

Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Sydenham

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Mass Times	Saturdays: 9.30am, 6.30pm	Confession: Mon-Fri 9am, Sat 9am, 5.45pm, Sun 8.45am and by appointment.
	Sundays: 9.30am, 11.00am	Baptisms and Weddings: by arrangement (Weddings require 5/6 months' notice)
	Weekdays: 9.30am	
	Holy Days: 9.30am and 8pm	
	Fridays: Mass followed by Exposition, Divine Mercy Devotion & Benediction	

30th Sunday - Ordinary Time (A) 29th October 2017 **Mass Book Page 146**

Readings: Exodus 22:20-26 ^{FIRST} | 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 ^{SECOND} | Matthew 22:34-40 ^{GOSPEL}

2nd Collection This Week: Parish Development Fund | **Next Week:** Parish Development Fund

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sat 28th October	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	
Mon 30th October	9.30am	Wellbeing of Bernie & Trevor Marjeram	Feria
Tue 31st October	9.30am	Andrew Healy & Colm Earley RIP	Feria
	6.00pm	Conclusion of October Devotion	
Wed 1st November	9.30am	Wellbeing of John Gillespie	ALL SAINTS Holy Day of Obligation
	8.00pm		
Thu 2nd November	9.30am	Forgotten Dead of the Parish	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Fri 3rd November	9.30am	All Killed in 1939 War	Feria
Sat 4th November	9.30am	People of the Parish First Holy Communion - Tristan, Tia & T Jae Thompson.	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
	6.30pm	Holy Souls	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 5th November	9.30am	Patrick Watts RIP	31st Sunday – Ordinary Time (A)
	11.00am	Wellbeing of Giuseppina De Masi	

Thank you for last week's...

Cash not gift-aided: £598

Cash gift-aided: £264

MISSO – World Mission Sunday: £292

Standing orders gift-aided: £300

LOVE AT THE HEART OF RELIGION

In Jesus' time the Jewish teachers summarised the law as follows: 'What you hate for yourself do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole law. The rest is commentary.' And Jesus summarised religion as follows: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself.' This, according to Jesus, is the complete definition of religion.

Religion consists in loving God. It means that to God we must give a total love, a love which dominates our emotions, a love which directs our thoughts, and a love which is the dynamic of our actions. In short, it is the love which is the total commitment of life to God. Now this love for God must issue in love for our fellow-beings. Both are inexorably linked. The beauty of Jesus' teaching and life is that he does not separate the temporal and the spiritual, the earthly and the heavenly; he sees both as an integral whole; hence only one commandment: love of God and love of neighbour. It is only when we see love in this sense that we are able to live in true love, the love that lasts for ever, the love that never dies. Yes, our vocation invites us to discover this love, to seek it out in the Scriptures, to plumb its depth and ultimately rest in its security. Then we get the strength to love not only our neighbour but also our enemies. This, in fact, is the ultimate test of true love, which Jesus showed us through the various events of his life – joyful, sorrowful, luminous and glorious.

The Holy Rosary is a prayerful reflection on these events of the life of Jesus and Mary and how they lived and shared God's love to us and how they continue to do the same today through us when we live in love as Jesus has taught us.

Fr Luke

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: 28/10: Catherine Donoghue, Gabriel Faluyi. 30/10: John Cranstaun. 1/11: Mary & Joseph Herrington, Anthony Griffin. 2/11: John Escott, Oscar Jimenez. 3/11: Joseph Connolly. 4/11: Bernadette Ganley, Michael Freeman. 5/11: Graham Harriott, Mabel Cogan, Anthony Lynskey, Eileen Slade, Leonard Palmer.

CHURCH NOTICES

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 at the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord, Kirkdale. Details to follow.

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.

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.

PARISH EVENTS

FORTHCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

Thu	2 nd Nov	8pm	Women's Group (Hall)
Sat	4 th Nov	10am	Taskforce (Hall) – Dismantling sheds

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

Sun	9.30am	Children's Liturgy (Presbytery) for children who haven't made their First Holy Communion.
	11am	Coffee morning (Hall) after Mass.
	12.15pm	The Legion of Mary (Hall) after Mass. New members welcome.
Mon	3-7pm	Fr Luke's Open House (Presbytery) for parishioners to discuss any issues they may have.
	7.30pm	Parish Council meet in the Presbytery on the 1st Monday of every month.
Tue	9.15-11.15am	Parent Carer & Toddler Group (Hall-term time only). Call Paula (07761 530739) for more info.
Wed	9.30am	Coffee morning (Hall) after Mass.
	7.30pm	Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hall) New members welcome.
Thu	7.30pm	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group (Presbytery) New members welcome.
	8pm	Women's Group (Presbytery) 1 st Thursday of the month.
	8pm	Knights of St Columba (Hall) 2 nd & 3 rd Thursday of the month. New members welcome.
Fri	9.15-11.15am	Parent Carer & Toddler Group (Hall-term time only). Call Paula (07761 530739) for more info.

CATHOLIC CLUB & PRIVATE FUNCTION HIRING

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. Opening Times Thu 8.30pm, Fri 6.30pm, Sat 2pm, Sun Noon. Thursday night's Quiz is in aid of St. Christopher's Hospice.
Parishioner Church Hall Hire – please call Steve, Mon – Fri, 9am to noon, on 0208 778 9460.

CHURCH EVENTS

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK – 5th-11th NOVEMBER

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission, and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information please pick up a leaflet from the table at the back of the Church.



THE ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS 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.

ANNUAL CEMETERY PROCESSION

This will take place at Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, **12th November**. 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.

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.

NOTICES

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM – HEARING LOOP

We are currently in the process of identifying a company with whom we can work with, who will advise us on the best strategy to improve the quality of the spoken word within the Church. However, early investigations have found that the hearing loop, whilst seemingly operational, has developed a permanent fault and is not outputting sound. Due to this fault, and the change in hearing aid standards in 2009, this will require the replacement of the complete hearing loop system. Once we have finalised our working partner, replacing the hearing loop will be our priority, and we ask all those with hearing aids to please bear with us whilst we are working through this issue. Thank you.

MISSIO – RED BOXES

Kate Kugele will be collecting the Red Missio Boxes over the weekends of **4th and 11th November**. If anyone needs to have their Red Box collected from home please contact Kate on 0753 931 6559.

200 CLUB

For only £10 per year you get the chance to win £75 every month plus Bonus prizes at Christmas & Easter.

Please renew your numbers or join for the first time!

The aim is to have at least 200 members so that we can maintain these prizes.

Half of the proceeds go the Parish.

This year the money was used for the refurbishment of the Sacristy.

The other half is given away as prizes.

There will be someone outside Church next weekend to collect your money.

Thank you for you continuing generous support

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 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.