

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, 6pm, Sun 9am and by appointment. Baptisms and Weddings: by arrangement (Weddings require 5/6 months' notice)
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Third Sunday – Ordinary Time (B) 21st January 2018
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Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10^{FIRST} | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31^{SECOND} | Mark 1:14-20^{GOSPEL}
2nd Collection This Week: Parish Development Fund | **Next Week:** Racial Justice Day

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sat 20 th Jan	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	
Mon 22 nd Jan	9.30am	John Lockhart RIP	Feria
Tue 23 rd Jan	9.30am	Wellbeing of Gullian Brennan	Feria
Wed 24 th Jan	9.30am	Patrick & Marie Laffey RIP	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Thu 25 th Jan	9.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Cecilia	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle, Feast
Fri 26 th Jan	9.30am	Gerry Forde RIP	Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops
	7.00pm	Induction of Fr Regis Rubaya as Parish Priest	
Sat 27 th Jan	9.30am	People of the Parish	First Mass of Sunday
	6.30pm	Kathy Camp RIP	
Sun 28 th Jan	9.30am	Mrs O'Hare RIP	Fourth Sunday – Ordinary Time (B)
	11.00am	Maribel Del Valle Graffe De Amatima RIP	
Thank you for last week's collection...		Cash Not Gift-aided: £442 Cash Gift-aided: £287	Standing Orders Gift-aided: £300 Parish Development Fund: £268

REFLECTION

Jonah represents the Jews who refuse even to listen to the very possibility that pagans may be converted. He is one of those who believe only in punishment and destruction. This is the reason why the prophet refuses to fulfil the mission God entrusts to him. He runs away towards Tarshish in exactly the opposite direction from Nineveh.

Jonah's ideas are what many Christians entertain in their heads even now. There are many who are unhappy because God shows mercy at all. It is difficult to ban from our hearts all satisfaction at seeing the sufferings of those who have oppressed and humiliated us.

The OT reading of today teaches us that there are no enemies to defeat, but only brothers and sisters to convert and to lead to happiness. The reading stresses a very important fact. The people of Israel who think they are upright, have, in reality a very stony heart and do not listen to the voice of the prophets that God sends to them. But the people of Nineveh, despised pagans and sinners, change their ways as soon as they hear God's invitation to repentance. Indeed the so called pagans are more ready to admit their sins and listen with greater attention to the call to convert, than many so called disciples of Christ.

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 Keefe, 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: Kitty Keefe, Patrick Horgan (12/1), Harry Starling (19/12), **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** 20/1: Stanley Nora, Catherine Devereux, Eileen Stokes. 21/1: John Lennard, Eamon Sullivan, Martin Durkan. 22/1: Edward Polawski. 23/1: Len Sandford. 24/1: David Hutton, Bachoo Islam, Ghebremariam Yohannes, Gaetana Farruggio, Betty Clark, Mary Lee. 25/1: Angela Furlong, Martin Connolly. 26/1: Baby Charlie Goodger, Kathleen Simpson, Mollie Gearing. 27/1: Vincent Powell, Tom Lee. 28/1: Thomas Coffy, Pauline McDaily, Candida Rosa Amatima, Thomas Marshall.

CHURCH NOTICES



RITE OF INDUCTION FOR FR REGIS RUBAYA

Please join us on Friday 26th January 2018 at 7pm, for a special Mass where we will formally induct and welcome Fr Regis as our new Parish Priest. Following the Mass there will be a reception in our Church Hall.

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

Next week's collection is taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

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.

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.

CLASSES

21st January – Studying Chapter 2: Lord have mercy.

28th January – Studying Chapters 3: Celebrating our rescue, and Chapter 4: God helps me to get it right.

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 Regis' 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.

CATHOLIC CLUB & CHURCH HALL HIRE

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**200 CLUB**

The winner of the January £75 prize is Barbara Willis (53). Congratulations.

KITTY KEEFE'S FUNERAL

Kitty's body will be brought into St William of York church at 7.00 on Wednesday 24th January. The funeral mass will be at 12.30 on Thursday 25th January followed by committal at Hither Green cemetery and a reception at the Crown, Burnt Ash Hill.

AN INVITATION FROM BECKENHAM CATENIANS - SAUSAGES &/OR FAMILY QUIZ!!!

The Beckenham Circle of The Catenian Association, the association for Catholic professional and business men for networking, and developing social and family bonds, is looking for new members.

If you would like to find out more there is a special meeting on Monday 22nd January at The Club (next to Ask Restaurant), Bromley Road, Beckenham at 8pm which will be followed by a Sausage & Mash Supper - for more details and to book in please contact Sandy Misquitta ([07779 619701](tel:07779619701)).

Additionally, or alternatively, if you'd like to bring your wife or family to an event there's our annual Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz on Saturday 10th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of The Rosary church at Hayes. We'd love to see you at both or either. Again please book in via Sandy.

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC CLUB

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.

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.

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.