

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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32nd Sunday - Ordinary Time (A) 12th November 2017 **Mass Book Page 152**

Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16 ^{FIRST} | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ^{SECOND} | Matthew 25:1-13 ^{GOSPEL}

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

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sat 11th Nov	6.30pm	Tom Sullivan RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 12th Nov	9.30am	Andrzej Pietrzak RIP	32nd Sunday – Ordinary Time (A) Remembrance Day St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
	11.00am	John Sheppee RIP	
	12.30pm	Baptism of Emmanuella James	
	2.15pm	Annual Cemetery Procession – Hither Green Cemetery	
Mon 13th Nov	9.30am	Deceased members of the St Vincent de Paul Society	Feria
Tue 14th Nov	9.30am	People of the Parish	Feria
Wed 15th Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Thu 16th Nov	9.30am	Fr Lawrence Bovington	Rev. Lawrence Bovington, RIP
Fri 17th Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Sat 18th Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
	12 noon	Baptism of Danzel Ohworigho-Ighalo	
	6.30pm	People of the Parish	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 19th Nov	9.30am	Anne & James Kiernan RIP	33rd Sunday – Ordinary Time (A) Remembrance Day Saint Domneva, Abbess
	11.00am	Deceased Brothers of the Knights of St Columba	

Thank you for last week's...

Cash not gift-aided: £357

Cash gift-aided: £271

Parish Development Fund: £259

Standing orders gift-aided: £300

The Parable of the Bridesmaids

"Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." In the fullness of time, one day, God in the person of Jesus, entered human history, lived for 33 years teaching and guiding people how to lead a just and holy life by making the best use of the precious time given to them. Having completed his mission, Jesus returned to heaven. Now in the fullness of time, another day he will come back to see how we are following his message, to see whether we are staying awake and alert to receive him. But we do not know that day or hour of his second coming. So we are to be always awake and ready. This message is beautifully conveyed by Jesus through the parable of the bridesmaids. It has a two-fold significance: local and universal.

In its local and immediate significance, it was directed against the people of Jesus' time: the Jews, the chosen people. Their whole history should have been a preparation for the coming of the Son of God; they should have been prepared when he came. Instead, they were quite unprepared and therefore were shut out.

In its wider and universal significance, it could be expressed in the form of two warnings:

- I. It warns us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute. It is far too late for a student to be preparing when the day of the examination has come. It is far too late for us to acquire a skill when a task offers itself to us; we should have already possessed it. Similarly it is easy to leave things (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, prayer....) so late that we can no longer prepare ourselves to meet with God.
- II. It warns us that there are certain things which cannot be borrowed. The foolish bridesmaids found it impossible to borrow oil, when they discovered they needed it. I cannot borrow a relationship with God; I must possess it for myself. I cannot borrow a character; I must be clothed with it. We cannot be living on the spiritual capital which others have amassed.

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, Stephen Ochieng and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: 11/11: Martin Gleeson. 12/11: John Gaiger, June Francis. 14/11: James Kiernan. 15/11: Mary Loftus. 17/11: Irene Hallett. 18/11: Catherine Micallef, Cyprian Offormezie.

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**

Thu	16 th Nov	8pm	Knights of St Columba (Hall)
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REGULAR 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**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

CAFOD – WORLD GIFTS

The True Spirit of Christmas Giving

A child's first day at school; clean, safe drinking water for a whole community; skills and tools to start a sustainable family business: give life-changing *World Gifts* and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas this year. Each *World Gift* has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing communities. With new gifts and something for every budget, *World Gifts* are a great way to transform lives, spread hope and share the joy at Christmas. The *World Gift* catalogue is available from the back of the Church.

MADELINE EDWARDS

Madeline Edwards, one of our oldest parishioners, is preparing to celebrate her 100th Birthday. She has been a parishioner in the parish for about sixty years. For the last fifteen years Madeline has been unable to get to church on a Sunday; however she still receives communion from Fr Luke and special ministers on a weekly basis. Her regular communion is an important part of her week.

Madeline will be one hundred years old on Sunday 26th November. Her family are planning to bring her to mass on that day and Fr Luke will give her a special blessing at the 11.00 mass. We are going to give her a special birthday card on that day from all of the parish. Blank sheets to insert into the card are at the back of the church. Please sign this card and send Madeline your love and prayers; it will mean a lot to her, even if you don't actually remember her from when she regularly attended church.

PARISH NEW YEARS EVE PARTY – 8.30PM TO 12.30PM – SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER

This is a ticket entry only party, open to all parishioners. Admission is free, but please bring your own food and drink. Music will be provided. One ticket is required per person whether they are an adult or child. For tickets and further information please contact Paula on 0776 153 0739

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.

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. There are Missio 2018 Calendars on the table at the back of Church for anyone who would like to have one.

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 your continuing generous support.

HALL SUPERVISORS/CLEANERS REQUIRED (SALARIED POSITIONS)

In June of this year we started to work with a Catholic based company - Praetorium - who specialise in hiring Church halls. As a result, the number bookings we've received has significantly increased, and has become an important extra source of income for the parish. However, presently these bookings are run by two people and so we need to employ more. The bookings we take are predominately for Saturday night. We will create a rota, so the more people we have the longer each person will have between bookings. For more details please contact Steve Pearce, Monday to Friday, 9am to Noon on 0208 778 9460 or email: secretary@olspn.church.

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.