

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 26th November 2017
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Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 ^{FIRST} | 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 ^{SECOND} | Matthew 25:31-46 ^{GOSPEL}
2nd Collection This Week: Catholic Youth Services | **Next Week:** Parish Development Fund

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sat 25 th Nov	6.30pm	People of the Parish	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 26 th Nov	9.30am	Holy Souls	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Ordinary Time (A)
	11.00am	Theresa Hector RIP 100 th Birthday thanksgiving for Madeline Edwards	
	2.00pm	Baptism of Elorin Kevinraj	
Mon 27 th Nov	9.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Desiree Paraiso	Feria
Tue 28 th Nov	9.30am	Fr. Luke's Intention	Feria
Wed 29 th Nov	9.30am	Tommy & Kathleen Laffey RIP	Feria
Thu 30 th Nov	9.30am	Billy Gleeson RIP	Saint Andrew, Apostle
Fri 1 st Dec	9.30am	Albert & Mary Browne	Feria
Sat 2 nd Dec	9.30am	People of the Parish	Feria
	6.30pm	Charles Dean RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 3 rd Dec	9.30am	Martin & Nora Connolly RIP	First Sunday of Advent – Ordinary Time (B) Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
	11.00am	Domingos Vincente Rodriguez RIP Birthday thanksgiving for Nell Higgins	
	2.00pm	Baptism of Maggie Hogan	

Thank you for last week's collection...

 Cash Not Gift-aided: £573
 Cash Gift-aided: £393

 Standing Orders Gift-aided: £300
 Parish Development Fund: £221

Christ the King

Today, as the liturgical year draws to a close, we prepare to celebrate once more the coming of the King of kings and Lord of lords who laid aside his majesty and glory to humble himself by being born not in regal comfort but in a humble stable. When we think of the kings and queens of old, we tend to have a picture of those who lorded it over others, insisted on their word being absolute and held the power of life or death over their subjects. Our King Jesus, however, turns this idea of kingship on its head because he is the Servant King. Thus the Kingdom of Jesus is radically different to the kingdoms of this world. In his Kingdom it is not money or power that rules, but love. Jesus demonstrated love through service. He was not a king who came to be served by his subjects, but to serve them. The watchword of his Kingdom is service. That is why the smallest act of kindness done to someone for Christ's sake is of such high value.

Now though Jesus is physically invisible, he is the Universal King. He exercises his kingship through the Church, which he instituted and handed over the power to govern his people, not military power but love. Love is the only criterion in Christ's Kingdom. The ruler and the subjects alike will be judged with this one standard. On the last day the divine king will say: 'As long as you loved the least of my brothers and sisters you loved me'. And wherever this love is seen in action, there is the Kingdom of God manifested on earth.

Today's feast is an invitation to each one of us to open the gates of our heart so that the King of glory may enter in and take up residence there as the Lord and King of our life. And with him in our heart we go out of ourselves to serve our brothers and sisters in our community as the outward manifestation of our love for this Servant-King. Yes, that is the kingdom of God manifested on earth.

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, May MacCarthy, Kim Thompson.

Those recently deceased, John Mc Auliffe, Mark Dyer (13/11), Stephen Ochieng **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** 25/11: Theresa Hector. 27/11: Laura Flood, Michael Creaven. 28/11: Mary & Andrew Fitzmaurice. 29/11: Simona Alcalá, Adolfin Kowal. 30/11: Joseph Cooney, June Straumer. 1/12: Pisano Nunziato. 2/12: Charles Dean, Dominic Rodrigues, Elizabeth Stewart, Annie Quinn, Joseph Sanganoo. 3/12: James Fee.

CHURCH NOTICES

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

The second collection this weekend is taken on National Youth Sunday and supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the South Catholic Youth Service. The theme of National Youth Sunday this year is 'Something to Say' which invites us to listen to our young people in preparation for the Synod.

“Over this next year I would encourage all our parishes to make time to gather young people, to facilitate conversations, provide an opportunity to listen to young people and ask them to share their life experience, joys and struggles, their hopes and fears. Then we can reflect and pray along with the Church on how we respond. This may require us to explore different ways of engagement to share and pass on our faith and the message of the Gospel.”

Archbishop Peter Smith

This Youth Sunday please keep our young people, leaders and parish communities in your prayers.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLING

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk> or search for “Catholic Education” in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

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.

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

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please pick up the application form at the back of the church (Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Kirkdale), complete all sections of this leaflet and return it, together with your Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates, to Father Alfred Osamor, C.Ss.R. on any Sunday Mass. All leaflets and certificates must be returned on or before 14th January 2018. Registration of candidates will be on Sunday 28th January 2018 at 12.45pm during the “getting to know you” session, after which the candidate will be issued with a Confirmation Passport with full details of dates and time of the programme. This Passport must be signed every Sunday to indicate that the candidate has been to Mass. The programme will commence on Tuesday 30th January 2018. The first parents’ evening will be on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 8:00pm.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Wednesday Word, please read and reflect on it for next week’s Mass.

CHURCH WEBSITE

We have created a new website for our parish – www.olspn.church. Our current website - www.rcchurch.org.uk – will still be updated and available for the time being. Our new website provides us with the ability to add more content, and works on all devices. If you have any comment, or suggestions concerning the website please email the Steve on: secretary@olspn.church.

PARISH EVENTS**REGULAR EVENTS**

Sun	9.30am 11am 12.15pm	Children's Liturgy (Presbytery) for children who haven't made their First Holy Communion. Coffee morning (Hall) after Mass. The Legion of Mary (Hall) after Mass. New members welcome.
Mon	3 - 7pm 7.30pm	Fr Luke's Open House (Presbytery) for parishioners to discuss any issues they may have. 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 7.30pm	Coffee morning (Hall) after Mass. Light of Christ Prayer Group (Hall) New members welcome.
Thu	7.30pm 8pm 8pm	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group (Presbytery) New members welcome. Women's Group (Presbytery) 1 st Thursday of the month. 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.

NOTICES**Happy Birthday Madeline**

Madeline Edwards, one of our oldest parishioners, is celebrating her 100th Birthday today. 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.

Fr Luke will give Madeline a special blessing today at the 11.00 mass. Happy birthday and congratulations to Madeline from all the parishioners at our Lady and St Philip Neri Church.

**OLSPN - SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Our school's Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 25th November, between 1pm and 4pm, up at the Infants in Mayow Road, SE23 2XG. There will be the traditional Santa's Grotto, with Arts & Crafts, Stalls, Games, Tombola, Raffle and the usual Food and Drink, but this year they will have SANTA'S ASSAULT COURSE.

PRE CHRISTMAS TABLE SALE AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION - 165-167 KIRKDALE, SYDENHAM SE26 4QL

on **Weekend of 2nd / 3rd December** - 4pm Saturday / 10.30 Sunday onwards. Many Bargains: Gifts & Food

PANTOMIME TICKETS – SNOW WHITE – FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER AT 1.30PM

The Parent, Carer & Toddler Group are going to see the pantomime Snow White at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley, and have some tickets available. The tickets are £10 each. Please contact Paula on 0776 153 0739.

A CHRISTMAS CHORUS - SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER - 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

Pipe Dreams presents an evening of sing-along musical entertainment. Carols and favourite songs to get you in the festive spirit and raise funds to restore our unique Church organ.

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine. Raffle.

Family ticket £5 (admits 4) or £2 Per head on the door. Contact Robert Hero

DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Lead by our Taskforce, this year we will be decorating our Church on Wednesday, 20th December between 6-8pm, and all are welcome to come along and join in this festive event.

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.

PIANIST NEEDED – 11AM MASS

If any pianists in the parish would like to join us, please come and have a chat after Mass, or you can get in touch with Barbara on 07711 872336.

HALL SUPERVISORS/CLEANERS REQUIRED (SALARIED POSITIONS)

In June of this year we started to work with a Catholic based company called Praetorium who specialise in hiring Church halls. As a result, the number bookings we've received has significantly increased, becoming an important extra source of income for the parish. However, presently these bookings are run by two people we need to create a team and employ more people. The bookings 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.

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.