

# Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Sydenham

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

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time (A) 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Mass Book Page 149

**Readings:** Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 <sup>FIRST</sup> | 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 <sup>SECOND</sup> | Matthew 23:1-12 <sup>GOSPEL</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Week:** Parish Development Fund | **Next Week:** Archbishop's Administration Fund

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	6.30pm	Holy Souls	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30am	Patrick Watts RIP	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time (A)</b>
	11.00am	Wellbeing of Giuseppina De Masi	
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30am	Wellbeing of Michael Dunlea	Feria
<b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30am	Anne Tome	<b>The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George.</b>
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30am	Wellbeing of Rafael Jimenez	Feria
<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30am	Tom Magarie RIP	<b>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</b>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30am	Shelia & Patrick O'Driscoll RIP	St Leo the Great, Pope and Dr of the Church
<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30am	Wellbeing of Robert Brennan	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
	6.30pm	Tom Sullivan RIP	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	9.30am	Andrzej Pietrzak RIP	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time (A)</b> <b>Remembrance Day</b> St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
	11.00am	John Sheppee RIP	
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism of Emmanuella James</b>	
	<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>Annual Cemetery Procession – Hither Green Cemetery</b>	

Thank you for last week's...

Cash not gift-aided: £333

Cash gift-aided: £231

Parish Development Fund: £260

Standing orders gift-aided: £300

### "Anyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

In 1996 Fr William Anderson, a Catholic priest, won the award organised by the college of preachers and sponsored by The Times. The caption read as follows: 'Sermon on Humility wins prize for the best preacher.' The bishop who chaired the judges said: 'Fr Anderson spoke to the human condition at a deep level, at a personal level and at one applicable to the wider community.' Yes, Fr Anderson preached what he practised at a deep level and personal level and hence acceptable and applicable to the wider community. In short, Fr Anderson was preaching about humility and there was humility about him, as rightly commented by one of the judges.

It is this kind of humility that Jesus is offering us in today's gospel: "Anyone who humbles himself will be exalted." Truly, it is the humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary who said at the Annunciation: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord!' which, in fact, has entered into the very fabric of our salvation history. In contrast, the Scribes and Pharisees preached humility, but in their life they were the proudest persons. What they did in public was to get the praise and applause of people, not to love and serve them. Hence Jesus condemned them for their hypocrisy. For the same reason, through the words of prophet Malachi, God disowned the priests of the Old Testament (1st reading). St Paul (2nd reading), on the contrary, shows us how the apostles had been real witnesses to the gospel by preaching and practising it in their everyday life. That, in turn, brought about tangible effects – the birth and growth of various Christian communities or churches in Rome, Corinth, Galatia etc. all of which now synthesised in the Catholic Church. As the members of this Church we are all called to make it grow and flourish by our active and faithful witnessing to the gospel as the apostles and the first Christians did.

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),

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** 4/11: Bernadette Ganley, Michael Freeman. 5/11: Graham Harriott, Mabel Cogan, Anthony Lynskey, Eileen Slade, Leonard Palmer. 6/11: Thomas Carty, Jose Dela Vega. 7/11: Bob Taylor, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Gabriel Zapata. 10/11: Francis Boima, Charley Commins, Terry Fuller, Mabel Mpoma. 11/11: Martin Gleeson. 12/11: John Gaiger, June Francis.

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.

PARISH EVENTS

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

<b>Mon</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council</b> (Presbytery)
<b>Thu</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8pm	<b>KSC</b> (Hall)
		8pm	<b>SVP</b> (Presbytery)

**REGULAR EVENTS**

<b>Sun</b>	9.30am	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> (Presbytery) for children who haven't made their First Holy Communion.
	11am	<b>Coffee morning</b> (Hall) after Mass.
	12.15pm	<b>The Legion of Mary</b> (Hall) after Mass. New members welcome.
<b>Mon</b>	3-7pm	<b>Fr Luke's Open House</b> (Presbytery) for parishioners to discuss any issues they may have.
	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council</b> meet in the Presbytery on the 1st Monday of every month.
<b>Tue</b>	9.15-11.15am	<b>Parent Carer &amp; Toddler Group</b> (Hall-term time only). Call Paula (07761 530739) for more info.
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	<b>Coffee morning</b> (Hall) after Mass.
	7.30pm	<b>Light of Christ Prayer Group</b> (Hall) New members welcome.
<b>Thu</b>	7.30pm	<b>Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group</b> (Presbytery) New members welcome.
	8pm	<b>Women's Group</b> (Presbytery) 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.
	8pm	<b>Knights of St Columba</b> (Hall) 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. New members welcome.
<b>Fri</b>	9.15-11.15am	<b>Parent Carer &amp; Toddler Group</b> (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 – 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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 **11<sup>th</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**SR AGNES**

Sr Agnes is now resident at St. Josephs Covent, Layhams Road, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9QJ. She has completed her course of radiotherapy, but is still feeling very tired and not able to have visitors, or telephone calls as present. She is most grateful for you cards, and the love and support you give her.

**CATHOLIC CLUB**

Mass for deceased members of the Club will be held on 16/11/17 at 8pm. All are welcome to join us.

Eyes down - Monthly Bingo in the Club on 17/11/17 from 8pm. Cards £3 each, usually play 5 games with 75% of the monies received given out in prizes.

**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 **4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 this 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.**