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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026– FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (Year A/Cy II) Parish Mass Book Page 262

8.00 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Philomena and Vijay Srivastava</i> Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
6.00 pm	Mass: <i>Doris Rapazzini RIP</i>
Mon 27th	Feria
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Anne Delaney RIP</i>
Tue 28th	NO MASS TODAY
Wed 29th	St Catherine of Siena: Patronal Feast Day
11.30 am	Rosary
12.00 noon	Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
7.15 pm	Mass: <i>Judy Symons RIP and John Symons</i>
Thurs 30th	St Pius V, Pope
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Lily Kirk and Family</i>
Fri 1st May	St Joseph the Worker
9.00 am	Rosary
9.30 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Frank, Sharon and Daniel</i>
Sat 2nd	St Athanasius
9.00 am	Mass: <i>Wellbeing of Charlotte Zammit and Family</i>
9.30 am	First Saturday Devotions of Our Lady of Fatima - Holy Hour, Adoration, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions: 9.45am–10.15am

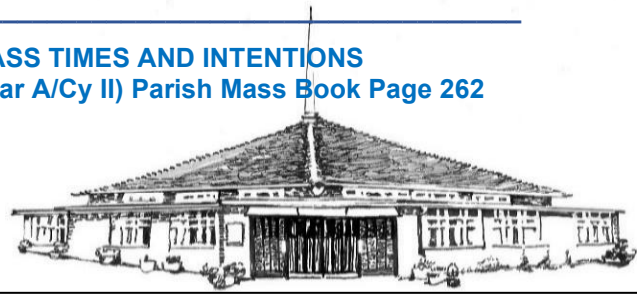
SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

8.00 am	Mass: <i>Margaret Sheppard RIP</i> Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am
10.00 am	Mass: <i>For the People of the Parish</i>
6.00 pm	Mass: <i>Michael Roberts RIP</i>

Readers 26th April 8am: Cecilia Suarez
Readers 3rd May 8am: Alberto Ravano
Counters 27th April Vera and Valentino

10am: Pauline Holman
10am: Alex Duval
Cleaners w/c 27th April Audry and Siobhan

6pm: Emilia de Rennes
6pm: Frances Harryman



Weekly Offertory 19 April 2026
£908.24 (£164 Gift Aided envelopes, £180 Gift Aided standing orders, £118 Gift Aided Contactless, £21 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £425.24 cash).

St George's Cathedral
£286.05 (£12 Gift Aided Contactless, £10 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £264.05 cash)

TODAY Sunday 26th April is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a retiring 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.

DATES FOR DIARIES

- Wednesday 29 April - Youth Mission Group meeting 6 pm - Hall
- Wednesday 29 April - Two Masses to mark the Feast of St Catherine of Siena at 12 noon and 7.15 pm
- Wednesday 29 April – Lectio Divina Bible Study resumes 8 pm
 - Meditate on the forthcoming Sunday Gospel
- Friday 1 May – Rita's Club for the over 60s – 2pm - 4 pm
 - Enjoy, tea, good company, Bingo and games.
- Sunday 3 May - Building fund: Cake Sale after all Masses
- Sunday 10 May - Building Fund: Plant Sale after all Masses
- Thursday 14 May - Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus
- Sunday 24 May – Pentecost Sunday
 - Soup Sunday after 10 am Mass
 - Delicious soup with a bread roll for an early lunch
- Friday 29 May – Family Film Night
- Sunday 7 June – Building fund: Cake Sale after all Masses
- Wednesday 17 June - Cinema: Football England vs Croatia
- Saturday 20 June - First Holy Communion Mass 11 am
- Sunday 21 June – First Holy Communion certificates 10am
- Saturday 27 June - Family Barbecue from 12.00 to 2.30pm.
- Sunday 5 July – Building Fund: Cake sale after all Masses
- Tues/ Wed 14/15 July - Cinema: Football – Semi Final
- Sunday 19 July - Cinema: World Cup Final

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



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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE RELIGIOUS LIFE IMPORTANT SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

SUPPORT NEW VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD – SUPPORT THE PRIESTS’ TRAINING FUND

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 two 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.

THE GOOD ASSISTED DYING BILL DEFEATED!

After a long struggle the forces of good in this world have succeeded in defeating the heavily flawed and dangerous Assisted Suicide Bill in the House of Lords. We thank God that there are still Parliamentarians there who understand that we would have crossed a line with devastating consequences for the most vulnerable people in our society. I would like to thank those parishioners who were tireless in writing to their MPs and to the Lords to urge them to defeat this evil bill. Our conscience is clear: we did our best to get this bill thrown out. However, we must not relax. Almost certainly there will be MPs and Lords who will try to bring this bill back to Parliament in the next session. The battle continues not surprisingly. **We are called to be witnesses to the truth and love of our Lord Jesus.**

THE BAD ABORTION RIGHT UP TO BIRTH LEGALISED

The fight to prevent the decriminalisation of abortion, opening the way to killing a child right up to birth has ended in failure. Our Archbishop John Wilson has described it as follows: “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. - - We must continue to speak up for the voiceless and work to protect the most vulnerable who are no longer protected by the law.” **We must now pray hard** for those Parliamentarians who have taken this evil route which will do so much damage to the soul of our United Kingdom.

THE BEAUTIFUL THE FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Next Sunday we shall follow recent tradition and mark as a parish the Feast Day of St Catherine of Siena (which actually falls this Wednesday 29 April). On Wednesday we shall have a Mass both at 12 noon and at 7.15 pm. She is our patron, a doctor of the church and one of the greatest saints of the later Middle Ages. She fought always for truth and for proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord fearlessly and courageously.

BIBLE STUDY – LECTIO DIVINA RESUMES THIS WEEK

Please do come and join this weekly gathering which meditates on the forthcoming Sunday Gospel. Starts Wednesday 29 April. 8 pm. Sacristy behind the Sanctuary.



SEMINARIANS IN TRAINING – PRAY FOR THEM

GARDEN / PLANT SALE - SUNDAY 10 MAY AFTER ALL MASSES

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!**

RECENT FUNDRAISING

SOUP SUNDAY
raised £255

FILM NIGHT
raised £150

These funds will
be matched by
our benefactor

SUMMER BBQ PLANNING MEETING TODAY

in the hall this Sunday 26 April after 10am Mass. This is an important event which is likely to raise a lot of money for the building fund. Please help if you can and volunteer your services at the meeting. Last summer it was a great success.

MARGARET DOREY RIP

We regret to announce the death of Margaret Dorey, the wife of recently deceased Robin Dorey. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Margaret was very active in our parish. She was president of the *St Vincent de Paul Society* undertaking charitable works and she was a key organiser in our parish Senior Citizens’ Party. She supported her husband’s faith and commitment to this parish though she herself was not a Catholic. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Her funeral will take place at Randall’s Park Cemetery Chapel on Thursday 21 May at 12.30 pm.