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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, 6pm, Sun 9am and by appointment. Baptisms and Weddings: by arrangement (Weddings require 5/6 months' notice)
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Second Sunday – Ordinary Time (B) 14th January 2018**Mass Book Page 127****Readings:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19^{FIRST} | 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20^{SECOND} | John 1:35-42^{GOSPEL}**2nd Collection This Week:** Parish Development Fund | **Next Week:** Parish Development Fund

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sat 13 th Jan	6.30pm	John McAuliffe RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 14 th Jan	9.30am	Nancy Madden RIP	Second Sunday – Ordinary Time (B)
	11.00am	Paddy Conaty RIP First Holy Communion Enrolment Ceremony	
Mon 15 th Jan	9.30am	Intention of Helen Keane	Feria
Tue 16 th Jan	9.30am	Wellbeing of Christine Corboy	Feria
Wed 17 th Jan	9.30am	Paddy Conaty RIP	Saint Anthony, Abbott
Thu 18 th Jan	9.30am	Wellbeing of Pat & Carmel Laffey	Feria
Fri 19 th Jan	9.30am	Wellbeing of Delia Manton	Feria
Sat 20 th Jan	9.30am	People of the Parish	Feria
	6.30pm	Wellbeing of Mollie Levis	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 21 st Jan	9.30am	Katie Rudden RIP	Third Sunday – Ordinary Time (B)
	11.00am	John McAuliffe RIP from KSC – Council 472	
Thank you for last week's collection...		Cash Not Gift-aided: £325 Cash Gift-aided: £353	Standing Orders Gift-aided: £300 Holyland: £511

HOMILY

Samuel is certainly one of the main figures in the Old Testament. He lives in a time of great religious and political change. The Philistines, a strong and well-armed people, have occupied the plains, pushing Israel back into the less fertile mountains. All the Jewish tribes decide to come together and choose a strong and courageous king, to organize and lead them into battle against this powerful, aggressive and greedy neighbour.

The passage from undisciplined tribal life to an organized monarchy is a difficult and uneasy period. Samuel is called to communicate the will of God to the people as they go through this delicate constitutional change. All know and appreciate him because he goes from town to town to enforce justice and pronounce impartial sentences, to advise those in power and what is more important, to speak in the name of God. Nobody takes decisions before consulting him, and when the first king is chosen Samuel will be the one to consecrate him.

The first reading presents us Samuel as a child living in the temple of the Lord at Shiloh and helping the priest Eli. One night he heard a voice calling him. Not knowing where the voice came from, he ran to Eli who understood that God must have some heavenly message to communicate. He taught young Samuel that he must listen to the message of God. When God calls, a person must say, "Speak, Yahweh, for your servant is listening."

Fr Regis

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, Stephen Ofieyo, Antoinette Remice, Teresa Riley, Michael Sharp, Ann Sheehan, Noah Solarin, Genevieve Stanislaus, Elizabeth Turner, Thomas Mitchell, Mike Sharpe, Rafael Jimenez, Kim Thompson.

Those recently deceased: Harry Starling (19/12), Baby Eddie Joyce (22/11), Kathy Camp, Jane Neylon **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** 14/1: Patrick Conaty, Michael Ouzman, Mary Lackhan, Doris Mason, Jean Goodier. 15/1: Jack Neavyn, Alex Estelita, Lazarus Ashinze. 16/1: Denis Larkin. 17/1: Joe Duffy. 18/1: Michael Naughton, Gerry Francis, Iris Williams. 19/1: Alex Wayne Roberts, Mary Lindsey, Emmanuel Awosusi. 20/1: Stanley Nora, Catherine Devereux, Eileen Stokes. 21/1: John Lennard, Eamon Sullivan, Martin Durkan.

CHURCH NOTICES**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH**

Thank you for all the donations towards the flowers and decorations of the Church over Christmas. A Mass will be dedicated for the 'Faithful Departed' at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd March.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 7th – 9th SEPTEMBER 2018

A Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of clergy, religious, and laity to bear witness to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Bishops of England and Wales are planning one to take place in Liverpool on the 7th to the 9th of September 2018, and our parish has been asked to send two delegates. If interested please complete the application form which is available at the back of the church by 15th January.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2018

We are in need of more catechists for this year's First Holy Communion. Catechists are vital in helping to pass on to our children a set of shared meanings and values, enabling them to grow in their personal faith and spirituality. If you are interested please contact Fr Regis.

The first class is this Sunday 14th February with the First Holy Communion enrolment ceremony being held during 11am Mass. The second class will be on Sunday 21st January.

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 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.

CONFESSION TIMES

Please note there has been a slight alteration to the confession times for Saturdays and Sundays.

PARISH EVENTS**REGULAR EVENTS**

Sun	9.30am	Children's Liturgy (Presbytery-term time only) 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.
	12.30pm	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group (Presbytery) 3 rd Sunday of the month. New member's welcome.
Mon	3 - 7pm	Fr Luke's Open House (Presbytery) for parishioners to discuss any issues they may have.
	7.30pm	Parish Council (Presbytery) 1 st 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) 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.

PLEASE TAKE ME HOME

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

PIANIST NEEDED – 11AM MASS

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

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC CLUB

Our next Monthly Bingo in the Club will be on 19/01/18 from 8pm. Cards £3 each, usually play 5 games with 75% of the monies received given out in prizes.

Our club celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, so to mark this great achievement we are holding an event each month. For January we are having Mag's famous Bacon and Cabbage afternoon from 3pm on Wednesday 24th. For only £8 you can enjoy a great meal, with apple pie and custard to follow and music from the lovely Gerry Kelly. Please let us know if you are coming so we know how many to cater for. Also look out for our postings of future events.

LONDON EVENINGS OF FAITH - WINTER/ SPRING 2018

All are welcome to a series of talks on the theme 'The spirit of Vatican II' at **7:00pm** on alternate Tuesdays from 30 January 2018 (subsequent talks are 13 February, 27 February & 13 March). Talks are held in The Challoner Room, Basement, 24 Golden Square, London, W1F 9JR (Tube: Piccadilly). Cheese & wine/ juice served. Full dates and details are available at www.faith.org.uk/events/evenings-of-faith.

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.