due to a widespread distraction among Christians who, not infrequently, remain in a state of sin for a long time, rather than approaching the confessional with simplicity of faith and heart to receive the gift of the Risen Lord."* **[Link here for his speech](#)**