

## ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026– FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (Year A/Cy II) Parish Mass Book Page 265

8.00 am Mass: *Margaret Sheppard RIP*  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

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

6.00 pm Mass: *Michael Roberts RIP*

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> The English Martyrs**

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 pm Mass: *Rosanna and James Day RIP*

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> NO MASS TODAY**

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feria**

11.30 am Rosary

12.00 noon Mass: *Joelle Coloma – Birthday Thanksgiving*

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: *Mother of Julia Penido*

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Feria**

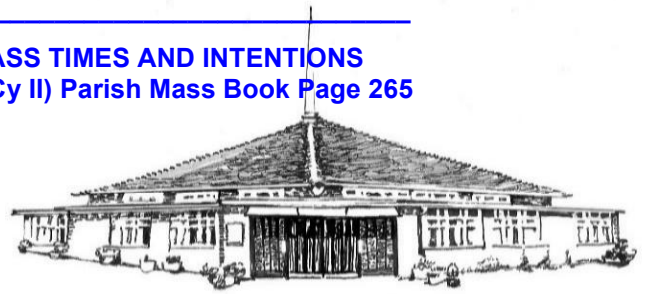
9.00 am Rosary

9.30 am Mass: *Gabriella Sposetti RIP*

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Feria**

9.00 am Mass: *David Walker RIP*

9.30 am **Holy Hour, Rosary, Confessions: 9.45 am**



**Weekly Offertory 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**£911.74** (£155 Gift Aided envelopes, £180 Gift Aided standing orders, £93 Gift Aided Contactless, £62 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £421.74 cash).

**Priest Training Fund** (Ecclesiastical Education)  
**£508.50** (£83 Gift Aided envelopes, £75 Gift Aided Contactless, £35 non-Gift Aided Contactless and £315.50 cash). **Thank you for your generosity.**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

8.00 am Mass: *Thomas Brownrigg RIP*  
**Confessions – 9.15 am to 9.45 am**

10.00 am Mass: *Wellbeing of Mary Banks*

6.00 pm Mass: *For the People of the Parish*

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| Readers 3 <sup>rd</sup> May  | 8am: Alberto Ravano  | 10am: Alex Duval                 | 6pm: Frances Harryman |
| Readers 10 <sup>th</sup> May | 8am: Stephanie Ferro | 10am: Louisa Nkohkwo             | 6pm: Volunteer        |
| Counters 3 <sup>rd</sup> May | Lizette and Inoka    | Cleaners w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> May | Jozwicki Group        |

### THE MONTH OF MAY AND THE "ROSARY FOR LIFE"

Archbishop John Wilson is calling on us to join him in praying the *Rosary for Life* this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife) on the Southwark website.

**Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life**

#### Why should we pray the Rosary for Life?

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5)*

Every human life is sacred, wanted, and loved by God. The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church. This May, Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all in the Archdiocese of Southwark to join him in praying the Rosary for Life - offering our prayers for those facing the gravest threats to life in our society today. **The Rosary for Life is prayed through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous and Glorious Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable** in our society. This prayer campaign comes at a critical moment. Parliament has decriminalised abortion which means that it will now permit abortion up to birth. Although the latest attempt to legalise assisted suicide has failed, renewed attempts are already being planned. These will pose a grave threat to human life. As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to be a voice for the voiceless and a beacon of his love and peace. *"Unborn children have been called by God and named by God. Their names, like yours and mine, are already carved on the Sacred Heart of Jesus."*



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

## ST CATHERINE OF SIENA – OUR PATRON SAINT OF CHESSINGTON & HOOK PARISH

Today we are marking the life and faith of St Catherine (which we celebrated in part last Wednesday 29 April on her Feast Day). Born in 1347 just as the Black Death hit Europe, by the time she died at the age of 33 in 1380 about half the population of her home city of Siena had died of the plague, and about a third of the population of Europe had perished. Catherine was not one to ask “why do we have to suffer and feel pain?” For her, Jesus Christ as truly God and truly human had taken suffering upon himself. By the shedding of his very blood he had mastered suffering and conquered sin and death. Catherine was determined to die for him and with him, and to be with him. She is one of the great mystics of the Catholic Church determined to merge herself with Christ. But first she had practical work to do. She dedicated herself to a life of healing others even to the point of exposing herself to life-threatening dangers. She was fearless in her pursuit of truth which shone so brightly from the person of her first love, Jesus Christ. For her, truth and love were one and the same thing. She spoke truth to power, advising and encouraging Popes to be courageous in their governance of the faithful. She denied herself every comfort in order to be as close to the poor and sick as she possibly could be. The beautiful icon on the right side of our sanctuary captures this combination of truth, love, determination and courage in the midst of suffering. It captures the mystical nature of her relationship with Christ which flowed from her intense and rigorous self-knowledge. **“O most beautiful St Catherine, help us to love your dearest love, Jesus; help us to grow in self-knowledge so that we may purify ourselves in Christ; help us to be fearless in proclaiming his truth, that he is ‘the way the truth and the life,’ even when some try to silence us.”**

### HELP & ADVICE – STAINED GLASS

Our fundraising for replacing the rotting windows and tidying up the road frontage of the parish estate, and the car parking, is going well. As you know we have been thinking of installing some stained glass in the two large windows of the church and the front entrance doors, and generally improving the landscaping of the car park and estate. I would welcome suggestions for stained glass images and any other improvements you have in mind. Please drop me an e-mail [petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk) or chat to me.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH GATHERING AND LUNCH ON SUNDAY 17 MAY

Please join us after the 10 am Mass to mark Our Lady of Fatima Day with Portuguese and other food. More information soon.

### CAKE SALE AFTER EACH MASS TODAY

Cake Sales raise a lot of money, and don't forget that our benefactor will double whatever we raise.

### DATES FOR DIARIES

Sunday 3 May - Building fund: Cake Sale after all Masses  
Sunday 10 May - Building Fund: Plant Sale after all Masses  
Thursday 14 May – Holy Day of Obligation – The Solemnity of the **Ascension** of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Sunday 17 May – after 10 am Mass: lunch to mark Fatima  
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

### LECTIO DIVINA – BIBLE STUDY AND REFLECTION

Please join us every Wednesday evening at 8 pm to pray and meditate on the Gospel of the following Sunday. No specific knowledge or expertise necessary. Just come and be at peace with God and with yourself.

### MEMORIAL GARDEN

A brief note to say that the Memorial Garden will be going ahead as soon as the Bishops of England & Wales have agreed some changes to the guidelines for creating and using a place for the burial of ashes on parish property. These changes have been prompted by a change in the secular planning laws. Such things take time. The new garden wall has created a secluded space close to the church allowing quiet contemplation. I shall get back to you.

### GARDEN / PLANT SALE AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY 10 MAY

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!**

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

### WE HOSTED COUPLES FOR CHRIST ON SATURDAY 2 MAY 2026

The church and hall were packed. Our huge car park was packed. At Mass the responses, the Lord's Prayer, the singing were full of faith and love. A stream of people came to confession. May God look after *Couples for Christ* (CfC). My thanks also for the generous donation to our Building Fund. Let's have more gatherings like this. St Catherine's is a perfect venue offering church liturgies and conference facilities, including audio visual facilities like our cinema.

