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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026– THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (Year A/Cyll) Parish Mass Book Page 258

8.00 am Mass: *Rita Aguiar RIP*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *John Scanlon RIP*

6.00 pm Mass: *Hurtado Family Intentions*

Mon 20th Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 pm Mass: *Wellbeing of Franco Cleere and Family*

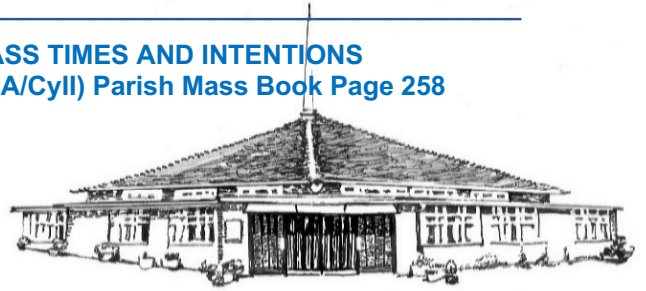
Tue 21st NO MASS TODAY

Wed 22nd Feria
11.30 am Rosary
12.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of David Walker*

Thurs 23rd St George
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Holy Souls*

Fri 24th Feria
9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Mary Angela Aitken and Family*

Sat 25th St Mark, Evangelist
9.00 am Mass: *Hurtado Family Intentions*
9.30 am **Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions: 9.45 am**



Weekly Offertory 12 April 2026

£716.34 (£192 Gift Aided envelopes, £180 Gift Aided standing orders, £53 Gift Aided Contactless, £10 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £281.34 cash).

Today there will be a retiring collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Next Sunday 26th April is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a collection for the Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education).

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 26 APRIL 2026–FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

8.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Philomena and Vijay Srivastava*
Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am

10.00 am Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

6.00 pm Mass: *Doris Rapazzini RIP*

OUR LECTIO DIVINA – BIBLE STUDY GROUP resumes Wednesday 29 April at 8 pm Sacristy Room

Readers 19th April 8am: Mark Murphy
Readers 26th April 8am: Cecilia Suarez
Counters 19th April Karen and Peter

10am: Shehara Gamage
10am: Pauline Holman
Cleaners w/c 20th April Concie, Rovena and Inoka

6pm: Marcel Gilly Bruno
6pm: Emilia de Rennes

DATES FOR DIARIES

Sunday 19 April – Soup Sunday after 10 am Mass
Friday 24 April – Family Film Night (see over page)
Sunday 26 April – Good Shepherd Sunday
- Encourage and Support new vocations to the priesthood. We need more priests.
Wednesday 29 April – Lectio Divina Bible Study resumes
- Meditate on the forthcoming Sunday Gospel
Friday 1 May – Rita's Club for the over 60s – 2pm - 4 pm
- Enjoy, tea, good company, play Bingo and games with us.
Sunday 3 May – Building fund: Cake Sale after all Masses
Sunday 10 May – Building Fund: Plant Sale after all Masses
Saturday 21 June – First Holy Communion Mass 11 am
Sunday 28 June – Wonderful Parish BBQ

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

HOLY HOUR TODAY AT ST CATHERINE OF SIENA FOR THE DIGNITY OF LIFE SUNDAY 19 APRIL – 4:30PM

We will join with the Bishops of England and Wales to pray a Holy Hour for the dignity of all human life as peers in the House of Lords continue to debate whether to make Assisted Suicide the law.

“On Sunday, 19 April at 4:30 pm (UK time), the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands. We are asking the parishes and Catholic communities of our two nations to unite and hold a Holy Hour on the same day as the Bishops.”



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

**THE RISEN CHRIST ACCOMPANIES US EVEN WHEN WE DON'T RECOGNISE HIM
WE ARE LIKE THE TWO DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**

We are all on the road to Emmaus one way or other – as we meditate on today’s famous passage from the Gospel of Luke about the RISEN CHRIST (Luke 24:13-35). The road to Emmaus is the journey of life, the real Chessington world of adventures, the rollercoaster of faith, of trusting and entrusting oneself to God, of taking a risk for Christ. Paraphrasing St Anselm, we have faith but we are constantly seeking understanding. We need the Holy Spirit to bring us to Christ, to explain everything to us so that we may believe, repent our sins and be saved. And in believing, we are reborn into a new life, a life of selfless giving, of generosity of spirit, of a dedication to truth and love - a life in Christ. “I am the way, the truth and the life.” (John 14:6).

The account of the two disciples who were joined by the risen Christ on the road to the town of Emmaus is my favourite passage in the Bible. The story has the same shape as the Mass we celebrate today. First, Jesus explains the Scriptures to the two disciples, of how the Law of Moses and the Prophets are about the coming of the Christ to save humanity and creation, and how the Christ had to suffer and die to overcome sin and death through the blood of the new and eternal covenant. Later the two disciples explain to the Apostles how their “hearts burned” as Jesus unfolded the Scriptures to them. Secondly, having listened and grown in understanding, they invite Jesus to join them for supper. **Jesus does not impose himself on the disciples, just as he does not impose himself on us. He respects our free will.** But after they insist, yearning for more precious time with him, it is at supper that they recognize Jesus at the “breaking of bread.” And then suddenly he vanishes. He vanishes, not as a ghost or spirit, for he has already shown to Thomas and all the Apostles that he is flesh and blood. Nonetheless his glorified body operates differently on earth in its risen form. Jesus died but he did not come back to life in the way Lazarus was brought back to life. Rather, Jesus went forward to a new life, the new life he has promised all of us, the new life which begins with Baptism.

Is not this entire encounter like ours with Jesus at Holy Mass? The Mass is in two parts. In the first part, passages from Holy Scripture are proclaimed and then explained with reference to Jesus’ saving mission through his incarnation, teaching, crucifixion and resurrection - explained by the priest himself acting in the very person of Christ. In the second part, the Mass is a Eucharistic sacrifice – a giving thanks meal and a sacrificial Paschal meal - **where we too recognize in the consecrated Host the real presence of our Lord Jesus. Our hearts burn as we hear the word of God and then receive the Word made flesh at Holy Communion.** And then after a few minutes as we leave the church, Jesus seems to have vanished and we are left feeling incomplete but also strengthened. **It is in the Eucharist that Christians above all recognize Jesus our saviour.**

**GARDEN/PLANT SALE - SUNDAY 10 MAY
AFTER ALL MASSES - BUILDING AND WINDOW FUND**

There will be a sale of plants and garden items in aid of the Windows and Stained Glass Project Fund after all Sunday Masses. Parishioners are kindly invited to donate items for sale such as: seeds, vegetable plants, annuals, perennials, shrubs, garden tools, bird feed/boxes, decorative pots/baskets, fertilisers and any other suitable garden items. Please bring your donations to the church over the next few weeks. **LAST YEAR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. LET’S GO FOR IT AGAIN!**

**FAMILY FILM NIGHT AT ST CATHERINE’S
CINEMA**

24 April – 6pm for 6.30pm start

Following on from the success of the previous film night, we invite you to come to our showing of
“THE PRINCE OF EGYPT”
Animated film about Moses leading the Israelites out of the slavery of the Pharaoh in Egypt 1300 BC.
PIZZA AND DRINKS – for which suggested donation of £5 per person and maximum £15 per family

**SUPPORT NEW VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
PRIEST TRAINING FUND ON GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
IMPORTANT SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. This is vitally important work for the salvation of souls and the comforting and healing of the sick and broken hearted. We are blessed to have 9 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. If you can Gift Aid, even better. Ways to donate:

HOW TO DONATE

- ✓ Donate using our card machines in the porch area.
- ✓ Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- ✓ Scan QR Code which is on the Priest Training Fund donation envelopes and poster in the porch using your telephone camera.
- ✓ Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- ✓ Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.

**TODAY
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**Give us the
benefit of
your
company
and savour
our Soup
Sunday
special**

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Soup
Sunday**



£5

Sunday 19th April 2026
After 10:00 Mass
Soup and homemade bread
Chicken or Vegetarian
Pay with cash or card
Kids pay half price

SEMINARIANS IN TRAINING – PRAY FOR THEM

