

Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Sydenham

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Mass Times	Saturdays: 9.30am, 6.30pm Sundays: 9.30am, 11.00am Weekdays: 9.30am Holy Days: 9.30am and 8pm Fridays: Mass followed by Exposition, Divine Mercy Devotion & Benediction	Confession: Mon-Fri 9am, Sat 9am, 5.45pm, Sun 8.45am and by appointment. Baptisms and Weddings: by arrangement (Weddings require 5/6 months' notice)
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29th Sunday - Ordinary Time (A) 22nd October 2017 **Mass Book Page 143**

Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 ^{FIRST} | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 ^{SECOND} | Matthew 22:15-21 ^{GOSPEL}

2nd Collection This Week: Missio – World Mission Sunday | **Next Week:** Parish Development Fund

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sat 21st October	6.30pm	Terry Morrish & Children	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 22nd October	9.30am	Dennis Smith RIP	29th Sunday – Ordinary Time (A) Saint John Paul II, Pope
	11.00am	Jenny Doyle RIP	
Mon 23rd October	9.30am	Tim Murray RIP	Feria
Tue 24th October	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Wed 25th October	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Thu 26th October	9.30am	Maureen Mitchell Baptism of Amani Ali Mohamed	Feria
Fri 27th October	9.30am	People of the Parish	Feria
Sat 28th October	9.30am	Willie Hannah	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
	12 Noon	Baptism of Keziah Ajibade	
	6.30pm	Phil Taylor RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 29th October	9.30am	Wellbeing of Anthony & Gloria	30th Sunday – Ordinary Time (A)
	11.00am	Rose Murray RIP	

Thank you for last week's...

Cash not gift-aided: £341

Cash gift-aided: £431

PACT – Prisoners' Week: £328

Standing orders gift-aided: £300

“Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”

Every Christian has a double citizenship: earthly and heavenly. We are citizens of the country in which we live. To it we owe many things like the safety against lawlessness. In a welfare state like Britain the citizens owe much more like education, medical services, provision for unemployment and old age. All these place them under a debt of obligation. Now Christians as responsible citizens have a duty to Caesar (civil government) in return for the privileges it brings to them. But the Christians are also citizens of heaven. Real Christians are at one and the same time good citizens of their country and good citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. They fail in their duty neither to God nor to their fellow-beings. As long as we are in this world, on our pilgrim journey to heaven, these two duties exist side by side. It is only those who faithfully fulfil these two duties will successfully reach their final destination, heaven.

World Mission Sunday is a reminder and invitation to us to be faithful to this two-fold duty. The Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary focus on the heavenly life of Jesus and Mary who have shown us how to successfully journey in this world and reach the heavenly world to live in eternal joy and happiness.

The Resurrection of Jesus - the assurance and guarantee of our own resurrection

The Ascension of Jesus - the Jesus of earth finally becoming the Christ of heaven

The Descent of the Holy Spirit - the first Pentecost, the birth of the Church

The Assumption of our Lady - a guarantee and sure hope of our own final glory in heaven.

The Crowning of our Lady - Queen of the mystical Body of Christ - the Church.

Hymn: He is Lord, He is Lord | He is risen from the dead and he is Lord
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess | That Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King..... He is Love..... He is Peace.... He is Hope.....

Fr Luke

DIARY OF EVENTS

26th Oct, 8pm **SVP** meeting in the Presbytery

REGULAR EVENTS

Sun 9.30am - Children's Liturgy meet in the Hall for the liturgy of the Word - the children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.

Sun 12.15pm - The Legion of Mary meet in the Hall after Mass. New members welcome.

Sun & Wed - Coffee morning in the Hall after Mass. Sun 11am & Wed at 9.30am.

Mon 7.30pm - Parish Council meet in the Presbytery on the 1st Monday of every month

Mon 3pm to 7pm - Open House. Fr Luke warmly invites parishioners to the presbytery to discuss any issues they may have.

Tue & Fri 9.15am to 11.15am - Parent Carer & Toddler Group (school term time only) meet in the Hall. Please call Paula on 07761 530739 to find out more.

Wed 7.30pm - Light of Christ Prayer Group meet in the Hall. New members welcome.

Thu 8.00pm - Women's Group meet in the Presbytery on the 1st Thursday of every month.

2nd & 3rd Thu of the month - Knights of St Columba meet in the Hall at 8pm. New members welcome.

Thu 7.30pm - Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group meet in the Presbytery. New members welcome.

Thu 8.30pm, Fri 6.30pm, Sat 2pm, Sun Noon - Sydenham Catholic Club, Watlington Grove - Sky sports, darts, pool table and BIG screen showing Premiership and GAA games. Families and new members welcome. Club available for private functions and funeral receptions.

Thursday night's Quiz is in aid of St. Christopher's Hospice.

Parishioner Hall Hire - please call Steve, Mon - Fri, 9am to noon, on 0208 778 9460.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please place your lists of departed loved ones, in the yellow box, on the table at the back of the Church. Please write all names clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS, as we will be writing them in our November Remembrance Book.

ANNUAL CEMETERY PROCESSION

This will take place at Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2017. We are assembling at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15pm, and the procession begins at 2.30pm. Priests and deacons are available to visit and pray at the graves of your loved ones. We need to leave the cemetery by the closing time of 3.30pm.

CLOCK'S GO BACK

Don't forget to put your clocks back before you go to bed next Saturday night, 28th October.

NO COFFEE MORNING ON SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBERMISSIO - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. **Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world.** Please give generously.

MISSIO - RED BOXES

A collection of the Red Missio Boxes will be organised in due course.

200 CLUB

The final winner of 2016/17 was drawn last week, and below is a list of all the winners.

Date	Prize	No.	Name
November 2016	£75	49	Martina Cooper
December	£75	40	Dawn Donnelly
Christmas Bonus	£50	83	Kathy Jayasekara
Christmas Bonus	£50	160	Barbara Kern
January 2017	£75	3	Nell Higgins
February	£75	173	Brian Bolton
March	£75	29	Mary Smith
Easter Bonus	£50	8	Noreen Ryan
Easter Bonus	£50	140	Sylvia Lakey
April	£75	78	Eve Abraham
May	£75	105	Tara Williams
June	£75	174	Sue Ghany
July	£75	154	Marty Lowell
August	£75	99	Sally Mellish
September	£75	192	Bob Gray
October	£75	136	Kate Kugele

For only £10 per year, you too have the chance of winning one of these prizes! You can renew your numbers, or buy more, as from Saturday 4 November.

THE ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARYMINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS

This year's diocesan event will be on Saturday 11th November. Please see the Church noticeboard for further details, and if you would like to attend, please let Steve Pearce know.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2018

Can those parents, whose child(ren) will be making their First Holy Communion in 2018, please visit Fr Luke at his Open House on Monday's between 3-7pm. Please bring your child(ren) and their baptism certificate(s) with you.

CONFIRMATION - 2018

The Confirmation program / ceremony next year will be held at the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord, Kirkdale. Details to follow.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

Please come to Fr Luke's Open House on Monday's, with your child(ren), for the signing of secondary school transfer forms.

MASS FOR THE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES

This will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday 2nd December, at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark.

This mass is for anyone interested or involved in the Community Sponsorship, and will be followed by a reception during which different groups will be able to meet and share experiences and ideas with each other.

Please see the poster for further details.

PIANIST NEEDED – 11AM MASS

It is with great sadness that we are saying farewell to our wonderful pianist, Amaya, as she sets off on her travels. We wish you well and the best of luck on your exciting adventure. Thank you for your beautiful playing. Amaya's last mass will be on 22nd Oct. So if there are any pianists in the parish who would like to join us, please come and have a chat after mass or you can get in touch with Barbara on 07711 872336.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick & the housebound: George Abeydeera, Lina Ade, Sr Agnes, Gloria Arenaslondono, Sonny Caldinez, Thomas Carabine, Seelan Chetty, Diren Chetty, Keisha Dyer, Madeline Edwards, Christine Falvey, Anthony Fernandez, Joe Flynn, Margie George, Giovanna Ghezzi, Pat Griffin, Joseph & Charlotte Hadji, Rebekah Hall, Barbara Harte, Zofia Jazyk, Kitty Keeffe, Antoni Kowal, Peggy Connelly-McCarthy, Mary McDonagh, Greta Murray, Joe Murray, Stephen Murray, Ilse Muscio, Jane Neylon, Stephen Ofieyo, Antoinette Remice, Teresa Riley, Michael Sharp, Ann Sheehan, Noah Solarin, Genevieve Stanislaus, Elizabeth Turner, Thomas Mitchell, Mike Sharpe, Rafael Jimenez, Mark Dyer, May MacCarthy, Kim Thompson.

Please drop a note into the Presbytery, letting us know of anyone who is housebound and would appreciate a visit.

Those recently deceased, Caroline Lewis, Stephen Ochieng (13/10), Philip Taylor (25/9), **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** 21/10: William Egan, Patrick Donnelly. 23/10: Tecla Pereira, Elizabeth Kennedy, Uche Okeke, Tim Murray. 25/10: Antoine Andre Anthony. 26/10: Ned Walsh, Mary Hunt. 27/10: Sheila Ring. 28/10: Catherine Donoghue, Gabriel Faluyi.

Please do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, or those who need to drop off those with ability considerations. Thank you.

During Mass, please keep your children with you at all times, and accompany small children to the toilet.