

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

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<b>Mass Times</b> <b>Saturdays:</b> 9.30am, 6.30pm <b>Sundays:</b> 9.30am, 11.00am <b>Weekdays:</b> 9.30am <b>Holy Days:</b> 9.30am and 8pm <b>Fridays:</b> Mass followed by Exposition, Divine Mercy Devotion & Benediction	<b>Confession:</b> Mon-Fri 9am, Sat 9am, 6pm, Sun 9am and by appointment. <b>Baptisms and Weddings:</b> by arrangement (Weddings require 5/6 months' notice)
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## Fourth Sunday – Ordinary Time (B) 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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**Readings:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 <sup>FIRST</sup> | 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 <sup>SECOND</sup> | Mark 1:21-28 <sup>GOSPEL</sup>
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Week:** Racial Justice Day | **Next Week:** Parish Development Fund

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Feast
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30pm	Kathy Camp RIP	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Mrs O'Hare RIP	<b>Fourth Sunday – Ordinary Time (B)</b> St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
	11.00am	Maribel Del Valle Graffe De Amatima RIP	
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Alice Knott RIP	Feria
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Kathleen Jones RIP	Feria
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.30am	Amelia Stafford	Saint John Bosco, Priest
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30am	Wellbeing of Anne Sheehan	Feria
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9.30am	Wellbeing of Luke Conway	<b>The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas (Blessing of Candles)</b>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.30am	People of the Parish	Feria
	2.00pm	<b>First Holy Communion - Reconciliation Service</b>	
	6.30pm	Kathy Camp RIP	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b> <b>Feast of St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats)</b>
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Johanna Watts RIP	<b>Fifth Sunday – Ordinary Time (B)</b>
	11.00am	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Michael & Ina Cronin	

<b>Thank you for last week's collection...</b>	Cash Not Gift-aided: £444	Standing Orders Gift-aided: £300
	Cash Gift-aided: £326	Parish Development Fund: £307

### BELONGING: ALL ARE WELCOME

The Catholic Church proclaims that all human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society across the world. Pope Francis has consistently reiterated that every man, woman, girl and boy is made in the image of God and is a free person – so must be accorded the same freedom and the same dignity. Everyone is included and no one is left behind.

As a people of faith, we must stand together to resist all forms of prejudice against our fellow brothers and sisters. The mission of our Church, herself a Mother and a pilgrim in the world, is to love Jesus Christ, especially in the poorest and most abandoned; among these are the marginalised, the refugees, and the outsiders desperately trying to belong in very difficult and dangerous conditions.

This ministry of welcome is an expression of our communion with each other as a global Church with a global identity. Diversity is an integral part of this Church identity – the word Catholic itself means universal not uniform. Jesus surrounded himself with people from all walks of life much to the horror of his disciples and the Pharisees, and he had different things to say to each of them. He loved them equally, and brought people together despite the dominant cultural, social, economic, and religious divides. He listened to the needs of those around him, and then acted to model their transformation as well as ease their burdens. Jesus throughout the Gospels sifts the focus from 'I', to 'we', to 'us' in all our relationships. (Reflection given by Fleur Dorrel. Bible Society)

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, Joseph & Charlotte Hadji, Rebekah Hall, Barbara Harte, Zofia Jazyk, 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:** Patricia Griffin (8/1), Kitty Keefe, Patrick Horgan (12/1) **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** 27/1: Vincent Powell, Tom Lee. 28/1: Thomas Coffy, Pauline McDaily, Candida Rosa Amatima, Thomas Marshall. 29/1: Bill McDonald. 30/1: John Cocksedge. 31/1: Marie White, Henry Clark. 1/2: Richard Dignam. 4/2: Anthony Douglas Bird.

**CHURCH NOTICES****RACIAL JUSTICE DAY**

This 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. In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination this is a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the human person, the priorities of building peace, prosperity, just living for all, and the appreciation of one another. Please be generous on this weekend to assist and enable the CBCEW to continue the work for Racial Justice.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES**

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

4<sup>th</sup> February – No Class.

**PARISH EVENTS****REGULAR EVENTS**

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

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Patricia Griffin, mother of Paul Griffin, who died on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. For those who wish to pay their respects, her funeral Mass will be held at St. Edmond of Canterbury Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, BR3 3NP, on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 1pm.

**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'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. Please book in via Sandy Misquitta ([07779 619701](tel:07779619701)).

**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.**